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**NEW DATE ANNOUNCED FOR 2018 GREEN PARK CHALLENGE**

Sunday 3 June 2018 – the hugely popular Green Park Challenge returns to Reading with over 2,000 children and families ready and raring to lace up for the scenic looped course of Green Park. Sir John Madejski will set the runners on their way from the Longwater Avenue start line at 10am.

With snow hitting Reading last month, the Green Park Challenge was sadly called off but organisers of the family run have confirmed the race will now go ahead in June as part of Reading's Children's Festival.

Sir John says: "This is a fantastic introduction into running and is accessible for so many people of all ages and abilities. We hope to see those runners involved in the Sage Reading Half Marathon in the many years to come!"

From athletes wanting a shorter, faster race to complete beginners looking to have fun, get fit and raise money for charity, this race, just short of 3km, has something for everyone. The event also includes the Green Park Schools Challenge with prizes given to the first three teams in age categories U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 male and females. ChampionChip timing will be used for all runners in order to provide race position and finish time

Judith Manson, Race Director, comments: "We cannot wait to welcome our runners back to Green Park in June. Having to postpone our race last month due to the weather conditions was incredibly sad for all involved but we have worked hard with our partners to set a new date and look forward to beautiful summer weather!"

"We'll see children as young as 4 take to the start line, along with eager school children and their families; it's always such an enjoyable day and one we look forward to bringing back year on year to Reading. It's magic to think that we might be witnessing the next generation of Olympians!"

The date is set: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10am start. For further event details, please visit [www.readinghalfmarathon.com](http://www.readinghalfmarathon.com)

The 2018 Green Park Challenge is part of Reading's Children's Festival; now in its 28th year, the two week festival offers a range of low-cost family entertainment and free events open to children of all ages.

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