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Race winner Dom Truslove is greeted by Thatcham mayor Petra Pemberton



One step beyond!



Theo Seymour, aged eight, with his grandfather Gary Brooker



A smattering of Santas

# Rain can't stop soggy Santas!

NEARLY 200 people took part in Thatcham's 13th annual Santa Run at the weekend.

The run takes place every year, raising money for charities, including Time to Talk West Berkshire.

Runners started on the Broadway, before heading round Thatcham town centre and the Nature Discovery Centre.

Thatcham mayor Petra Pem-

berton was there to welcome the Santas to the finish line and give them their medal - right until the very last runner.

"Well done to all of our very soggy Santas for running in such dreadful wet conditions this morning - all to help raise money for Time to Talk and other local charities," said Thatcham Rotary.

"A big thank you to UHY Ross Brooke Chartered Accountants for sponsoring the event, to Kennet Radio 106.7 for their presence and for keeping us feeling jolly and festive in the rain, to the mayor of Thatcham, councillor Petra Pemberton for opening the race and standing in the rain until the final runners were back.

"Thank you to Newbury Soup Kitchen for their support

and keeping everyone topped up with hot drinks and biscuits, and, of course, to our own very soggy Rotarians for organisation and marshalling."

Time to Talk West Berkshire is a charity that delivers an emotional and psychological support service for young people aged 11 to 25 and parents connected to the district, supporting more than 700 young people every year.



Mayor Petra Pemberton is surrounded by Santas



Young Santas take a break after the race



Santas stream through Thatcham



Thatcham community support officers at the event



A Santa selfie

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