ST RICHARD'S SANTA DASH



Frequently Asked Questions

When and where is the event?

Sunday, 13 December at St Richard's Hospice, Wildwood Drive, Worcester, WR5 2QT. Registration from 9am, dash starts at 10am.

What is the terrain?

The terrain is a mixture of pavement and woodland path and tends to be very muddy at this time of year. Please make sure you wear suitable footwear - no fashion trainers.

What are my parking options at the event?

Free parking will be available at County Hall's lower car parks. There'll be marshals to guide you.

How far is the route?

One lap of the woods is 2.5km. You can do one lap or two laps to make it 5km - the choice is yours!
There'll be marshals and first aiders around the route. Please alert them of any problems.

Is the Santa Dash a timed event?

No, it's definitely not a race. We suggest self-timing for anyone wanting a finish time. After all, this isn't a competitive run!

What are the facilities onsite?

There are toilets at the hospice and at Worcester Countryside Centre. Our hospice café, The Green, will also be open serving hot and cold drinks and breakfast baps.

What do I wear?

We advise you to wear clothing suitable for running or walking, including running shoes, not fashion trainers. Check the weather forecast on the day and remember it may be muddy and slippery in the woods. And remember your festive outfit or Santa Suit!

Does everyone receive a Santa suit?

We know some of you take part in our festive fundraiser every year, so you may have a suit you can reuse from a previous year. To reduce our waste, we have added a ticket option with and without a Santa suit. If you'd rather dress up in your own festive costume, you're more than welcome to. Children's tickets include a Santa hat - so feel free to dress up as you wish!

Are spectators welcome?

Yes, we'd be delighted to have them!

Will there be storage facilities to leave things?

There are no lockers or storage facilities available for this event, so we'd advise that you don't bring anything more than you can comfortably carry.

Is this event suitable for wheelchair users and pushchairs?

Although the event starts and finishes on a paved path as you enter the woods, the route can get very muddy if we have had a lot of rain. Please bear this in mind before entering as the route may difficult for wheelchair users and pushchairs.

Are dogs allowed?

Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times and please be mindful of other participants. You also have the option to add on a doggy accessory.

Will water be provided on the route?

We're consciously trying to reduce our plastic waste, so please bring your own refillable water bottles.

Are there toilet facilities on site?

Yes, toilet facilities are available within the Hospice reception, as well as portable toilets located in the car park.

Do I have to raise sponsorship money?

We suggest a fundraising target of £100. The ticket price only covers the cost of the event, so it's through sponsorship that you can make a real difference to the lives of those we support. To set up a page or donate, visit: www.justgiving.com/campaign/srhsantadash2026. If you would prefer a paper sponsorship form, please email the team at appeals@strichards.org.uk.

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