Cure InSight

Cure Parkinson's Spring/Summer 2025 Newsletter



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A world free from Parkinson's.

OUR MISSION

We fund and facilitate research that has the potential to cure Parkinson's. We're working with urgency to find new treatments that can slow, stop or reverse the condition.

Cover photo: Cure Parkinson's CEO Helen Matthews and Chair of Development Board Will Cook ahead of the charity's 20th anniversary Walk to Cure through London in

September. Find out more on pages 12-13.

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Welcome from Helen Matthews, CEO

The first half of 2025 has been incredibly positive. We have seen further investment in our funded research and have been involved in some memorable and uplifting opportunities to raise funds and awareness for Parkinson's.

We are so pleased that the phase 3 trial of Ambroxol for Slowing the Progression of Parkinson's Disease (ASPro-PD) is underway, with news in February of the first of 15 potential research sites opening. Read more on page 4.

We recently announced funding for a new multi-arm clinical trial platform called SLEIPNIR, named after an eight-legged horse, read more about the Norway-based project on page 6.

Thrillingly, we have been selected as one of three charities to benefit from Ozzy Osbourne and Black Sabbath's "Back to the Beginning" show, on 5 July at Villa Park. Ozzy lives with Parkinson's, and we are honoured that he has chosen to support Cure Parkinson's in this way.

February saw the fifth edition of our art selling exhibition Cure³, in partnership with Bonhams and curators Artwise, with artworks donated by over 100 artists. This unique and wonderful event has now raised almost £2.3 million to support our work since the first edition in 2017.

World Parkinson's Day on 11 April was all about using our voices to raise awareness of Parkinson's and we certainly did! Four inspirational people who live with Parkinson's shared their stories in our new film 'A Question of Time'. See pages 10-11. Think Loud for Parkinson's released their latest fundraising single 'Let There Be Drums' featuring Hank Marvin, download at cureparkinsons.org.uk/think-loud. And the Cure Parkinson's team were alongside the Movers & Shakers podcasters, our colleagues at Parkinson's UK and Spotlight YOPD and importantly, people affected by Parkinson's, for The Big Sing at Westminster in support of the Parky Charter. Events like this help



Pictured above: Helen Matthews at The Big Sing at Westminster in London.

keep conversations about Parkinson's alive with policy makers and the wider public.

This year marks 20 years since Cure Parkinson's was started by four people living with Parkinson's who felt that nobody was taking a cure seriously enough. This year, we would be delighted if you would join us in taking on a coastal or city walk to mark this anniversary, with more information on pages 12-13.

So many of you have been helping to raise funds and awareness of the charity. Some aweinspiring challenges are featured from page 14 with details of how you can get involved with some events later this year.

Thank you to each and every one of you for everything you are doing to support us in our mission to find a cure.

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Helen Matthews, CEO Cure Parkinson's

The ASPro-PD trial is now underway

We are pleased to announce that the ASPro-PD trial opened its first clinical centre in February, with recruitment now ongoing.

Ambroxol for Slowing the Progression of Parkinson's Disease (ASPro-PD) is a phase 3 clinical trial of the cough medicine ambroxol. Led by Professor Anthony Schapira at University College London (UCL), this study will involve 330 people with Parkinson's taking ambroxol or a placebo (dummy drug), for two years to determine whether it slows progression of Parkinson's motor symptoms. Following drug formulation-related delays, the trial team opened their first clinical site at UCL hospital in February, with the first participant being enrolled in March.

What is ambroxol?

Ambroxol is thought to increase activity of the enzyme glucocerebrosidase (GCase). Problems with this enzyme are suggested to contribute to Parkinson's progression. Additionally, GBA1 – the gene which provides the instructions for building GCase – variations are the most common genetic risk factor for Parkinson's. Half of the participants on ASPro-PD will have a GBA1 variation to help researchers better understand this connection.

What is next for the trial?

Over the rest of the year, the remaining ASPro-PD clinical centres are opening across the UK. As each of the centres open, participants who meet the eligibility criteria will be contacted by their nearest site when they are ready to enrol new patients. All participants will be recruited through the genetic screening platform, PD Frontline.

