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Local Fundraisers in 24 hour marathon for cancer research

Fundraisers from Yate and the surrounding area will descend on Yate Outdoor

Sports Centre at midday on 4th July for a 24 hour 'relay for life' in support of Cancer Research UK. The event, which is in its ninth year, involves teams of walkers and runners spending 24 hours camping out at the

site and keeping a relay going through the night. The relay begins with cancer survivors undertaking the first lap as a reminder of the progress that has already been achieved through cancer research. Last year the event raised over £33,000 and the team are hoping to top that this year with

more than 270 participants already registered and more being added each day.

The organisers met local MP Steve Webb at his Yate office this week and told

him about their experiences and their commitment to raising funds to fight cancer.

Following the meeting, Steve Webb said:

"I was very impressed by the commitment of the organisers and by the very large amount of money which has been raised over the years for this very worthwhile cause. I hope that local people will support the event by dropping by at some point during the 24 hours to see what is going on and to visit the stalls and displays. I wish all the participants well with their marathon endeavours".

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Note to editors - photo shows (R-L), Steve Webb MP, Chief Organiser Helene Craddock and her son Liam, both from Chipping Sodbury, and Jo Craythorne from Yate.

