

## Christopher Wilson's Marathon in a week

### Monday

On Monday, I decided to do a charity event. It's something I've never done before and I wanted to raise money in memory of my Daddy who died from multiple brain tumours.

On my usual walk with my dog, who is called Jessie, I decided to do a marathon in a week. I was going to walk 26 miles with my dog during the half term holidays and do 2 miles today and 4 miles on every other day. I was hoping to raise £150.

After the walk, I organised the event by calling Nicki Hood from Brain Tumour Research and Support (BTRS). I called her twice, but she didn't answer, so I left her a voicemail asking her to call me back. After about 40 minutes my Mummy came upstairs talking to someone on her phone. It was Nicki. I told her who I was and what I was planning to do and she emailed me a personalised sponsor form and posted me out a BTRS beanie hat.

I was feeling excited for this event because I felt happy that I was helping other people by trying something new.

Re: Marathon in a Week!

**From:** Nicki Hood <nicki@btrs.org.uk>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** Christopherwil@live.com <Christopherwil@live.com>  
**Subject:** Marathon in a Week!

Hi Christopher

It was lovely talking to you just now about your challenge to walk the dog 4 miles a day to achieve a marathon in a week!

Thank you so much for thinking of BTRS to turn your marathon into a way of raising money for families who have been affected by a brain tumour.

Please let your mum know that I think you are a credit to her.

I have attached a sponsor form for you to use, plus some bunting and a newsletter.

I will also post you a beanie hat to wear for your challenge. Would you send me some photos of you wearing it and walking with your dog?


2 BTRS ambassadors live quite near to Worksop, and they have offered to walk with you on one of your marathon days, if you would like that. Let me know!

Thanks again, you are a star.

Nicki

**Nicki Hood, BTRS Community Fundraiser**

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The image shows a promotional banner for BTRS. On the left, there is a small image of a dog and a person walking, with the text 'Living Fundraising' and 'ey up... it's time for Flat cap Friday!'. On the right, the BTRS logo is displayed in white on a blue background, with the website address 'www.btrs.org.uk' below it.

Re: Marathon in a Week!



Nicki Hood <nicki@btrs.org.uk>  
Mon 2/17/2020 10:06 PM  
You



Fantastic, thank you! I will pass that on 😊

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**From:** Christopher Wilson <ChristopherWil@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2020 6:00:37 PM  
**To:** Nicki Hood <nicki@btrs.org.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Marathon in a Week!

Dear Nicki,

Thank you for your email! I will take a picture of me and my dog, on a walk with me wearing my beanie hat.

I'd thoroughly enjoy it if one of the ambassadors would come with me on one of the walking days. We'll walk every day on the fields near Kilton Golf course between 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM.

Please feel free to pass on my mum's phone number to the ambassadors: 07786628946.


Many thanks,

Christopher Wilson

## Tuesday

Tuesday was hard. My Mummy and me walked our first four miles and it was difficult. My body wasn't used to walking such a long distance. We walked through 2 woods and a few fields. We also brought an apple with us just in case we got hungry, which I really needed. It was very muddy. I almost got stuck in the mud permanently and I would have been left behind if my Mummy hadn't pulled me out.

When we got back, I made an account on Just Giving.com for the event. I managed to complete the site information and raised £40 by the end of the day.



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In memory of: Daniel Wilson

**Brain Tumour Research & Support across Yorkshire**  
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**Story**

When I was two years old, my Daddy died from multiple brain tumours. I don't remember much about him and I've only heard stories about what he was like.




I want to raise money to help others with brain tumours because it might stop somebody else's Mummy or Daddy dying and make the others around them feel happy and relieved when it's all over. People can do anything they want to do when they're saved and they won't be worried they are going to die.

It's now nine years later and I am still missing my Daddy.

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Hope this helps.
-  **Matty Groves** 2 days ago  
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-  **Selina** 2 days ago  
Good luck!

## **Wednesday**

Today I went somewhere different for my walk. I went to Clumber Park. The weather was surprisingly ok today. When we usually go to Clumber Park, there's a hot chocolate van halfway through the walk around the lake, but today we were there half an hour before opening time so we decided to give it a miss. Instead of this, we found a new dog friendly café called 'Central Bark'. We got our hot chocolates in the end, Jessie got some chews and I also got a scone with clotted cream and jam.

Today was very fun all the way throughout the walk.



## **Thursday**

On Thursday we decided to go back to Clumber Park, but we went late because my Mummy had to finish her work. By the time we went out after lunch, the weather conditions were harsh. It was very wet and the winds felt like they were going to blow me away. On the other hand, we did get to go to the hot chocolate van, but the dog café was closed.

I felt quite relaxed as my body was used to this now.





## **Friday**

Today we went on a walk with one of the BTRS Ambassadors, called Deborah. She met us at Kilton Golf Course car park with her dog, called Astor. It was good hearing all about the charity events she gets involved with and that we could get involved with in future. There was 'flat cap' Friday and 'bake sales'. She's nearly 60 and has already retired, but she got involved with BTRS events because her husband died from brain tumours.

She was very kind and had asked her family to sponsor me during my walk. In total, I raised £100 from them.