To mark the trial opening, members from the ASPro-PD and PD Frontline teams presented at our recent Spring Research Update Meeting. They discussed the science behind the study, the path to the trial's launch, and what recruitment will look like moving forward.

To re-watch these presentations please visit our website at cureparkinsons.org.uk/researchmeeting-25

As Mairead Cullen, the trial manager for ASPro-PD, explains in her presentation, setting up a clinical trial of this size can be challenging. The process for coordinating trials is often long and complicated, and delays are not uncommon. To help illustrate this, we have put together an infographic on page 5 which gives an overview of some of these steps.

Additionally, the ASPro-PD and PD Frontline teams, alongside Cure Parkinson's and Parkinson's UK, have put together a FAQ document which answers some of the most common questions about the studies. Please visit our website to find out more at cureparkinsons.org.uk/ambroxol

ASPro-PD is being funded by Cure Parkinson's alongside its strategic partners, Van Andel Institute and the John Black Charitable Foundation, and by the Parkinson's Virtual Biotech, the drug discovery and development arm of Parkinson's UK. We would also like to thank the early supporters of this trial including Pears Foundation, Rosetrees Trust, The TJH Foundation and Frank Brake Charitable Trust.

How do we set-up a clinical trial?

Clinical trials are a vital step in the drug discovery process. However, they require a significant amount of time, money, and resources to operate. This infographic illustrates the main steps for setting up a clinical trial and what is required from the trial team at each step.

Trial planning and design

The first step in any trial is writing the trial plan. This includes outlining the methods, choosing outcome measures, selecting the eligibility criteria, and more. The final protocol must also be peer-reviewed by other experts in the field to ensure it is scientifically sound.

Securing support

The next step is securing the trial sponsor and funding. A **sponsor** is an individual or organisation, such as a university or hospital, who assumes responsibility for the trial. Some sponsors do provide funding, but often researchers will also need to apply for grants from external institutions, such as charities and the government.



Trial logistics

Once funding is in place, the team need to ensure they have all the resources necessary to carry out the trial. This includes arranging the drug supply, developing participant resources and consent forms, organising trial supplies (for example brain imaging tools), and selecting clinic sites.

This process is not always linear, and several of these steps will often occur at the same time. The protocol, for example, is developed alongside the other steps to ensure it captures all of the trial information.



Approval phase

When all the previous steps are completed, the team can submit the protocol for regulatory and ethical approval.



Recruitment

Once approvals are given, the team can begin opening clinic sites and recruiting participants onto the trial.

Launch of new multi-arm clinical trial platform

Cure Parkinson's is excited to announce £1 million of funding for SLEIPNIR – an upcoming multi-arm clinical trial platform in Norway.

One of the ongoing challenges for Parkinson's research is determining whether treatments are reaching the brain and if they are having their intended effect there. Many late-stage trials that failed to meet their primary endpoints have found evidence of low brain penetrance, indicating there was not enough of the drug in the brain to have a therapeutic effect. Given the amount of time and resources it takes to conduct a clinical trial, it is vital that we have a clear understanding of how a drug performs in the body and brain early in the process so that we know which treatments have the best chance of success.

SLEIPNIR is an upcoming multi-arm clinical trial platform that aims to address this. Named after the Norse god Odin's horse with eightlegs, SLEIPNIR will test up to three potentially disease-modifying treatments for Parkinson's simultaneously against one placebo group. The trial is led by Professor Charalampos Tzoulis at Haukeland University Hospital and the University of Bergen. The team will assess whether the drugs reach the brain and interact with their intended targets by looking at blood and samples of cerebrospinal fluid. This fluid surrounds the brain and the spinal cord. They will also monitor the safety and tolerability of these therapies.

Funded by Cure Parkinson's, SLEIPNIR will also support the wider trial landscape. By assessing multiple drugs simultaneously in a smaller, shorter time frame, it is hoped that SLEIPNIR will reduce the risk of larger clinical trials failing. This will accelerate the process of identifying promising treatments that can then be fed into larger, late-stage clinical trial platforms, like EJS ACT-PD.

