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**READING WELCOMES THOUSANDS OF LONDON MARATHON HOPEFULS**  
***2019 Sage Reading Half Marathon is the perfect pre-London taper race!***

Runners across the country will nervously await their ballot results for the 2019 Virgin Money London Marathon this week. Whether it's a 'YOU'RE IN' magazine hitting your doorstep or a 'SORRY' from the postman, runners will be eagerly prepping their 2019 race calendar.

Just five weeks prior to the London Marathon, the Sage Reading Half Marathon is the perfect event to fill that spring calendar or to test your legs and practice that marathon pace ahead of the big 26.2 in April.

The 2019 half marathon route, taking place Sunday 17 March, promises 13.1 miles of non-stop cheering spectators, pumping music and an awe inspiring finish in Reading FC's Madejski Stadium – just a few of the highlights of this very special race. Now's your chance to chase down Britain's best athletes at one of the UK's fastest half marathons.

Judith Manson, Race Director, says: "We're famous for our electric atmosphere, the huge local support lining the 13.1-mile route and the unique roar of the hero finish in the Madejski Stadium. We can't wait to welcome thousands of runners to the start line in March – be it your first running event or your taper for the London Marathon, we want to be that platform for personal bests and celebrations at the finish line!"

Registration is open. Book that pre-26.2 taper or if you were unsuccessful in your marathon quest, fill that diary spot today! Go to [www.readinghalfmarathon.com](http://www.readinghalfmarathon.com) for more information and to secure your place. Half marathon entry costs: UKA affiliated club runners £36.00 / all other runners £38.00.

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