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2026 STANDARD CHARTERED GREAT CITY RACE

PARTICIPANT EVENT GUIDE

TUESDAY 21 JULY 2026



We're looking forward to seeing you on the Start Line on Tuesday 21 July for the 2026 Standard Chartered Great City Race!

Please read this Participant Event Guide carefully and save a copy to your phone or device so you can access it easily on Race Day.

On the evening of the event the roads within the 'Square Mile' will be closed to traffic, giving you an excellent opportunity to see some of London's great landmarks – including the Bank of England, Guildhall and St Paul's Cathedral – at close quarters.

The Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) Grounds are the perfect Assembly Area before and after the race.

We're delighted to invite you and your colleagues to enjoy music and entertainment in the HAC Grounds from 18:15 to 21:30.

Please be aware that security measures will once again be in place this year. Further information is available on page three.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes,
The Standard Chartered Great City Race Team



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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BEFORE THE EVENT

Your Race Pack

Your Race Pack will be sent to your Team Captain by Thursday 16 July and they will need to give it to you.

Your pack will include:
- Your bib with timing tag attached
- Safety pins to attach your bib to your T-shirt or vest

The race will have three different start waves and your wave number will be clearly displayed on your bib. You must run in the wave you have been allocated to.

Team Captains will also receive a wristband for your team's one permitted non-runner to gain access to the HAC Grounds.

If you are a Team Captain and your Race Pack(s) has not arrived by Thursday 16 July, please complete the **Replacement Pack Form.** Please do not complete this form before 09:00 on Thursday 16 July. Only the Team Captain should complete this form.

Replacement packs can be collected from the HAC Grounds, outside the entrance on Bunhill Row, between 12:00 and 14:00 on Monday 20 July, and from 12:00 to 14:00 and after 18:00 on Tuesday 21 July (Event Day).

You must not use someone else's bib number, nor let someone else use yours. We need to identify participants quickly in case of any medical emergencies. Please note: we reserve the right to disqualify participants who swap bibs.

Safety and security

The safety and security of all our participants and spectators is of paramount importance to us.

We will deliver a safe, secure and enjoyable event and you can help us to do this by following the instructions of our stewards at all times. If you see something suspicious, please report it to a steward, a police officer or call 999.

We work closely with the police and other organisations. To help keep you safe, we have a range of security measures in place, which include:
- All participants will be required to show their bib number to enter the HAC Grounds
- Only one non-runner per team is allowed to enter the HAC Grounds and they must wear the wristband provided
- All bags will be searched upon arrival, so please allow extra time for this.

Please note: participants are not allowed to bring alcohol, glass, pets or any sharp objects into the venue.

Register now for your official photos

Our photography partner, Sportograf, will be capturing you in action on Race Day. You can **register now** to receive a link to your photos when they're ready to view.

Deciding not to run

You should not run if you've had any sort of virus or fever in the last four weeks. You should not run either if you are carrying an injury.



RACE DAY

Getting there

The pre-event Assembly Area is situated at the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) Grounds, Bunhill Row, EC1Y 8LP.

It's just 500 metres away from Moorgate station and within walking distance of Old Street, Barbican and Liverpool Street stations.

Please arrive at the HAC Grounds from Bunhill Row, to the west of the venue. There is no access from Chiswell Street or City Road.

We don't recommend driving to the event as parking is restricted and from 18:30 until 21:30 roads around the course will be closed.

Assembly Area

Please arrive at your allocated arrival time, which was emailed to you with this Participant Event Guide.

Once inside the HAC Grounds please move into the venue to avoid blocking the entrance. You will be directed around the assembly field by signs, stewards and the PA system.

Facilities

There will be an Information Point, a bike park, a Multi-faith Prayer Tent, a Sensory Calm Tent, toilets and changing facilities – please note there are no showers. See the map on page six.

Your belongings

There is no baggage facility at this event. We suggest that you leave any valuables at your workplace or with the designated non-runner who is coming to support you. Please do not leave any bags unattended.

Water Refill Station

Please bring a bottle to fill up at the Water Refill Station within the HAC Grounds. No bottled water will be provided before the race.

Warm-up

Each wave will have its own pre-race warm-up within the start pen. Just listen for the announcement of when it's your turn to go to your start pen. A designated running space is provided for warm-ups. For a running warm-up, please use the lane adjacent to the warm-up pens. See the map on page six.

Late starters

Please ensure you arrive in good time for your allocated wave start time. We are not able to allow late starters.

The Start

You'll be asked to go to the start pen that matches the wave colour on your bib for your warm-up.

To help us deliver a smooth start process, please make sure you go to your allocated start pen. Signs will be displayed at the pens and our marshals will be there to direct you.