Re-watch our webinar Advancing Parkinson's Trial Designs to hear Professor Tzoulis speak about SLEIPNIR and learn more about the multiarm multi-stage (MAMS) platform EJS ACT-PD on our website at cureparkinsons.org.uk/trial-designs-webinar



important step forward in how we evaluate potential disease-modifying therapies for Parkinson's. By assessing whether treatments engage their intended targets in the human brain, it aims to reduce early development risks and improve success in later trials. We look forward to launching the first cycle with 120 participants later this year and are deeply grateful to Cure Parkinson's for their vital support.

Charalampos Tzoulis, Professor of Neurology and Neurogenetics University of Bergen and Haukeland University Hospital

Updates on our newly funded projects

From lab to clinic, explore how global researchers are testing novel compounds and therapies with potential to slow or stop Parkinson's progression.

iLCT screening study

Professor Heather Mortiboys is leading an exciting project at the University of Sheffield to gather important data on 100 drugs identified through our International Linked Clinical Trials (iLCT) programme. These drugs show promise but need further testing before they are ready for trial. The study will examine their effects on three drivers of Parkinson's progression: impaired energy production, waste build-up, and accumulation of harmful proteins. A unique part to this is the cell model being used, which involves creating neurons from the skin cells of people with Parkinson's.



Our team has found that these dopamine neurons from people with Parkinson's show abnormalities in the pathways affected in Parkinson's without any additional toxins. This is crucial as the cells are not further artificially modulated, and we are excited to test the iLCT compounds in this model.

Professor Heather Mortiboys, University of Sheffield

Investigating CP-6

Dr Marco Fazzari at the University of Pittsburgh is leading research into CP-6, a man-made version of a naturally occurring fatty acid. This project will explore CP-6's ability to target two major drivers of Parkinson's: neuroinflammation and oxidative stress. CP-6 was reviewed by the iLCT committee in 2023. The iLCT committee recommended more research before it could be considered for a clinical trial. This study could reveal valuable insights into how this compound might help slow progression of Parkinson's.

Small molecules that could help the treatment of Parkinson's

At the University of Helsinki, Professor Mart Saarma is leading research into four small molecules that show strong potential to protect brain cells affected by Parkinson's. These molecules are designed to mimic the effects of two naturally occurring proteins: Cerebral Dopamine Neurotrophic Factor (CDNF) and Mesencephalic Astrocyte-derived Neurotrophic Factor (MANF). Both help support neuron health by reducing endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress—a type of cell stress that can lead to inflammation and toxic protein build-up. The goal is to slow the loss of dopamine-producing neurons and offer a new route to disease-modifying treatment.

Get involved to change the future

Participation in research is vital for the advancement of new treatments for Parkinson's. Cure Parkinson's have a number of ongoing opportunities to get involved in research in the UK, including clinical trials, surveys and more. Learn about a few of these opportunities below.

PD Frontline

Looking for: People with Parkinson's

PD Frontline is a remote study offering online genetic testing for people with Parkinson's. Participants will be screened for two genetic variations associated with an increased Parkinson's risk: GBA1 and LRRK2. The goal of this is to be able to refer participants to appropriate clinical trial opportunities in the UK. To learn more about the study, please visit their website pdfrontline.com/en

The Parkinson's Family Project

Looking for: People with Parkinson's who have received a diagnosis before the age of 45 and/or have other family members with Parkinson's

The Parkinson's Family Project is a genetic study aiming to find new genes that contribute to Parkinson's risk and clinical features. Participants will be asked to donate blood samples for genetic analysis, complete movement and cognitive assessments, and give permission to share their medical records. If you are interested in taking part or would like to find out more, please email the team at ion.pdresearch@ucl.ac.uk

REGENERATE-PD

Looking for: People with Parkinson's between 45-75 years of age

AskBio is conducting a Phase 2 gene therapy trial for Parkinson's called REGENERATE-PD. The trials aims to evaluate the safety and efficacy of delivering a gene therapy directly to the brain to improve symptoms. The study plans to enrol approximately 87 participants across trial sites

in the UK, US, Germany and Poland. If you are interested in taking part or would like to find out more, please email the team at

AskFirst@askbio.com

Community and Advocacy

At the heart of our mission to find a cure for Parkinson's are the incredible people who bring their experiences, enthusiasm, and voices to the forefront of our research. Through sharing stories, participating in clinical trials and surveys, or helping to shape research priorities as part of Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) groups, our volunteers inspire important progress and change.