Jessie got on very well with Astor. They have the same type of personality and they are the same breed of dog. They both like knocking people over with giant sticks.

I think the walk was quite successful and I did much better than I did when I first walked this walk on Tuesday.



## **Saturday**

Saturday was my favourite day of all because we went somewhere we don't usually go. We went to Sherwood Forest. In Sherwood Forest, there are two walking trails. One is called the Dragon Fly trail and is one mile, and the other is called the Nightjar Trail and is supposed to be 3 miles, yet when we measured it on Strava, it was only 2, so we had to do it twice.

After walking the trails, we went to the Sherwood Pines Café where I had a scone, a hot chocolate and a BBQ chicken and cheese Panini.

When I got home I realised that my total was approximately £400!



## **Sunday**

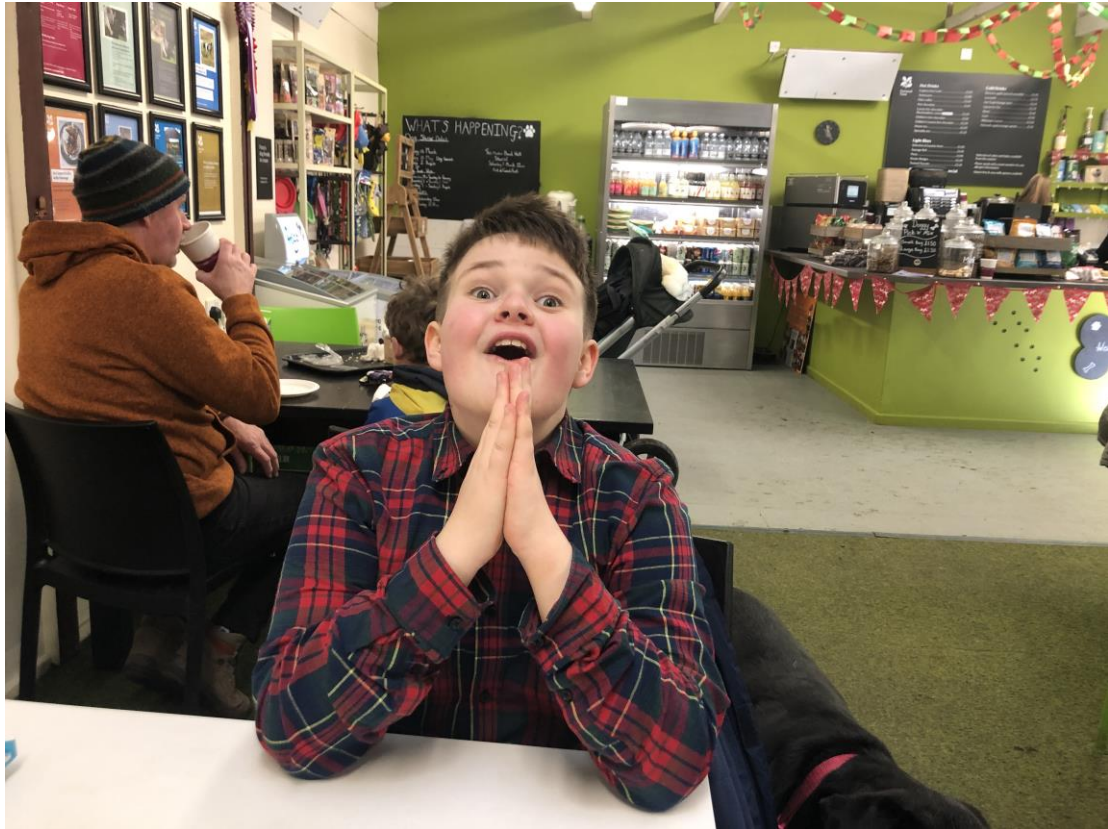
Today was my final day of the marathon! We went to Clumber Park for the third time this week.

During the walk, we started playing games to take our minds off how far we had to walk. Today we came up with a new concept for the game 'I went to the shop'. Usually when you play this game you take it in turns to add an extra item to a shopping list, but you have to repeat the entire list before adding the extra item. We came up with an idea for the game to be themed every time and only be able to buy things from a chosen location. For example: "I went to the cinema and I bought some sweet popcorn." This was very fun. I had a brilliant memory and won nearly every single time, but my Mummy didn't do so well.

We also saw my little cousin, Heidi, who is 3 years old, on our walk after we'd been to 'Central Bark' again. She was very happy to see us and she pointed out that I was going back to school tomorrow!







## **Summary**

This week has been both exhilarating and difficult. It was very hard, even with the motivation of knowing I'm helping many people, and have a hot chocolate waiting at the end. It was hard because I've never done anything like this before and the weather conditions were terrible. It was really windy and hail stoned at one point. My entire body was very numb and I struggled to carry on, but I did.

I feel amazing for completing the challenge because it was so difficult to do it and I got a great sense of accomplishment for finishing the marathon.

In total, I have raised £563.46 for BTRS from this charity event!

Christopher Wilson's  
**"Marathon in a Week"**  
 4 miles a day in February Half Term  
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I've raised a total of **£340.00**

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