



Pushing on Jimmy took on Necessity Brae in Perth 17 times to help raise money for CHAS, which supported Maisie Reid (42) who died in February this year

Jimmy took on 'crazy marathon' challenge in memory of Maisie

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Some things in life are a necessity – and for Perth athlete Jimmy Fotheringham it was literally so as he ran up the Fair City's Necessity Brae 17 times to raise funds for CHAS.

It was all in a good cause – to give tangible thanks to Rachel House in Kinross, run by CHAS, for the excellent care given to Maisie Reid, who tragically passed away in February at the age of 12.

Maisie's parents, Stewart and Stephanie, are fellow members of Perth Road Runners.

"There are some people that light up a room with a smile and Maisie was one of them," says 61-year-old Jimmy.

"To give thanks to the care she was given by Rachel House and for the life that Maisie had, I decided to take on this crazy marathon going up and down Necessity Brae in Perth."

Jimmy, a business development manager within the financial services industry, has completed 16 marathons including three in London and further afield including Malaga and Vienna. He has been a



Over the line Crossing the finish line in the rain having completed the marathon distance

PRR member for 17 years.

"To complete the marathon on Necessity Brae, I had to run 17 times up and 17 down as it is approximately 1.25kms each way."

A large contingent of fellow Road Runners turned up on Saturday morning to encourage and help Jimmy in this marathon task, which was completed in four hours and two minutes just as the heavens opened to cool him down.

"It was the toughest marathon I have done, but the support I received from my fellow Perth Road Runners was incredible.

"When it got tough, I just thought of the charity CHAS that I was doing it for and how all those kind donations I received would help them."

And a few words from Maisie's parents. "She absolutely loved life and was such a sociable little girl."

"Maisie was well known in the running club (PRR) and even came third in the club's summer series races one year."

"Over the last two years, Maisie's health sadly deteriorated and she was transferred to Rachel House in February this year for

end of life care. The team at Rachel House are amazing and the work that they do on a daily basis is just above and beyond. They made her last days more special than we could have ever hoped for."

It has been a sprint finish in the fund-raising stakes, with the initial target of £2000 being well outstripped.

In fact, the fund now stands at well over £4000 (plus £1000 gift aid) and all those who have already contributed on Jimmy's page at justgiving.com found it a necessity. It's not too late.



Much missed Maisie Reid