Join our volunteer community and help create a hopeful and brighter future for everyone living with Parkinson's by visiting our website at cureparkinsons.org.uk/volunteer



Pictured above: John shares his experience of participating in research at a recent Cure Parkinson's Research Update Meeting.

So many of you are helping us to influence change

On World Parkinson's Day (11 April) the Cure Parkinson's team joined the Movers & Shakers podcasters, Parkinson's UK and Spotlight YOPD at Downing Street to highlight the need for change.

You can help us influence that change by signing the Movers & Shakers parliamentary petition which calls on the UK government to take action to improve the lives of people with Parkinson's. Amongst other things, the petition promotes a quest for a cure and a major increase in funding for Parkinson's research.

The petition needs 100,000 signatures to trigger a debate in parliament. Please help to achieve this by signing and sharing with your family, friends and networks.



SCAN TO SIGN THE PETITION



A Question of Time

For those living with Parkinson's, every moment matters. Watch our short film A Question of Time to hear from people living with Parkinson's and why time is critical.

For people living with Parkinson's, time is everything. What's possible today may not be tomorrow. The condition is relentless, taking time and independence bit by bit.

This is the reality for millions of people around the world, including those featured in our short film, A Question of Time. This short film shares their experiences – what Parkinson's has taken from them, what they hold onto, and why finding a cure is so urgent. When Kuhan was diagnosed with Parkinson's, his whole world changed.



At first, time stood still. I can vividly remember walking out of the hospital after hearing those fateful words: 'You have Parkinson's.' From that moment on, it felt like a countdown had started – a countdown to an unknown fate.

Kuhan, living with Parkinson's

Over time, Kuhan's perspective on Parkinson's changed. Instead of a countdown, it became a powerful reminder of how precious time is. But no amount of determination can stop the condition from progressing.

While Parkinson's takes, research is working to give time back. With every breakthrough, we get closer to a world where no one has to fear losing their future.

At Cure Parkinson's, we are dedicated to funding the research that could change everything.

Breakthroughs in science mean we are closer than ever to finding treatments that could slow, stop, or even reverse Parkinson's. But we need your help to get there.

Watch A Question of Time and take action

By watching and sharing this film, you are helping to raise awareness of the urgent need for a cure.

Because for those living with Parkinson's, every second counts.

Scan the QR code to watch A Question of Time.



WATCH HERE

Help fund the Cure

The cure is closer than ever, but we need your support to find it.

A gift from you today can help fund vital research, bringing us closer to a world without Parkinson's.

Donate today and give hope to millions. With your help, it's just a question of time.

Please scan the QR code below, visit our website at cureparkinsons.org. uk/question-of-time, or complete the enclosed form and return it to us using the Freepost envelope provided. (There's no need to write anything on the envelope or affix a stamp).



DONATE HERE



Our 20th anniversary

2025 marks 20 years of Cure Parkinson's working tirelessly to find treatments that slow, stop or reverse the progression of Parkinson's. Keep reading to find out how we are marking it, and how far we have come in 20 years.

This year marks 20 years since Cure Parkinson's was founded by four people with Parkinson's who felt that nobody was taking a cure seriously enough, including Tom Isaacs. In 2002, Tom set off to walk the 4,500 mile coastline of Britain over the course a year to raise the funds for Parkinson's research. His walk was the stimulus for the launch of Cure Parkinson's in 2005. Our mission would be to make people believe that a cure was not only possible, but achievable.

Since then, we have funded millions of pounds of research, made scientific discoveries and opened new avenues of research. Despite all this, we don't yet have a cure in our hands, and so our goal remains unchanged: to consign Parkinson's to medical history.

On this anniversary year and beyond, we will be more determined than ever to drive forward Tom's vision by launching and funding our biggest ever research projects in 2025. Cure Parkinson's is going from strength to strength, and with more fundraisers than ever before, we want to make our biggest impact yet for our 20th year.

