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## **EILISH McCOLGAN AND CHARLOTTE PURDUE CONFIRMED FOR 2022 VITALITY LONDON 10,000**

Eilish McColgan and Charlotte Purdue will headline the elite women's field at the Vitality London 10,000, which returns to its iconic course on Monday 2 May for the first time since 2019.

The Vitality London 10,000 is held on one of the most famous 10km courses in the world. The fast and flat course starts on The Mall and passes some of London's most famous landmarks before finishing by Buckingham Palace.

This will be three-time Olympian McColgan's debut at the event. She has been in incredible form on the roads recently, setting a European women's-only 10km record last September when she won the Great Manchester Run in 30:52. The time was just 31 seconds off Paula Radcliffe's European and British record of 30:21 set in 2003.

McColgan has continued that form in 2022 and in February moved past Radcliffe in the British all-time rankings for the half-marathon when she ran 66:26 at the Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon. The Scot, who won a silver medal over 5000m on the track at the 2018 European Championships, also ran the second-fastest 5km time ever by a British woman this year, clocking 14:48 in Dubai.

**McColgan said:** *"I've been really pleased with my form on the roads this year and I'm looking forward to taking part in the Vitality London 10,000 for the first time. It's going to be a really good opportunity for me to test myself over a fast 10km course and against good competition so I'm really looking forward to it."*

Marathon star Purdue will return to the Vitality London 10,000 in between racing in the US at the Boston Marathon on April 18 and the 2022 World Athletics Championships marathon in Oregon on July 18.

Purdue ran the fourth-fastest time by a British woman ever over the marathon distance at the 2021 London Marathon when she was the first Brit to finish, crossing the line in 2:23:26.

**Purdue said:** *"I always love racing in London so I can't wait to return to the Vitality London 10,000. It's fantastic that the event is back on its famous course again and I'm sure it will be fast, hard race. It's going to be a great indicator for me of how well I've recovered from the Boston Marathon as I begin my preparations for the World Championships marathon in Oregon."*

McColgan and Purdue join [Sir Mo Farah](#) as confirmed names in the elite fields for the 2022 Vitality London 10,000. The full fields for all the elite races will be announced next month.

The Vitality London 10,000 returns to its iconic central London in 2022 for the first time since 2019. The 2020 event was held virtually and, in 2021, a mass event took place at Hatfield Park in Hertfordshire while the popular virtual event also returned with more than 18,500 people signing up.

The stunning central London course of this year's event starts on The Mall, goes out through Westminster into the City of London and takes in some of the capital's most iconic landmarks including Admiralty Arch, St Paul's Cathedral, Mansion House, the Bank of England, the Old Bailey, Somerset House, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, before finishing by Buckingham Palace.

The Vitality London 10,000 will also be the British 10K Championships for 2022 with clubs able to [register members for the event now \(£37 per club runner\)](#). In addition to the individual British 10K Championships for men, women and wheelchair classes for men and women T53/T54, there is also a team competition for registered running clubs with separate prize funds for men and women.

[General entries for the Vitality London 10,000 are open now and cost £39](#) (£2 reduction for members of UKA athletics clubs). Every finisher receives a New Balance technical T-shirt (retail value £35) and souvenir medal.

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### Notes for editors:

- The [Vitality London 10,000](#) takes place on Monday 2 May
- The event was last held in central London in May 2019
- The 2020 and 2021 events in central London were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- The virtual Vitality London 10,000 first took place in 2021 and was held again in 2022
- The Vitality London 10,000 was staged in Hatfield Park in July 2021
- The [Vitality Westminster Mile](#) takes place in central London on Sunday 1 May
- Both the Vitality Westminster Mile and Vitality London 10,000 are organised by London Marathon Events

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