

Kiltwalk heroes deliver



GOOD TO GO: Tartan trio Claire Roberts, Cheryl Roberts and Joyce Knox all smiles at the Kiltwalk start line and ready for the trek to Dundee. Pictures by Mhairi Edwards.

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Thousands of fundraisers joined the Dundee Kiltwalk yesterday, covering pavements and pathways across North Fife, Dundee and Angus in tartan.

This year saw 3,650 people take part for 470 Scottish charities, in the city's biggest Kiltwalk yet.

The 20-mile Mighty Stride left from the Old Course in St Andrews at 9am, before finishing at Dundee's Slessor Gardens.

The four-mile Wee Wander, meanwhile, set off from Castle Green in Broughty Ferry and headed to the city centre finish line. Among the famous faces taking part were Dundee United legend Jim McNally and STV News anchor Gordon Chree.

The Kiltwalk is underwritten by The Hunter Foundation.

Sir Tom Hunter said: "A sincere thank you to every one of our 3,650 Kiltwalk heroes who set off from St Andrews on the Mighty Stride and from Broughty Ferry for the Wee Wander to converge on Dundee in a wave of goodwill. It's phenomenal."

"I'm incredibly proud that more people than ever have trained, fundraised

“Thank you to every one of our 3,650 Kiltwalkers

and worked so hard to raise more than £600,000 in one day for these great Scottish charities who really need your financial support.

"Thank you for all your Kiltwalk kindness. Next up, Edinburgh!"

Walkers stepped out in support of a remarkable variety of charities, large and small, some local, some national.

Eloise Jones, senior event manager at Macmillan Cancer Support, who had the largest group of walkers, said: "Macmillan Cancer Support had an incredible team of 110 Kiltwalkers in Dundee this weekend where we hope to raise more than £25,000.

"This fundraising will mean we can continue to do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer via our range of support services."

Staff from Dundee-based Hyper Luminal Games, Kiltwalk's 2023 medal sponsor, were also out in force to raise funds for the company's Games for Weans campaign in support of Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity.

The Kiltwalk's headline sponsors are Royal Bank of Scotland and Arnold Clark. This year, Royal Bank of Scotland funded fully compostable food cartons to ensure zero-waste to landfill and Arnold Clark was giving away £30,000 to a lucky Kiltwalker to be spent on a dream car.

Gold sponsor Johnston Carmichael provided entertainment, including tartan-clad stilt walkers who welcomed walkers across the finish line.

The next Kiltwalk is in Edinburgh on Sunday September 17.



Taking part in the Wee Wander are Dayton Keddie and Eve Burnett.

tartan charity triumph



FUN DAY: Clockwise from top left are Cora Mackenzie, 16 months, pounding the pavements with her parents; one of the spectators who came out to support the event, complete with tartan rug; Kiltwalkers setting off on the Mighty Stride; Sarah Boyle and Stacey Macdonald walking into Guardbridge; Wee Wander participants at Broughty Ferry; and the 44th Dundee/1st Monifieth Boys' Brigade Pipe Band playing at the start line.