Walk to cure Parkinson's

Walking has always been at the centre of Cure Parkinson's. In Tom's words:

My walk Coastin' provided the platform for everything that was to follow and led to my meeting seven extraordinary people without whom Cure Parkinson's simply would never have come into being... Two years after Coastin', we set up Cure Parkinson's – determined to help the push towards a cure in any way we could.

Tom Isaacs



In honour of Tom's incredible walk, we are marking the charity's 20th anniversary by walking for a cure. There are many different ways to get involved, from organising your own coastal walk to joining us in the capital on Sunday 28 September for our first ever inperson London walk! Finishing on the Millennium Bridge, we will stroll through the streets of London to share our mission and fundraise for a cure.

Whether you walk with your family, friends or colleagues, walk for yourself or in memory of a loved one – we'd love for you to join us in walking for a cure.

Scan the QR code below or head to our website at cureparkinsons.org.uk/walk-to-cure to find out more about how you can get involved with walking or volunteering at our London event.



JOIN US HERE

Time for Tea

As well as our exciting walking events, we are also marking our anniversary with the launch of an exciting 'Time for Tea' campaign.

As china is traditionally gifted for 20 year anniversaries and there being no better way to catch up with friends than over tea and cake, we are delighted to invite you to take part in 'Time for Tea' to help raise vital funds for Cure Parkinson's.



With the warmer months and bank holidays now upon us, there are plenty of opportunities to host an afternoon tea in your community with friends, family and colleagues. Whether you choose fine linens with elegant tableware or a relaxed get together with plenty of home baked treats, there are so many ways to come together and help raise vital funds for Parkinson's research.

Get in touch today and we can help you make your 'Time for Tea' event the best it can be. To register your interest, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at cureparkinsons.org. uk/time-for-tea



SIGN UP HERE

Cycle for a cure

This year our amazing supporters have taken on some incredible cycling challenges covering all corners of the world, including Greece and Vietnam. Plus, we have not one, but two coast to coast US cycling challenges being taken on by our supporters.

Co-founder of the Brent Knoll fundraising group Andy Manning set off on Friday 7 March from California, heading for the Florida coast. With an initial fundraising target of £9,000, Andy took on this challenge to support his good friends Julie, the second co-founder of the Brent Knoll fundraising group, and Richard. Arriving in Florida on Monday 28 April, Andy smashed his target raising over £12,000.



beautiful, with very verdant fields and woods and pretty little towns. It is also hot and humid! I have very mixed feelings about finishing and will miss the great friends I have made as we cycled together, and the discipline and challenge of cycling each day. I can't believe I have achieved this, or that it is over, but am delighted to have raised over £12,000 for a very important cause.

Meanwhile Cure Parkinson's trustee Alison Anderson has embarked on yet another cycling challenge for Cure Parkinson's, this time 4,500 miles across America to mark 10 years of her living with Parkinson's. Alison and her husband John, as well as their good friends Caroline and Paul, are currently peddling their way across the US with no support van, carrying everything they need for their 100+ day adventure on their backs.

Back in Europe, Richard Downs and his team of 16 cyclists, friends and family were gearing up to take on their '4 P's for Parkinson's Challenge'. Over the course of a few days, the team cycled from their base in the northeast of the island to Palaiokastritsa on the west coast, to (old) Perithia - Corfu's oldest village - to the highest peak on the island at Pantokratoras, and finally finishing with a walk down to Pericles in Agni Bay. An incredible feat which saw them raise over £14,600.



Pictured above: Richard Downs (on the right) and team out training for their '4 P's for Parkinson's Challenge'.

Andy Manning

If these incredible cyclists have inspired you, why not join us on The Celtic Challenge? During this 445 mile cycling adventure you will go top to toe from Malin Head in the north to Mizen Head in the south of Ireland. Experience Ireland's breathtaking landscapes, charming towns and historic sites, all whilst raising vital funds for Parkinson's research. There is no better way to explore the beauty of the Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way than from your bike. For more information or to sign up please visit our website at cureparkinsons.org.uk/celtic-challenge or email Ellen at ellen@cureparkinsons.org.uk/

If you have your own cycling challenge in mind, let us know what you're up to and we will support you all the way. Please email the team at events@cureparkinsons.org.uk



Partnering for progress

Partner with Cure Parkinson's to fund life-changing research and raise awareness of Parkinson's. Our tailored corporate partnerships offer shared value – strengthening your brand, inspiring your team, and helping to accelerate the search for a cure.

