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## **RAF Valley run London Marathon to support RAF families**

Personnel from RAF Valley, the home of the RAF's fast jet training, are taking on the London Marathon next month. Group Captain Adrian Hill, the Station Commander, is running in the event, alongside members of the RAF's famous Hawk Display Team and other Valley personnel. RAF Valley has adopted the RAFBF as their Service Charity of the Year and running in the marathon is the first of a series of events to support the RAF's leading welfare charity.

Group Captain Hill said:

"RAF Valley is exceptionally proud to be supporting the RAFBF this year and we are all looking forward to an exciting programme of challenging fundraising events throughout 2012. RAF Valley has a great tradition of physical endeavour combined with a charitable ethos – I'm confident we'll improve on last year's amazing charity fundraising effort where station personnel and dependants raised in excess of £55,000 for a variety of national and local charities."

Flight Lieutenant Phil Bird, Hawk Display Pilot, said:

"I feel honoured to fly such an iconic RAF Aircraft bearing RAFBF colours – it's a perfect combination. We need to support our wider RAF family and events like these go a long way to doing that."

Cerys Truman, Regional Fundraiser for the RAF Benevolent Fund said:

"We are delighted that RAF Valley are showing such wonderful support for us at the London Marathon and truly honoured to have been selected as the station's charity of the year in 2012. This is the first of a number of exciting fundraising ventures which we have lined up with the station and its famous Hawk Display Team.

"Every penny raised by the London Marathon team will go right back into our work as the RAF's leading welfare charity, supporting serving and former RAF personnel and their families, wherever they are in need."

You can sponsor the RAF Hawk Display Team by visiting: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Hawkdisplay>

For more information on the RAF Benevolent Fund visit: [www.rafbf.org](http://www.rafbf.org)

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**PLEASE NOTE - From 20th January 2012, the RAF Benevolent Fund's new address will be: RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London, W1B 1AR**