Our race officials will then lead you out of the south exit of the HAC Grounds to the Start Line on Chiswell Street.

The first wave of the race will start at approximately 19:15, Wave 2 at about 19:25, and Wave 3 will begin at about 19:35.

Participants will be walked forward to the Start Line under the guidance of our event staff from 19:00 onwards. Please follow the marshals' instructions at all times.

The Course

Barriers, cones and marshals will guide you through the course. Each kilometre and the halfway point will be clearly marked. See the course map on page seven.

The Finish

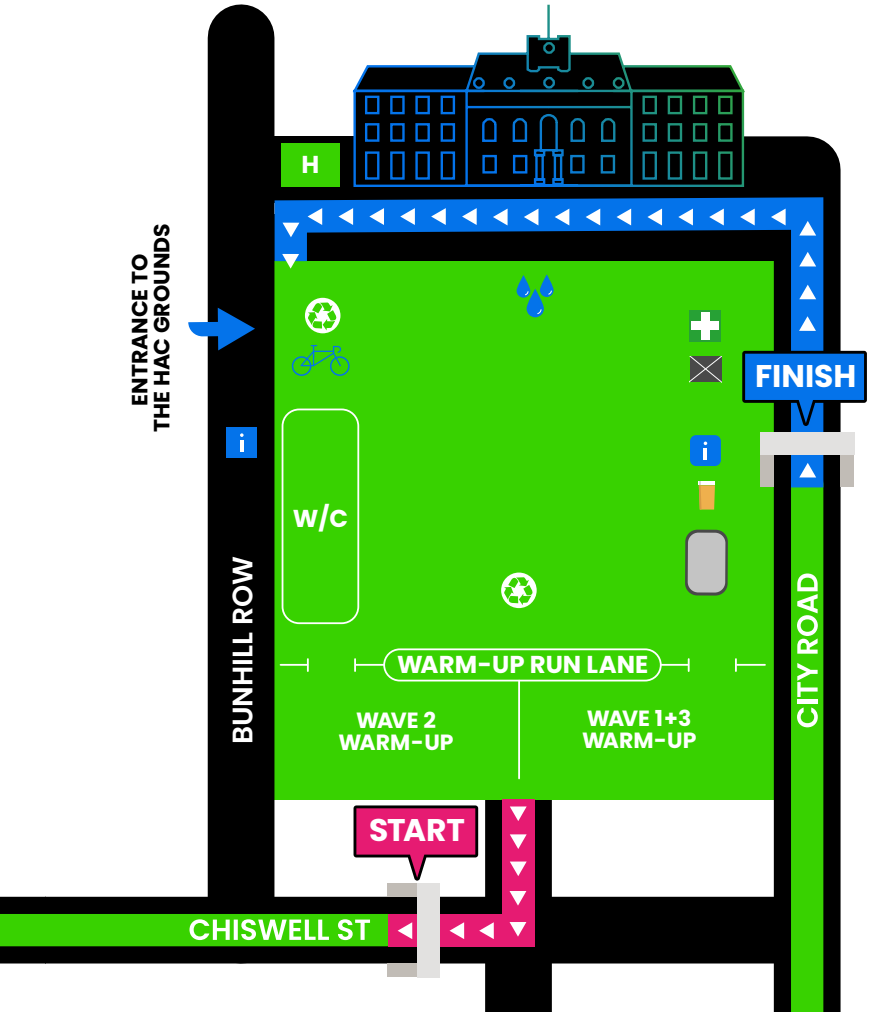
After crossing the Finish Line, please keep moving to clear the way for other participants arriving after you.

If you feel unwell, please find a member of our medical staff immediately.

You will then collect your finisher medal (if you chose to receive one when you registered), New Balance technical T-shirt, a bottle of BUXTON® Natural Mineral Water, and a can of Butcombe Brewing Co's non-alcoholic beer - Goram IPA Zero.



Assembly Area, HAC Grounds



KEY

- Start Participants Journey
- Finished Participants Journey
  Medal, water, T-shirt collection
- First Aid Point, Multi-faith Prayer Tent, and Sensory Calm Tent
- Water Refill
- Bike Park
- W/C Toilets
- Changing Facilities
- Information Point
- Bar
- Recycling Station
- Stage
- H Hospitality

Results

Results will be online at cityrace.co.uk within 24 hours. The event is chip timed, so results will be the time taken from crossing the Start Line to crossing the Finish Line.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded on the night to the first, second and third-placed participants over the Finish Line in the men's and women's race. Prizes are based on gun time, not chip time.

