## **Sport support** for budding local athletes

BUDDING athletes in South Derbyshire have been given the opportunity to achieve 'Olympic excellence' with the help of a new Sports Grant and Pass scheme.

The initiative is available to anyone showing talent in sport, and offers assistance to sportsmen and women to enable them to reach their full potential at regional, national and international levels.

Successful applicants will gain free use of the facilities at Green Bank and Etwall leisure centres and could also receive a financial grant.

In 2013, almost 40 athletes were successful applicants for a range of sports including kayaking and netball.

It allowed one applicant, Thomas Taylor, to win a silver medal with the Great British archery team.

Councillor Jim Hewlett for Derbyshire District Council said: "This is a great opportunity for local sports enthusiasts to receive a helping hand with their sports training.

"We are proud to be building an Olympic legacy and hope many local people will benefit from the scheme."

The application closing date for the scheme this year is August 1.

Anybody interested in applying can do so online at www.south-derbys.gov.uk



RUN ROB RUN . . . Mail reporter Rob Smyth raised more than £1,000 for Cure Leukaemia by running the Great Birmingham Run.

# **Katherine in** bid to boost charity cash

## By Rob Smyth

**RUNNERS** are being urged to join the Great Birmingham Run by recovering Burton leukaemia patient Katherine Sinfield.

The call comes after Cure Leukaemia announced a new partnership with Birmingham University that could see more than 1,000 participants taking part in the race to help raise  $\pounds 250,000$  for the charity.

Last year, Burton Mail reporter Rob Smyth donned his trainers to help fund-raise for the charity in the race which this year will take place onSunday, October 19.

Mrs Sinfield, of Balfour Street, said: "The facts are simple, the more funding Cure Leukaemia receives, the more ground breaking drugs the charity can trial on patients in urgent need of a lifeline.

"These drugs aren't available on the NHS and so this is literally a matter of life and death.'

Funds raised will support University of Birmingham researcher and co-founder of Cure Leukaemia, Professor Charlie Craddock and his

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### Katherine Sinfield

teams continue their work to deliver ground-breaking new therapies to eukaemia patients across the region.

The 33-year-old said: "I'm blessed in that one of the world's top leukaemia experts is my consultant - and without his determination, I wouldn't be speaking to you now.

"I have seen first-hand where this funding is spent and why it is so vital we are literally only years away from finding a total cure for leukaemia."

Anyone who would like more information or who would like to take part should visit www.cureleukaemia.co.uk/

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