Starlight Walk 2026

Essentials guide

Get ready to light up the night for hospice care

Thank you for being part of our Starlight Walk

Prospect Hospice

You'll join hundreds of people from across our community to walk under the stars, coming together in a shared moment of reflection, connection and celebration. Whether you come on your own or bring a group of friends, you'll have the chance to meet new people, create lasting memories and take part in something truly magical.

We can't wait to see you there!

Let's answer your questions

Date, time and location

When is the Starlight Walk?

Saturday 27 June 2026.

Where will it start and finish?

The walk will start and finish at The Deanery CE Academy, Peglars Way, Swindon, SN1 7DA.

FAQs: The Route

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What is the distance of the walk?

There is a 10km and 15km walk. You will have selected your preferred distance when registering, so please check your confirmation details if you're unsure which route you're taking.

What time do I need to arrive?

Your arrival time will depend on the distance you're walking.

If you're taking part in the **15km** route, registration will be open from **7.00pm**.

Please arrive no later than **7:30pm** to give yourself plenty of time to sign in.

If you're taking part in the **10km** route, registration will be open from **7.30pm**.

Please arrive no later than **8.00pm** to sign in.

What time does the walk start?

Your start time will depend on the route you're walking.

If you're taking part in the **15km** route, you'll set off **8.30pm.**

If you're taking part in the **10km** route, you'll set off at **9:00pm.**

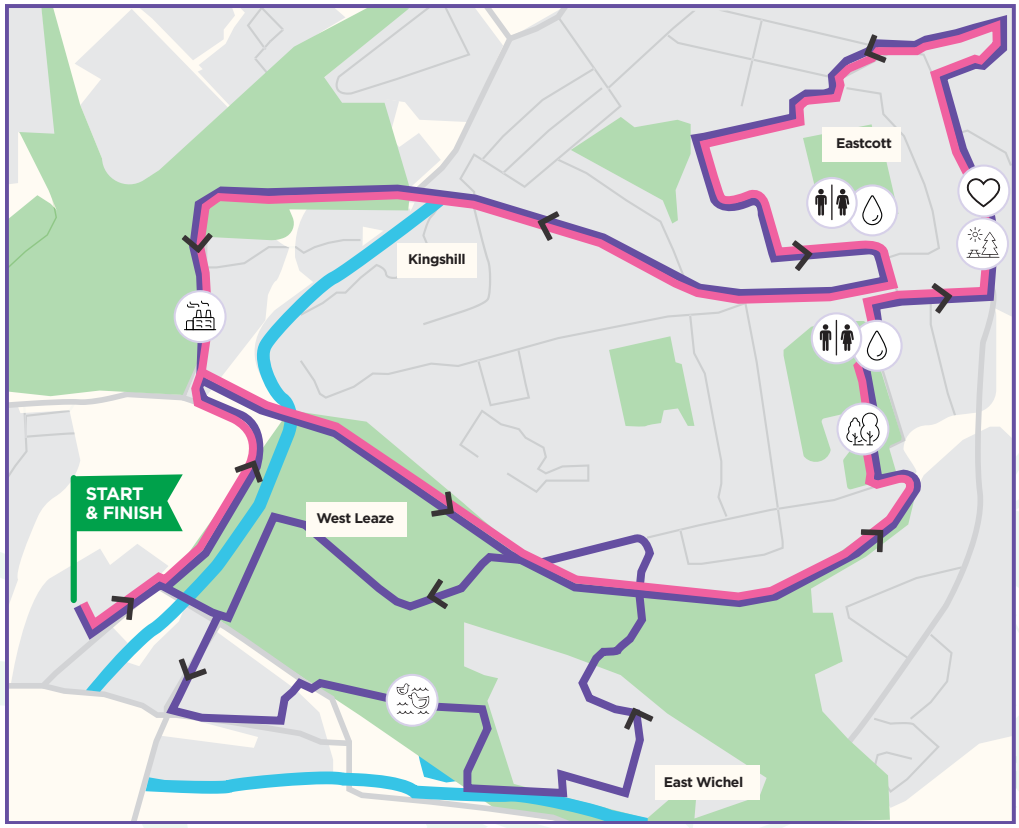
Start & Finish Location:

The Deanery CE Academy School,
SN1 7DA

Starlight WALK

Key:

- 10km
- 15km
- Wichelstowe Lakes
- Town Gardens
- Queen's Park
- Rushy Platt Industrial Estate
- Remembrance Area
- Toilets
- Water Stations



FAQs: Logistics

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Will there be car parking?

Yes, there will be parking available at The Deanery Academy. There will also be disabled spaces available on a first come first serve basis.

Will there be refreshments?

