

Press release: Alun Cairns targets eighth London Marathon

Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns is preparing to run his eighth London Marathon this Sunday (28 April). Mr Cairns' personal best time of 3:28:02 in 2016 placed him in seventh position on the list of all time fastest MP runners.

This year the Welsh Secretary will raise funds for the Dementia Revolution and Guide Dogs UK, seeking to match the £10,000 he raised for NSPCC Cymru and Atal y Fro women's aid charity following last year's race.

Dementia Revolution is a year-long combined effort between Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's Research to raise funds through the London Marathon.

Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns said:

I look forward to taking part in this year's race and sharing memories with runners of all abilities, who each have their own motivations for completing the course.

The charities I'm supporting are close to my heart and I'm inspired by their work to provide vital research and services to thousands of vulnerable people in Wales and all over the UK.

Last year's marathon was a challenge due to the heat, so I'm hoping for cooler conditions to record a respectable time and raise plenty of money for these two worthy causes this time around.

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Notes to editors: