



OFFICIAL EVENT GUIDE

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Dear Participant,

Welcome to the 2026 Community RunFest Rayleigh

Thank you for entering Community RunFest Rayleigh. We're delighted you'll be joining us for a fantastic morning of running, community spirit and wellbeing. Whether you're aiming for a personal best, taking on your first race, or simply enjoying the experience with friends and family, we hope you have a memorable day.

Community RunFest Rayleigh is about much more than running. Our mission is to inspire healthier lifestyles, bring people together and celebrate everything that makes our local community special. By connecting residents, families, businesses, charities and community organisations, we hope to create an event that encourages people of all ages and abilities to be active, build new friendships and enjoy a fantastic day together.

Your Race Pack

If you have received your race pack by post, remember to bring the following with you on event day:

- **Your race bib number**
- **Safety pins (if required)**
- **Timing chip (where applicable)**

Ensure the medical information section on the reverse of your race bib is completed before you arrive.

If you registered after 21st June, or have not received your race pack before the event, report to the Registration Desk on arrival, where a member of the event team will be happy to assist you.

Location and Times

Event Date: Sunday 12th July 2026

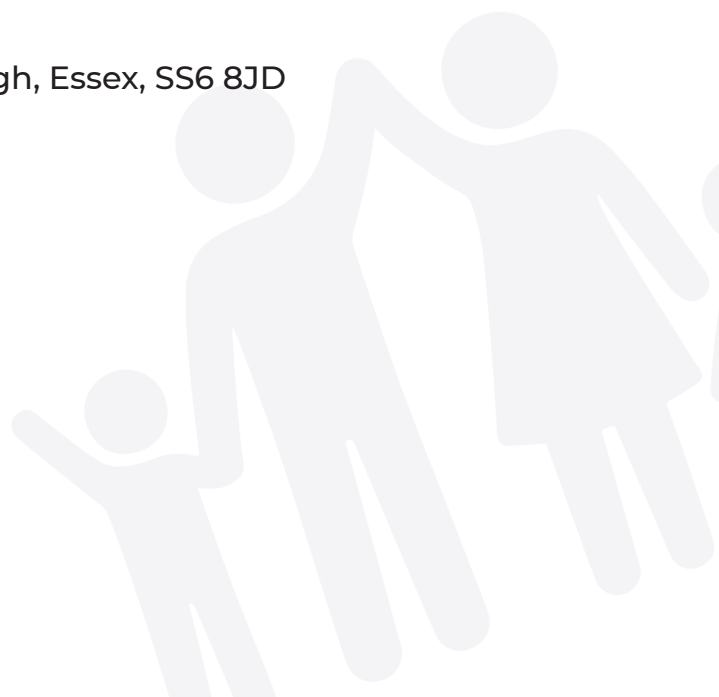
Location: King George V Park, Bull Lane, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 8JD

Race Distances:

- **Children's 2.5K Fun Run (1 lap)**
- **Youth 5K (2 laps)**
- **Adult 5K (2 laps)**
- **10K (4 laps)**

Race Start Times:

- **8:15am – Children's 2.5K Fun Run**
- **9:00am – Youth 5K, Adult 5K & 10K**



Event Day Timeline

7:30am Registration Opens For Children's 2.5K Fun Run

Children must collect and wear their official wristband from the Registration Desk before the start.

Please note: Children without an official wristband will not be permitted to receive a finisher's medal.

8:00am Children's 2.5K Fun Run Warm-Up

Join Mandy Tarbard at the Community Festival Stage for the official fun run warm-up.

8.15am Children's 2.5K Fun Run Starts

The Children's 2.5K Fun Run starts outside the main park gates.

8.20am Registration Opens For 5K & 10K Runners

(Registration is only required if you have not received your race pack)

If you registered after 21st June, please collect your race pack from the Registration Desk before 8:45am.

8.40am Youth 5K, Adult 5K & 10K Warm-Up

Join Mandy Tarbard at the Community Festival Stage for the official warm-up before the start.

9:00am Youth 5K, Adult 5K & 10K Start

All runners will assemble outside the main park gates and will be released in the following waves:

Wave 1

5K Under 25 minutes
10K Under 50 minutes

Wave 2

5K 25 - 33 minutes
10K 50 - 65 minutes

Wave 3

5K Over 33 minutes
10K Over 65 minutes

Please position yourself in the appropriate wave to help ensure a safe and enjoyable start for everyone.

10:00am onwards Enjoy the Community Festival

Celebrate your achievement and enjoy live entertainment, food and drink, community stalls, and family activities throughout King George V Park.



Community Festival and Main Stage Timings

8am

Mandy Tarbard Children's Fun Run
warm up

8:40am

Mandy Tarbard Youth 5K, Adult 5K &
10K Warm Up

10:15am

Alexandra Beard Pilates Sessions

10:45am

Mandy Tarbard Stretch and Cool
Down

11:15am

Harmonise Choir

11:45am

Mushroom Theatre Company

12:15pm

Headline Performance - Finn Sexton

1pm

Community RunFest Closes



Event Information

King George V Park will be the hub of Community RunFest Rayleigh, welcoming runners, spectators, volunteers and the wider community throughout the day.