Once the results have been ratified, team awards will be made a few days later to the winners of the men's, women's and mixed teams in the following categories:

- Accountancy
- Banking
- Insurance
- Legal

Donate your old running shoes!

Bring your unwanted shoes and leave them before or after the race at the JogOn drop-off point next to the Information Point within the HAC Grounds.

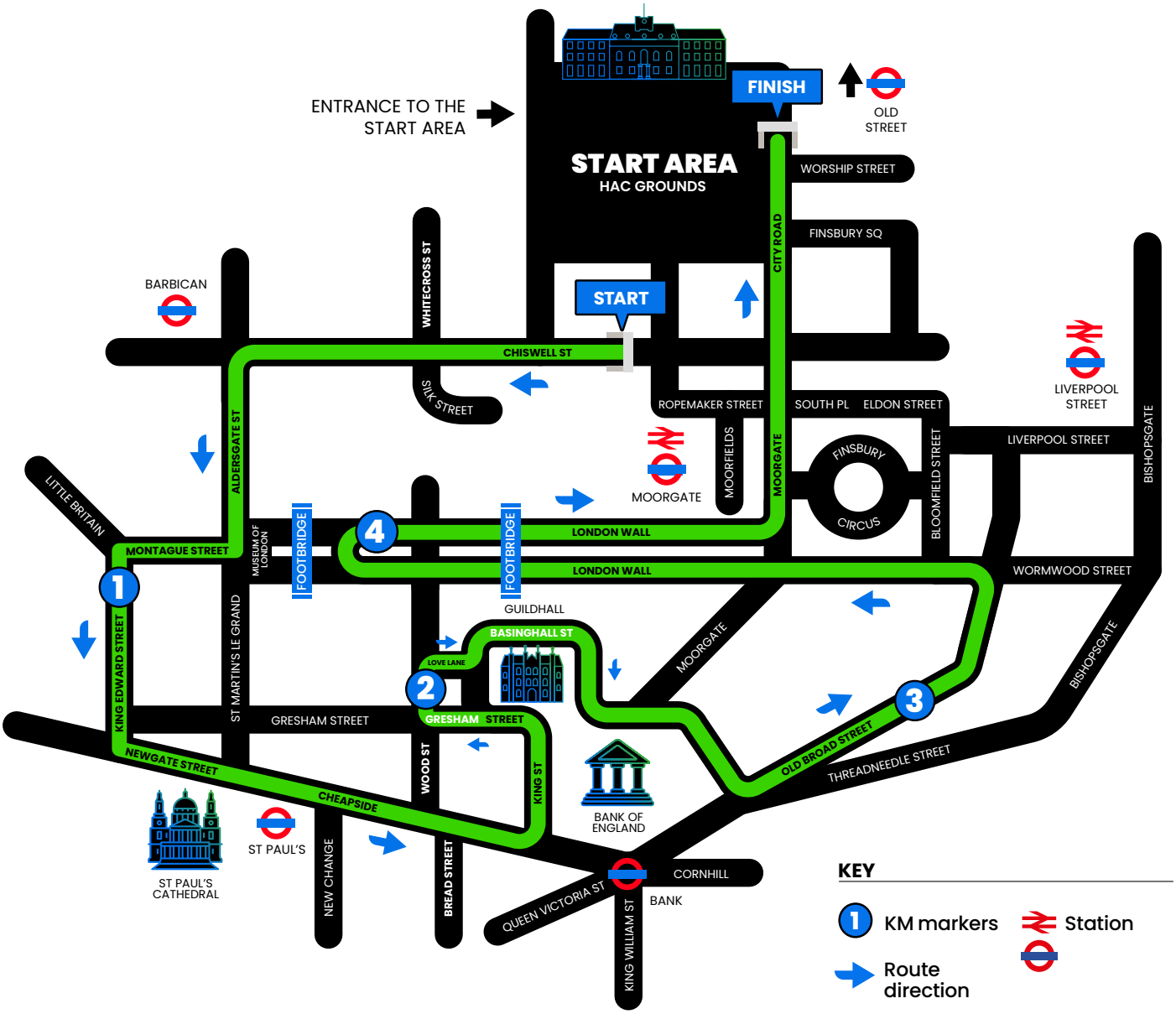
Estimates suggest more than three million shoes end up in landfill each year and JogOn's ambition is to reduce that by more than one million pairs of trainers.

All donated running shoes will be sorted by the JogOn team to ensure they are suitable for redistribution before being sent on to new homes for reuse in the UK and overseas.

First Aid

First Aid will be available at the Finish Line and at various points on the course. There will also be a First Aid Point inside the HAC Grounds throughout the evening.

The Course



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