Yes, there will be plenty of options to choose from. Before you walk, you'll be able to purchase a selection of food and drink from food trucks on site. There will also be water stations along the route, so you can stay hydrated as you walk.

Will there be toilet facilities?

Yes, there will be toilet facilities available at The Deanery Academy. There will also be toilets along the route.

Will I need cash on the night?

Yes, we recommend bringing some cash for food, drinks and merchandise. While some vendors may accept card payments, this can't be guaranteed.

Are the routes accessible?

Yes, the routes have been planned with accessibility in mind. However, do let us know if you have any specific accessibility requirements that would like us to be aware of.

Are the routes suitable for all fitness levels?

Yes, the routes have been designed to suit all fitness levels. However, due to the distance, we do encourage you to walk at your own pace.

FAQs: Clothing

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What do I need to bring?

You'll need to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated during the walk. We also recommend you bring some cash for food, drinks and merchandise.

What do I need to wear?

You'll receive your Starlight Walk T-Shirt before the event or on the night. Many walkers also choose to dress up in bright colours or glowing outfits, with some even adding light up accessories!

Remember to wear comfortable shoes and plenty of layers. It's also a good idea to bring a waterproof coat in case of rain.

When will I get my t-shirt?

Your Starlight Walk t-shirt will be posted at the beginning of June. If you register after this time, you'll need to collect your t-shirt at registration on the night.

What if my t-shirt doesn't fit?

You'll be given the size you requested when you registered. If you need a different size, you'll need to bring it to the t-shirt swap area on the night. We'll have a small number of spare sizes available and will do our best to help, but swaps cannot be guaranteed.

FAQs: Friends, family and four-legged friends

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Can I bring my dog with me?

Yes, your four-legged friends can come along. However, they will need to be comfortable with crowds and kept on a lead throughout the walk.

Can I bring my children with me?

Yes, children can take part. However, the event usually finishes around midnight which may be quite late for younger walkers.

Any children will need to be registered as participants and will receive a t-shirt. However, there are only adult sizes available.

Can I bring a friend to register on the night?

Yes, you're welcome to register on the night. As there will be less time to collect sponsorship in advance, a slightly higher registration fee of £50 applies. This covers your entry, as well as a contribution in place of fundraising.

You're still very welcome to continue collecting sponsorship on top of this if you would like to support us further.

Can I join others if I am walking on my own?

Yes, absolutely. We'll have a designated meeting point, where you can meet up with other participants ahead of the walk. This way, no one will have to walk alone.

FAQs: Fundraising

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Do I have to fundraise?

Yes, we encourage you to fundraise or donate a minimum of £100. This will go towards caring for patients and families when they need us most.

Can I fundraise as part of a group?

Yes, you can absolutely fundraise as a group. If you do, please include the names of those you have raised money with on your sponsorship form, so we can celebrate everyone's efforts.

Do I have to raise as much if I am part of a group?

We understand that groups may be asking the same friends and family for support. Because of this, we do not expect groups to raise as much as individuals. However, we do ask that everyone still aims to raise as much as they can.

How do I pay in my fundraising money?

There are a few different ways you can pay in your sponsorship.

If you've collected your sponsorship money, you can bring it along with your completed sponsorship form and hand it in at the information desk on the night.

If you're still collecting donations, you can pay it all in once you're finished. You will just need to remember to send in your completed sponsorship form separately. You can either:

- Write a cheque made out to 'Prospect Hospice'
- Submit it through your online fundraising page

How does Gift Aid work?

Gift aid allows us to reclaim tax on donations made by UK taxpayers. We can claim an additional 25% at no extra cost to you or your supporters. Remember though, we need your full name, postcode and full address for every gift-aided donation.

FAQs: Getting involved

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Volunteers

Would your friends or family like to volunteer with us?

There are lots of ways they can get involved, such as marshalling along the route, helping at the reflection point or giving out medals at the finish line. We offer complete flexibility, so they can volunteer for a few hours or the whole evening. Without our volunteers, events like this simply wouldn't be possible.

If you know someone who would like to get involved, tell them to contact our Fundraising and Events Team at volunteering@prospect-hospice.net.

Corporates

Would your business like to support us?

The sponsorship window for this event has now closed. However, there are still plenty of ways your team can show support. From participating to volunteering, this is a great way to come together, support a local cause and make a meaningful difference to the community.

There are also ways your business can support us throughout the year, such as partnering with us as Charity of the Year. If you're interested in partnering with us, please contact our Corporate Partnerships Lead, Sinéad Nolan-Martin at sineadnolan-martin@prospect-hospice.net.

Any more questions?

If you have any more questions about our Starlight Walk, please get in touch. We're here to help you get ready to light up the night for hospice care.

- Tel: 01793 816161
- Email: fundraisingandevents@prospect-hospice.net

Thank you for being part of Starlight.