

STEPtember 2026 Terms & Conditions

Thank you for joining **Dougie Mac's STEPtember, mile a day**, challenge. We're thrilled to have you join us in making a difference. These terms and conditions are designed to ensure that everyone has a safe, enjoyable and meaningful experience. By registering for the event, you'll not only be supporting the hospice but also agreeing to these terms and conditions.

1. Event Information

STEPtember is a supporter-led Fundraising Activity, in which you, or a group, will direct yourself to take on a mile (or more) a day walk, jog, or run, and raise funds for Dougie Mac. The campaign runs from 1st September – 30th September 2026, and you are invited to take on your own challenge, within a timescale you choose.

2. Registration and Eligibility

- You are invited to sign up throughout June – August, and upon sign up receive an automated email with a digital copy of our STEPtember Information Pack. Detailed in the pack, is information on how to set up a JustGiving page, considerations and advice on how to fundraise, and how you can pay your fundraising in to us.
- This event is open to any person and there is no age limit on this initiative. It is the responsibility of the participant to ensure measures are in place to make their walk appropriate for themselves, or their group.
- There is no charge upon registering for this Fundraising Activity.

3. Health and Safety

- If your walk takes place in public areas, Dougie Mac is not responsible for access or condition of these areas. As such, please consider a route that is accessible in all areas for you, your group, or to those with reduced mobility.
- Please take a consideration to appropriate clothing suitable for your route. When walking via roads, proceed with caution and follow the highway code.

4. Participant Conduct

- This is a charitable initiative, raising money for Dougie Mac. We expect everyone to be polite to fellow participants, supporters, neighbours and members of the public, especially if you choose to wear a branded Dougie Mac t-shirt.

5. Fundraising

- Dougie Mac is regulated by the [Fundraising Regulator](#) and follow the [Fundraising Code of Practice](#).
- All monies raised through sponsorship and other charitable activities should be donated to Dougie Mac no later than 30th October 2026.
- Our preferred way of fundraising is through JustGiving and joining our event page through this platform via www.justgiving.com/campaign/stepember2026
- Setting a target to fundraise helps to increase what you raise.

- Collections are only permitted during your walking route if the correct license is obtained from the local council. Door knocking and visiting businesses asking for donations is not permitted.
- Sponsorship money belongs to the charity (Dougie Mac) whether your challenge takes place or not. Details can be found in the [Code of Fundraising Practice](#).

6. Privacy

- By registering for this Fundraising Activity, you agree that we may collect and use your personal data to manage the event and communicate with you as a participant; your information will be stored on our secure supporter database.
- We may contact you about this Fundraising Activity and other Dougie Mac initiatives that we think may be of interest. If you provide a date of birth indicating you are under 18, we will not use your data for this purpose.
- You can read our full privacy notice at: www.dougiemac.org.uk/privacy-notice/

7. Fundraising Recognition

- In recognition of your fundraising efforts, a thank you letter will be sent to the address you provide. Subject to eligibility and the amount raised, you may also receive one of the following:
 - £50–£99 raised: A STEPtember certificate
 - £100–£249 raised: A medal
 - £250 or more raised: A personalised leaf displayed on our Supporter Recognition Tree, located in the Fundraising Hub within the main reception area of our adult hospice
- For fundraisers eligible for a leaf, a member of our team may contact you to confirm details for leaf engraving. Please note that engraving is limited to a name (individual, organisation or group), your fundraising total and if applicable, the name of the loved one you have fundraised in memory of. Additional wording may not be possible.
- All leaves are made and donated by local businesses and the Supporter Recognition Tree is updated twice annually. Leaves will remain on display for up to 12 months before being sent to you.

**For queries, please contact the
Fundraising Hub on 01782 344304 or
by emailing fundrecep@dmhospice.org.uk**