The park map below highlights the key locations you'll need on event day, including the Registration Desk, Information & Central Control Point, Bag Drop, First Aid, toilets, food and drink vendors, Community Festival Stage, community stalls and the finish area.

The Registration Desk is expected to be busy on event morning. Most event information can be found in this guide and on our website FAQs. If you need assistance on the day, visit the Information & Central Control Point where a member of the team will be happy to help.



The Community RunFest Route

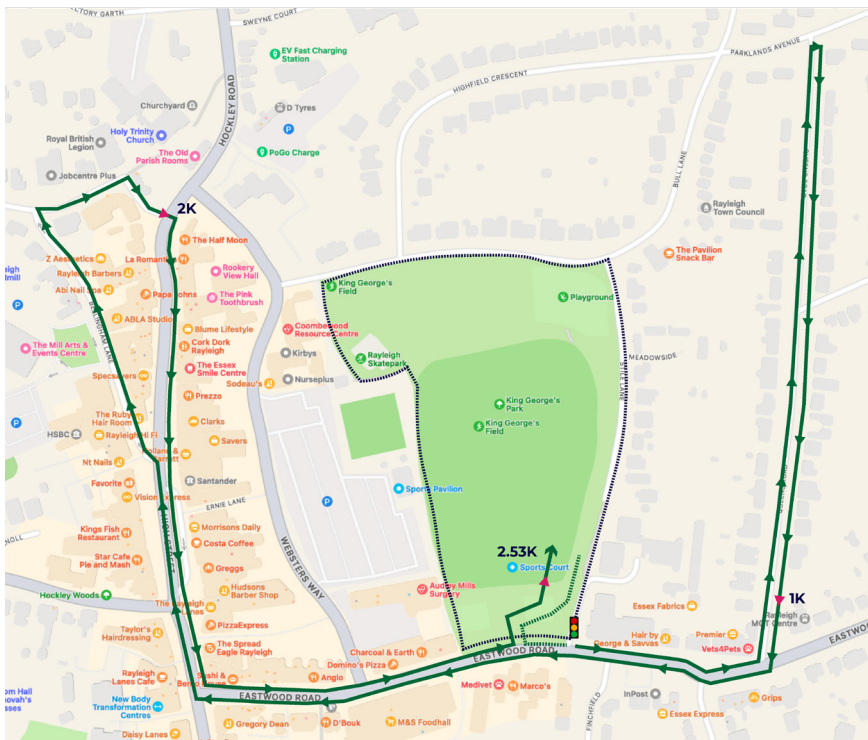
Our fully closed-road route takes you through the heart of Rayleigh, offering a safe, enjoyable and supportive experience for runners of all ages and abilities.

Whether you're taking part in the Children's Fun Run, Youth 5K, Adult 5K or 10K, you'll enjoy the fantastic atmosphere created by spectators, volunteers and the local community along the route.

Route Distances:

- **Children's 2.5K Fun Run – 1 lap**
- **Youth 5K – 2 laps**
- **Adult 5K – 2 laps**
- **10K – 4 laps**

The route map below shows one full 2.5K lap. Please follow the instructions of event marshals at all times to help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.



Getting to Community RunFest Rayleigh

Community RunFest Rayleigh takes place at King George V Park, Bull Lane, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 8JD.

By Train

Rayleigh Railway Station is approximately a 15 minute walk from King George V Park and is served by regular Greater Anglia services.

Parking

Free Sunday parking is available at:

- **Websters Way Car Park SS6 8JQ**
- **Castle Road Car Park SS6 7QD**
- **The Market Car Park SS6 8EB**

Road closures will be in place from 6:30am on event day. Follow the event signage on arrival and allow plenty of time to park and make your way to the event.

Hydration & Medical Assistance

The following facilities will be available throughout the event:

- **Water stations along the route and at the finish line**
- **Qualified First Aid teams located around King George V Park and along the route**
- **Event marshals positioned throughout the route**

If you feel unwell before or during the event, inform the nearest event marshal or a member of the medical team immediately.

First Aid Event Mobile Team: 07392 685811

Photography & Media

Official photographers and videographers will be capturing the event throughout the day.

Images and video may be used by Omnia Community and Community RunFest Rayleigh for future marketing, social media and promotional purposes.

Spectators

Friends, family and supporters are encouraged to come along and cheer participants on throughout the day.

There's plenty to enjoy, including live entertainment, food and drink, community stalls and family-friendly activities in King George V Park.

Before You Arrive

Before setting off on event day, remember to:

- **Bring your race bib**
- **Stay hydrated**
- **Follow the instructions of marshals and event staff**
- **Most importantly... enjoy the experience!**

If you have any questions before event day, visit:

www.communityrunfest.com

or contact us at:

info@communityrunfest.com

Thank you for being part of the very first Community RunFest Rayleigh.

Whether you're running, supporting friends and family, volunteering or enjoying the Community Festival, we're delighted you'll be joining us for what promises to be a fantastic day of community, wellbeing and celebration.

Good luck, and we'll see you on Sunday 12th July!

Community RunFest Team





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