

Local man to tackle world-famous London Marathon for skin disease research

Tom Joy, from Seven Kings, Ilford is running the London Marathon to raise money for skin disease research. The 22 year-old has decided to support the British Skin Foundation after suffering with Henoch-Schönlein purpura in his final year of university.

Consultant Dermatologist & British Skin Foundation spokesperson, Dr Anjali Mahto explains, *"Henoch-Schonlein Purpura otherwise known as IgA vasculitis is a condition where the blood vessels become inflamed and can affect the skin, joints, bowel and kidneys. The exact cause is unknown but it can often be triggered by infections."*

Now fully recovered, Tom explains, *"Whilst I only have a couple of scars to show my distressing encounter with Henoch-Schönlein purpura, many people are not so fortunate and will suffer with skin conditions like this for many years."*

Tom has pledged to raise £2,700 for skin disease research *"to help improve the lives of others"*. During the marathon he will run past world-famous landmarks such as Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, The London Eye, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace on Sunday 23rd April 2017.

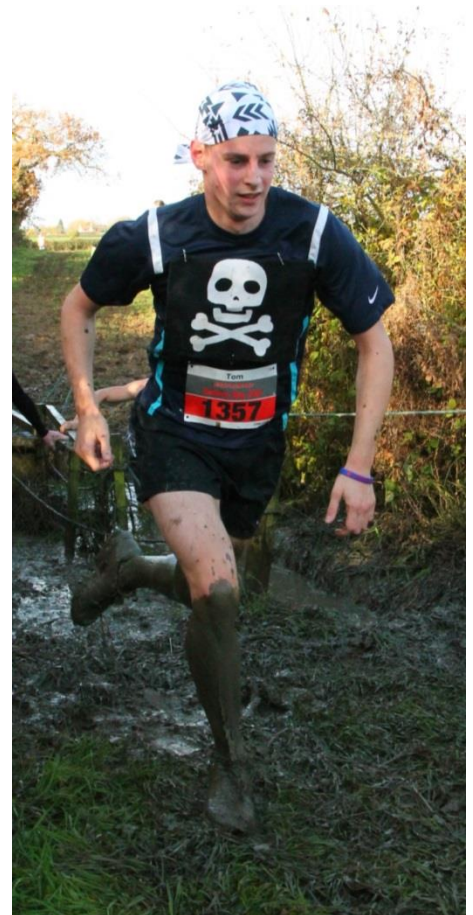


Image: Tom at a previous sporting event

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About the BSF

The **British Skin Foundation** is the only UK charity dedicated to raising funds for skin disease and skin cancer research. Our unwavering commitment to funding quality research means we won't stop until we've found cures for common skin problems like eczema and acne through to potential killers like malignant melanoma. To date we've raised £15 million to fund research projects since 1996.

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