Did you know?

45% of customers are more likely to buy from companies who donated to charity. (YouGov, 2024)

54% of employees said they felt a sense of pride when their company committed to charity. (CAF Corporate Giving, 2024)

Corporate partnerships play a vital role in powering forward research towards a cure and raising awareness of Cure Parkinson's. We work with companies of all sizes and sectors. Every partnership is unique. Sarasin & Partners chose Cure Parkinson's as their charity for 2024 and 2025.



Our team have great fun fundraising, which so far has included an auction at our Summer Party, an Easter Egg Hunt, a Christmas Jumper Day and much more!

James Kelway-Bamber, Sarasin & Partners

Domino's Pizza were the Headline Sponsor for the Evening at the Roundhouse event.

We were delighted to support in this way and our guests all had an amazing evening!

Domino's



And dog treat business owner Amy Wells came up with a great fundraising initiative for Parkinson's Awareness Month.

My Mum lives with
Parkinson's and during April
my business Wellsies Pet Treats –
which makes handmade, natural
pet treats – donated through sales
and even made a bespoke boneshaped dog treat.

Amy Wells, Wellsies Pet Treats Owner

Let's make a difference, together

If the company you work for wants to explore how you could power research towards a cure whilst boosting employee engagement and brand impact, get in touch with Gina and Lili at corporate@cureparkinsons.org.uk or call +44 (0)20 7487 3892.

An Evening at the Roundhouse: Uniting to cure Parkinson's

On Monday 7 October 2024, over 400 guests gathered at the Roundhouse in Camden to enjoy a spectacular night of music from a star-studded line up, led by pop music icons Emeli Sandé and Peter Andre. The evening raised over half a million pounds for Cure Parkinson's.

Hosted by Edith Bowman and Simon Mayo, the evening also included performances from Leo Sayer, Andy Fairweather Low and the Blue Water Giants.

Many of the celebrities who took part chose to support because of their own personal connections to Parkinson's. This included Peter Andre, who shared that his mother lives with Parkinson's before performing his hit song Mysterious Girl, and Robbie Williams (whose father and mother-in-law live with Parkinson's) who kindly sent a message to guests via video recording from the US, encouraging those who were able to support our work.

As well as the celebrity acts, guests were blown away by Tomas Gisby's saxophone performance. Before playing, Tomas, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's at 33, shared his story and why a cure is so urgent.



Pictured above: Tomas Gisby's saxophone performance.

The evening also drew support from familiar faces, with guests including comedian John Bishop, former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, BBC News anchor Sophie Raworth, and two of the Movers & Shakers podcast hosts Sir Nicholas Mostyn and Gillian Lacey-Solymar.



Pictured above: Guests at the Roundhouse and Emeli Sandé performing.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event, you have taken us one step closer to a cure. Special thanks to the Cure Parkinson's Development Board and WKM Productions, without whom this event would not have been possible. As well as our Headline sponsor Domino's and supporting sponsors, Blackeye Gin, Oeno, and BAway.

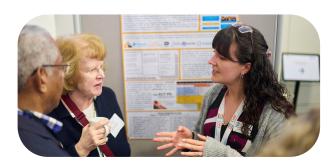
Our next gala event will take place in 2026. If you would like to find out more, get in touch with Madison at madison@cureparkinsons.org.uk or call +44 (0)20 3917 8844

Events calendar

Join us at one of our many events taking place over the next six months.

RESEARCH EVENTS

Autumn Research Update Meeting November 2025. More details coming soon. To find out more sign up to our newsletter at cureparkinsons.org.uk



RUNNING EVENTS

World's Toughest Mudder, Lincolnshire 28-29 June 2025

Royal Parks Half Marathon 12 October 2025

Yorkshire Marathon 19 October 2025

Great South Run 19 October 2025



WALKING EVENTS

Kiltwalk Aberdeen
1 June 2025

Kiltwalk Edinburgh 14 September 2025

London Walk to Cure 28 September 2025

CYCLING EVENTS

London to Brighton Cycle 15 June 2025

The Celtic Challenge 6-13 September 2025



Fancy an even bigger challenge to get the adrenaline pumping? 2025 could be the year for a skydive! Email Ellen at ellen@cureparkinsons.org.uk to find out more.



