



Press Release
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CITY WORKERS LIMBER UP FOR THE STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE

With a little over 24 hours to go until The Standard Chartered Great City Race, workers across the City are limbering up for the 5km event, which starts at 19.15 at The Honourable Artillery Company tomorrow.

Weather conditions for the runners, which will be in excess of 6,000, look set to be more favourable than last year, when temperatures hit a scorching 34c. A dry and mild day is forecast, which should favour the record number of competitors who are due to line up.

The race will be started by former 110m hurdle world record holder Colin Jackson, while members of the England Women's football team, television presenter Beverley Turner and former 5000m world record holder Chris Chataway, will all be taking to the streets with the City workers. They will all be cheered on from the sidelines by former England Rugby star, Phil Greening.

The unique event is staged entirely within the Square Mile and is the only race for which the streets of the City are closed off. Nearly 400 UK businesses will be represented in the race, including leading firms from the worlds of finance, banking, insurance, law and the media.

While most of the runners will be competing purely for fun, the race has traditionally brought out the competitive elements in many participants and last year's men's race was won by Chris Smith from Limelight Projects who set a blistering time of 15min 22 secs, while Karen Ellison took the honours in the women's race in a time of 18min 32secs.

With live music, food and beverages all being put on at the Honourable Artillery Company, colleagues of runners are being encouraged to come along and support their workmates.



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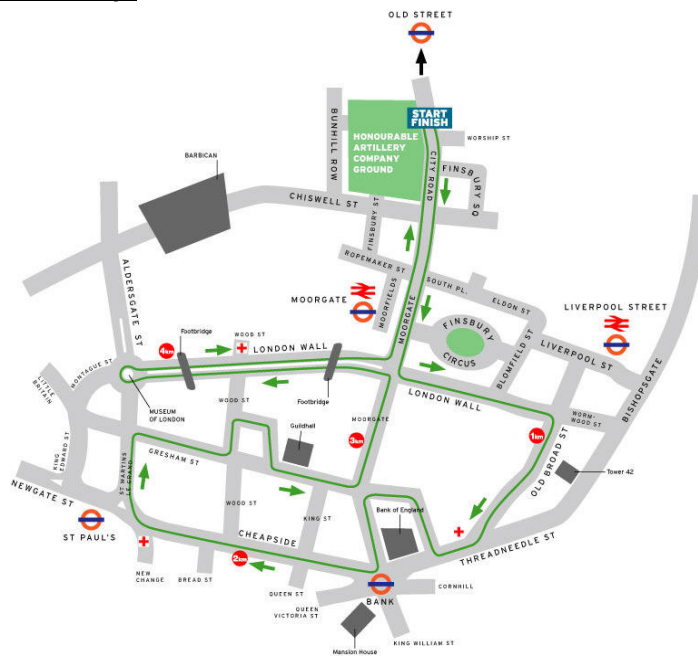
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