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SIR MO FARAH FACES ANDY BUTCHART **AT VITALITY LONDON 10,000 WHILE** **STACKED WOMEN'S RACE IS HEADED** **BY EILISH MCCOLGAN**

- **Seven-time champion Mo to take on two-time winner Butchart on iconic central London course**
- **Thrilling women's race with three of 10 fastest Brits of all time in the field**
- **David Weir and Shelly Woods head up wheelchair fields**

Sir Mo Farah will face Andy Butchart at the Vitality London 10,000 on Bank Holiday Monday 2 May, while a thrilling elite women's race will see three of the 10 fastest Brits of all time go head-to-head.

Returning to its iconic route in central London for the first time since 2019, the Vitality London 10,000 is renowned for its fast, flat course and that has attracted a stellar line up.

In the elite men's race, multiple Olympic champion Farah – who has not raced since last June because of injury – will be tested on his return to the roads by a strong domestic field led by Butchart.

Farah is the seven-time Vitality London 10,000 champion and the course record holder, with his PB of 27:44 set on this course in 2010. However, Butchart has two wins on his CV, in 2016 and 2017, and ran a speedy 10,000m of 27:36:77 on the track in the USA in March.

Other names in the field include Chris Thompson, Joshua Griffiths and Phil Sesemann, who are all using the race as tune-up for championship marathons this summer.

The elite women's race promises to be spectacular. The field is led by Eilish McColgan, who became the third-fastest British woman of all time over 10K at the Great Manchester Run last October when she ran 30:52.

that have catapulted them into the top 10 of the UK all-time rankings for 10K.
Samantha Harrison (fifth-fastest of all-time, 31:11) and Jess Piasecki (sixth fastest, 31:19).

Also in a stellar field are Charlotte Purdue, the first British woman at last year's London Marathon, and Steph Twell, who won the Vitality London 10,000 on the last two occasions it was held in central London: in 2018 and 2019.

Spencer Barden, Head of Elite Athletes at London Marathon Events, said:

"We're delighted to be returning to central London with such exciting fields for the Vitality London 10,000 featuring some of Britain's very best distance athletes.

"We can't wait to see Sir Mo back racing again, while the women's race is going to be hugely competitive, with four of the 10 fastest British women of all time on the Start Line. With David Weir and Shelly Woods headlining the wheelchair races, it's going to be a great day."

Two-time champion Weir heads up a strong men's wheelchair field that also includes JohnBoy Smith, Simon Lawson and the 2019 winner Daniel Sidbury. In the women's field, Woods returns looking for her third win at the Vitality London 10,000 and will face competition from Jade Jones-Hall and Samantha Kinghorn.

See below for the full elite fields.

The Vitality London 10,000 will be broadcast live on the BBC Red Button.

The Vitality London 10,000 is held on a spectacular central London route starting on The Mall and taking in many of the capital's most famous landmarks – including Admiralty Arch, Nelson's Column, St Paul's Cathedral, Mansion House, the Bank of England, the Old Bailey, Somerset House, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, before finishing by Buckingham Palace.

The Vitality London 10,000 will also host 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 still open 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.

A dedicated Run for Ukraine wave will be part of the 2022 event and 100 per cent of the discounted £15 entry fee for participants in this wave will be donated by organisers London Marathon Events to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Participants in the Run for Ukraine wave will be encouraged to fundraise for the DEC collective of the UK's 15 leading aid charities (or for the Ukrainian relief charity of their choice) and to wear blue and yellow on the day. The running numbers for the Run for Ukraine wave will also be blue and yellow.

Entries for the Run for Ukraine wave are now [open](#). The entry fee is £15 (the full fee will be donated to DEC), and participants are invited to set up their DEC fundraising page [here](#).

Media accreditation for the Vitality London 10,000 is now open. [Click here](#) for more information.

- Sir Mo Farah (Club: Newham & Essex Beagles, 10K PB 27:44)
- Andrew Butchart (Central, 28:05)
- Chris Thompson (Aldershot, Farnham & District, 28:17)
- Nick Goolab (Belgrave, 28:22)
- Philip Sesemann (Leeds City, 28:24)
- Joshua Griffiths (Swansea, 28:41)
- Hugo Milner (Derby, 28:46)
- Jack Gray (Cambridge & Coleridge, 28:57)
- Derek Hawkins (Kilbarchan, 29:24)
- Mohamud Aadan (Thames Valley, 29:24)
- Derek Rae (Fife, 31:15)

Elite women field

- Eilish McColgan (Dundee Hawkhill, 30:52)
- Samathan Harrison (Notts AC, 31:11)
- Jess Piasecki (Stockport Harriers, 31:19)
- Stephanie Twell (Aldershot, Farnham & District, 31:55)
- Charlotte Purdue (Aldershot, Farnham & District, 32:10)
- Rose Harvey (Clapham Chasers, 33:04)
- Clara Evans (Cardiff, 33:07)
- Naomi Mitchell (Reading, 33:12)

Men's elite wheelchair field

- David Weir (PB: 19:57)
- JohnBoy Smith (20:12)
- Simon Lawson (20:25)
- Danny Sidbury (20:32)
- Callum Hall (20:33)
- Michael McCabe (20:34)
- Ben Rowlings (23:27)
- Tiaan Bosch (23:45)
- Graham Spencer (23:57)

Elite women's wheelchair field

- Shelly Woods (22:27)
- Jade Jones-Hall (23:11)
- Samantha Kinghorn (25:38)
- Melanie Woods (26:26)
- Mel Nicholls (28:00)
- Eden Rainbow-Cooper (29:00)
- Claudia Burrough (29:00)
- Claire Danson (35:00)
- Ella Bouvard (36:00)

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

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