JOIN AN EVENT HERE

Racing towards a cure

Every year, a team of dedicated supporters take on the iconic TCS London Marathon to raise crucial funds and awareness for Cure Parkinson's. Each of our marathon runners have a personal story and a unique reason for joining Team Cure, making this event more than just a race—it's a powerful demonstration of community, hope, and determination.

In the summer of 2023, Ed FitzGerald's wife, Abby, noticed that his left arm had stopped swinging when he ran. Initially, Ed brushed off her concern, thinking it was a trapped nerve. But when he began struggling to type with his left hand in October, he visited his GP. A few months later, Ed received the diagnosis of Parkinson's.

Determined to take control of his diagnosis, Ed joined Team Cure to "do something positive."



I knew that I could wallow in a pit of despair or make something good out of it. The charity has been very good to me, and I wanted to give back to them.

Ed FitzGerald

Since launching his fundraiser, Ed has raised over £27,500 - a testament to his passion and unwavering determination.

As one of the Abbott World Marathon Majors, the London Marathon is the world's biggest annual one-day fundraising event.

In 2026 Cure Parkinson's will field its largest team yet, marking 20 years since the charity was founded.

If you've ever dreamed of running this legendary race, why not apply for a charity place and join Team Cure. To find out more visit our website at cureparkinsons.org.uk/london-marathon-26

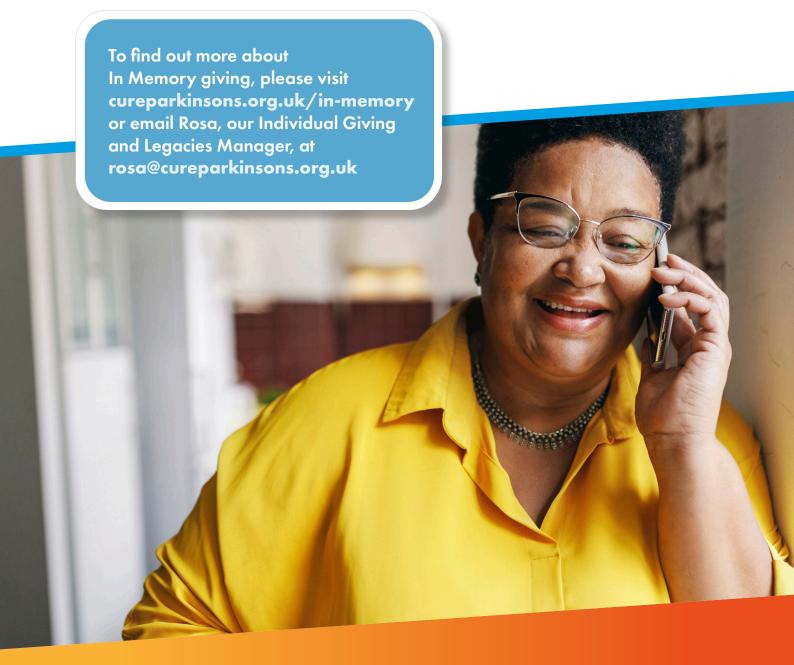
With an estimated record-breaking one million hopeful runners entering the ballot, securing a spot has never been harder. However, if you are lucky enough to secure a place in the 2026 TCS London Marathon and want to raise crucial funds for Cure Parkinson's, then let us know. There is no minimum sponsorship target, and we will provide you with fantastic fundraising support. To find out more please email Ellen at ellen@cureparkinsons.org.uk



Honour a loved one's memory

Donating a gift in memory of a loved one is a meaningful way to celebrate their life while helping to fund vital research to slow, stop, and reverse Parkinson's. Whether through a donation, a funeral collection, or setting up a tribute page online, your support can make a lasting difference.

We are so grateful to people like you for your generosity. Together, we will find a cure.



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