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children's hospice**

LANTERN TRAIL 2017

FAQs

Why should I take part in the Lantern Trail?

Following on from our sold out event last year, we are very excited about the return of our Lantern Trail, in partnership with the National Coal Mining Museum for England. The Lantern Trail is a sponsored walk suitable for all the family, a perfect first fundraiser for our little supporters.

Here at Forget Me Not Children's Hospice, it will cost us around £4 million this year to provide the care and support for local children with life-shortening conditions and their families. The majority of this money comes from people like you – our local communities, businesses and supporters. Taking part in the Lantern Trail is one way you can do your bit.

What do I get with the registration fee?

Your registration gets you your ticket for the Lantern Trail Walk and Firework Finale and includes a Glow Wristband along with a certificate on completion. Lanterns will be available to purchase on the night.

The National Coal Mining Museum is open as usual throughout the day if you'd like to make a day out of it!

How long is the walk route and where does it go?

The route is between 1 mile and 1.3 miles long, it winds along the nature trail at the National Coal Mining Museum for England. It is a mixture of woodland walkway, stone tracks and tarmac. The exact length of the route will depend on the ground and weather conditions on the day.

Is the course suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and the elderly or infirm?

The route is a mixture of path types, tarmac, loose stone and woodchip with some steep slopes, mainly downhill and not very long.

Regarding wheelchairs and pushchairs, we advise that you use off-road wheels where possible and be aware that some of it will be easier to navigate than other parts. We suggest that you bring sufficient people to help support the wheelchair or pushchair on the steep slopes. The route is uneven underfoot in places and will be bumpy. If you are uncertain we suggest that you have a look and try out the route before making up your mind.

Please contact the events team on 01484 411040 or email events@forgetmenotchild.co.uk if you are uncertain and we will do what we can to help. If you feel the walk route is too challenging, there will be an alternative route to the memory garden which is all tarmac. The firework viewing area and registration/refreshments are fully accessible.

How dark will it be?

At 5:30pm it will still be relatively light, which may suit some. We suggest setting off between 6:00pm and 6:15pm for optimal light conditions. The route will be lit with various lights all the way around to create the enchanted route. The amount of light will vary at each section and some sections will be darker than others, don't worry though, you will always be able to see where you are going. If you feel you may need some extra lighting, we suggest that you bring a torch or headlamp with you to help light your way.

Is the walk timed and when can we set off?

No, it isn't a race so there is no timing. Everyone will be able to set off at their own pace between 5:30pm and 6.30pm.

When will the fireworks be?

We expect the Fireworks to be at approximately 7.30pm although this is subject to change with the conditions on the evening.

Can my child take part?

Yes! Absolutely! The Lantern Trail is a family friendly event and it's free for children under 3 to take part. However, we do ask parents and guardians to consider their child before they take part as all children are different, the route will be dark and the fireworks very loud, which might frighten some children.

All children (aged under 16), must be accompanied to the event by a responsible adult. It is our recommendation that all children under 12 remain supervised throughout the duration of the event.

When will I get my Lantern Trail Sponsorship Form?

When you book your ticket you will have the option to either download your Lantern Trail Sponsor Form or have it emailed to you.

Do I need a candle for my Memory Lantern?

No, please don't bring any candles to the event. You will be provided with a battery operated Tea Light when purchase a lantern.

Does my Memory Lantern need to be dedicated?

No, the Memory Lanterns look beautiful just as they are. It is down to you whether you chose to dedicate and decorate your lantern.

Can I take my Memory Lantern home after the event?

If you wish to take yours away with you, you are more than welcome.



Do I need to get sponsored or have my Memory Lantern sponsored?

No. However, as with all our events, we are holding it to raise money for our hospice and it is through your sponsorship that this is possible. All the money raised for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice helps to pay for the care and support of children with life-shortening conditions and their families in West Yorkshire.

Remember, the registration fee only covers the cost of putting on the event so we encourage you to try and raise as much as you can!

How do I pay in my sponsor money?

- If you've set up an online giving page the donations will be sent to us automatically so you don't need to do anything. This is the easiest way to get money to us and you have the opportunity to set up your page when you register, alternatively you can visit www.justgiving.co.uk/forgetmenotchildrenshospice to set one up.
- If you've received cheques please make sure they are made out to 'Forget Me Not Children's Hospice' and either drop them off at the hospice, at one of our shops or send by post to: Forget Me Not Children's Hospice, Russell House, Fell Greave Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1NH.
- If you've been given cash you are welcome to drop it off in any of our shops or at the hospice reception where you will be given a receipt. Alternatively you may pay the cash into your own bank and either send us a cheque or transfer donations directly to us via online banking (Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 309376, Account Number 03597848 – please put your reference as LanternTrail-yourname).

Please remember to return any paper sponsorship forms to us so that we can claim any applicable Gift Aid. Gift Aid on your online donations is claimed automatically.

What if it rains?

We'll get wet! A little rain won't stop us; it will potentially make it slippery underfoot so come prepared.

It may not be possible to launch the firework display in heavy rain, in the event that this happens we will reschedule the fireworks.

In the unlikely event of extreme weather which causes a dangerous situation, the whole event will be rescheduled; we will use the contact details given during registration to make contact with everyone with as much notice as possible.



Can I bring my horse/dog/cat/rabbit/turtle with me?

Sorry, no. For the safety and welfare of our animal friends and other Lantern Trail participants during the walk and fireworks, please leave all pets at home (With the exception of Assistance Dogs)

Can I get a refund or transfer my place?

Sorry, there are no refunds for registration. However, if you are unable to attend you can transfer your booking to someone else to come attend in your place. Please re-visit the booking site for details on how you can do this. All tickets must have been transferred to the correct names when you arrive at the event.

Can I volunteer?

Yes please - we always need extra support with registration and marshalling around the route. Contact events@forgetmenotchild.co.uk for details of the roles we have available on the day.

Anything else?

If you have any other questions that we haven't thought of, please ask.

You can email events@forgetmenotchild.co.uk or give us a call on 01484 411040.

