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Local runner remembers grandmother in aid of St Luke's Hospice

Local runner Luke Heesom plans to run this year's London Marathon in aid of St Luke's Hospice.

Luke's run has been inspired by fond memories of his late grandmother, Betty Noon, who sadly passed away at St Luke's two years ago. Luke feels he would like to give something back to all who helped support his grandmother Betty and his family through this tragic time, and believes running the marathon would be putting his own passion for sport to good use.

This will be Luke's first big running challenge, although he can often be found participating in the Plymouth Coasters Running Club.

Eggbuckland resident Luke's training for the 26 mile event is currently well underway, as he receives growing support from both friends and family, and fellow work colleagues at Vospers.

Commenting on the event, Devon and Cornwall's fundraiser Steff Cherington said "Luke will be completing a fantastic challenge in aid of the hospice and we are so grateful to him for his support. As well aiming to raise money, he is helping to raise awareness of the work we do".

This will be the 31st annual London Marathon, and will be held on Sunday 17th April 2011. The event has raised over £450 million for charity since 1981, and holds the Guinness world record as the largest annual fund raising event in the world, with 2009 participants raising over £47.2 million for charity in one year alone.

Luke can be directly supported through St Luke's Hospice – please contact the fundraising team on 01752 492626

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Note to editor: Pictures of Luke Heesom in his running vest attached