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Across London to help the hospice

Nine hundred walkers and a fair number of four-legged companions braved the chilly weather to take part in this year's Big Fun Walk, walking eight and a half miles across London in aid of North London Hospice.

Participants set off from East Finchley station on Sunday 20 March and made their way through many of London's Royal Parks before being welcomed to the finishing point at Storey's Gate in Westminster with a welcome cup of tea and entertainment including a jazz band and head massages.

Janette Roth has completed the walk for the last 13 years in memory of her dear friend Alison Leslie. She said: "Alison was always very active and completed events like the marathon. She is our motivation and inspiration. We are supporting the best organised walk. We are always well looked after along the route."

Anne Tarrat was taking part after the hospice cared for her husband Alaa for around seven weeks last year. She said: "Alaa had lung cancer. Not only do the staff look after the patient but also the family members who need a shoulder to cry on through the most difficult of times."

All money raised from the Big Fun Walk will go towards providing specialist care and support to terminally ill patients and their families in the boroughs of Barnet, Enfield and Haringey.



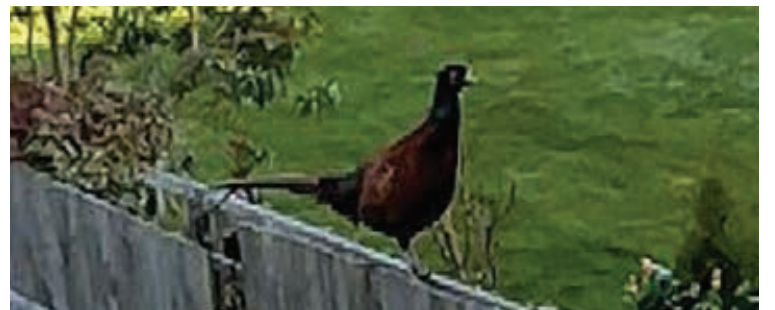
Ready to go: Friends and family of Alaa Tarrat walk in his memory. Photo Andrew Prod.



On their way: Walkers and their four-legged friends set off from Cherry Tree Wood. Photo Andrew Prod.

Game for a laugh

Perhaps it was just up from the country for a few days but city life seems to be perfectly pleasant for this pheasant, pictured on the fence of a house in Creighton Avenue, close to East Finchley allotments and Coldfall Wood. Twitter user Mussitator posted the photo, saying the bird made its presence known by making a lot of noise. Follow TheArcherN2 on Twitter and Facebook.



On the fence: The pheasant in Creighton Avenue

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Roads renewal

A number of roads in East Finchley are in line for resurfacing over the next four years according to a Barnet Council plan released by local councillor Arjun Mittra.

Those which have been approved for re-laying are: Lankaster Gardens, Market Place, Stanley Road, Trinity Avenue, Ingram Road, Prospect Ring, Sylvester Road, Thomas More Way, Creighton Avenue, Leopold Road, Neale Close, Beresford Road, Brownswell Road, Elmfield Road, New Trinity Road, Strawberry Vale, Talbot Avenue and Tarling Road.

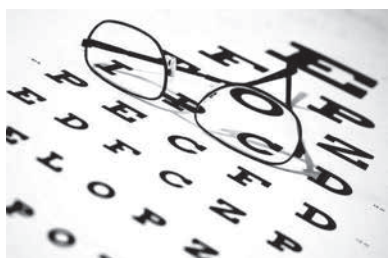
There is no detailed schedule yet for when the resurfacing work will be done but it is likely to be over the next two to four years.

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