**Success for 3rd Easter Fun Run**

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Local brain injury charity Headway Birmingham & Solihull is thanking everyone who supported its Easter Fun Run, held at Cofton Park on Sunday March 25.

A record 150 runners took part, many in Easter themed costume, helping to raise over £1,500 for the charity as they completed the 5km route.

Julie Wedgbury, Fundraising Manager at Headway Birmingham & Solihull, said: “We were so lucky with the date we chose for this year’s fun run. A week earlier, the park was completely covered in snow and it wouldn’t have been safe to hold the event. Sunday however was a lovely spring day, and everyone seemed in great spirits despite the occasional muddy patch along the course and losing an hour’s sleep due to the clocks moving forward!”

She thanked the local supermarkets for donating bottled water and Easter eggs to give to participants, and Birmingham company Frenkel Topping who sponsored the race numbers and medals.

The winners were all local to Rednal, Rubery and south Birmingham, with Matt Cockle the first male to finish, Laura Leslie the first female, and Emma Swallow and her friend Sue Hill awarded for their Easter outfits. Headway were pleased to welcome Frenkel Topping’s representative Tom Matthieson who ran the race himself then stayed on to congratulate the winners and present the certificates and prizes.

All proceeds from the event will go towards Headway’s specialist brain injury services. Visit [www.headway-bs.org.uk](http://www.headway-bs.org.uk) for more information on the charity’s work.

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**Photo Caption:**

1. *Headway’s 3rd Easter Fun gets underway*
2. *The winners! (L to R) Laura Leslie, Matt Cockle, Sue Hill, Tom Matthieson & Emma Swallow*
3. *Sue & Emma in their winning Easter costumes*

**For more information**

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**About Headway Birmingham & Solihull**

Headway Birmingham & Solihull is a registered charity helping to improve the lives of those affected by brain injury in the local area. Its aim is to promote greater understanding of all aspects of brain injury and provide information, support and services to the person with the acquired brain injury as well as their family and carers. For full information, visit [www.headway-bs.org.uk](http://www.headway-wm-org.uk) .