

Edinburgh Kiltwalk 2017 completes the series

Earlier today there were thousands of people walking the streets in the final Royal Bank of Scotland Kiltwalk.

We came across a lot of little walkers on the cycle path at Craighleith, all determined to do their bit by walking just five miles.



Sir Tom Hunter is the man behind the event. He said: "I am overwhelmed by the energy and enthusiasm displayed by each and every person who took part in the Royal Bank of Scotland Kiltwalk. Their dedication and determination to raise funds for charities big and small is admirable. The atmosphere in BT Murrayfield and on the route today was nothing short of extraordinary."

The entrepreneur was at each of the starts cheering on walkers setting off on various distances. Lynne McKenzie (51) from Elgin led out the Mighty Stride as she walked for CHAS, while Julie Whyte (45) from Dunfermline led off on the Big Stroll along with her 11 year-old daughter Abigail. When she was just four Abigail was diagnosed with arthritis, and they were walking for the Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity and Scottish Network for Arthritis in Children.



Julie Whyte (45) from Dunfermline with daughter Abigail

Finally, leading the way for the Wee Wander was mother and daughter, 33-year-old Jeannette Smith and nine-year-old Lucy Abbeels from Edinburgh. They were fundraising for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland as Lucy was born with Spina Bifida and

Hydrocephalus. Also joining them was ENABLE Scotland's patron and sport TV anchor Hazel Irvine.

Walkers set off from BT Murrayfield at 9am to complete the 26-mile Mighty Stride, going via Leith and taking in iconic landmarks such as Arthur's Seat and Holyrood Park. The 12-mile Big Stroll set off from BT Murrayfield at 11am while the five-mile Wee Wander set off from Gypsy Brae Recreational Ground at 1pm. All routes finished at the Kiltwalk Village at BT Murrayfield where walkers enjoyed entertainment from the Red Hot Chilli Pipers.



Thanks to the generous 40% fundraising boost pledged by Sir Tom and the Hunter Foundation, charities will receive a 140% return for every penny raised by walkers. Whilst Platinum Sponsor Arnold Clark has donated a brand new Renault Clio at each event this year, meaning one of the lucky 3,000 Kiltwalkers will win a new set of wheels.

With more than £1.3 million already distributed to charitable causes from the Glasgow Kiltwalk alone, the total raised across the 2017 Royal Bank of Scotland Kiltwalks will increase after the fourth and final event held today.



More than 700 charitable organisations are set to benefit as the Kiltwalk is now open to every charity. Funds raised by those who choose to walk for the Kiltwalk itself are distributed through the STV Children's Appeal as the official grant making partner.

Volunteers also got in on the fundraising action, as for every hour of time they donated, Sir Tom Hunter and the Hunter

Foundation will gift £1.10 to each Kiltie's chosen charity.

To find out more about the Royal Bank of Scotland Kiltwalk visit www.thekiltwalk.co.uk

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