

Information Pack

Thank you for registering for our 2026 Santa Dash. We're thrilled that you'll be joining us for a morning of festive fun, laughter and community spirit. Below is everything that you'll need to know to make the most of your day.

Date: Sunday 6 December 2026

Time: Briefing and warm up 11.15am, Race start 11.30am

Registration and Santa suit collection

You will be able to pick up your fun run numbers and Santa suits from Lymington Community Centre (New Street, Lymington, SO41 9BQ) on:

- **Saturday 5 December:** The Phoenix Room from 10am - 2pm, or
- **Sunday 6 December:** Gates Hall from 9am - 11am
- **Bring with you a copy of your booking confirmation (on phone/printed) if you can.**

Please be aware that the Santa suits only come in the following sizes (first come, first served)

- Adult - One Size / Child - 9-14 / Small Child 5-8

Note: We hope to supply everyone with a Santa suit, however, your suit is not guaranteed and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. You may wish to bring a belt and safety pins for added comfort and security.

If you prefer, you are welcome to wear any festive outfit rather than a Santa suit, however, you still need to register and collect your fun run number.

Last minute entries

Feeling festive? Last-minute entries will be accepted on the day - bring a friend and spread the cheer! Please note, a £3 per person late entry supplement will apply to registrations made in person on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December. Please note online entry will close at midday on Friday 4th December.

Parking

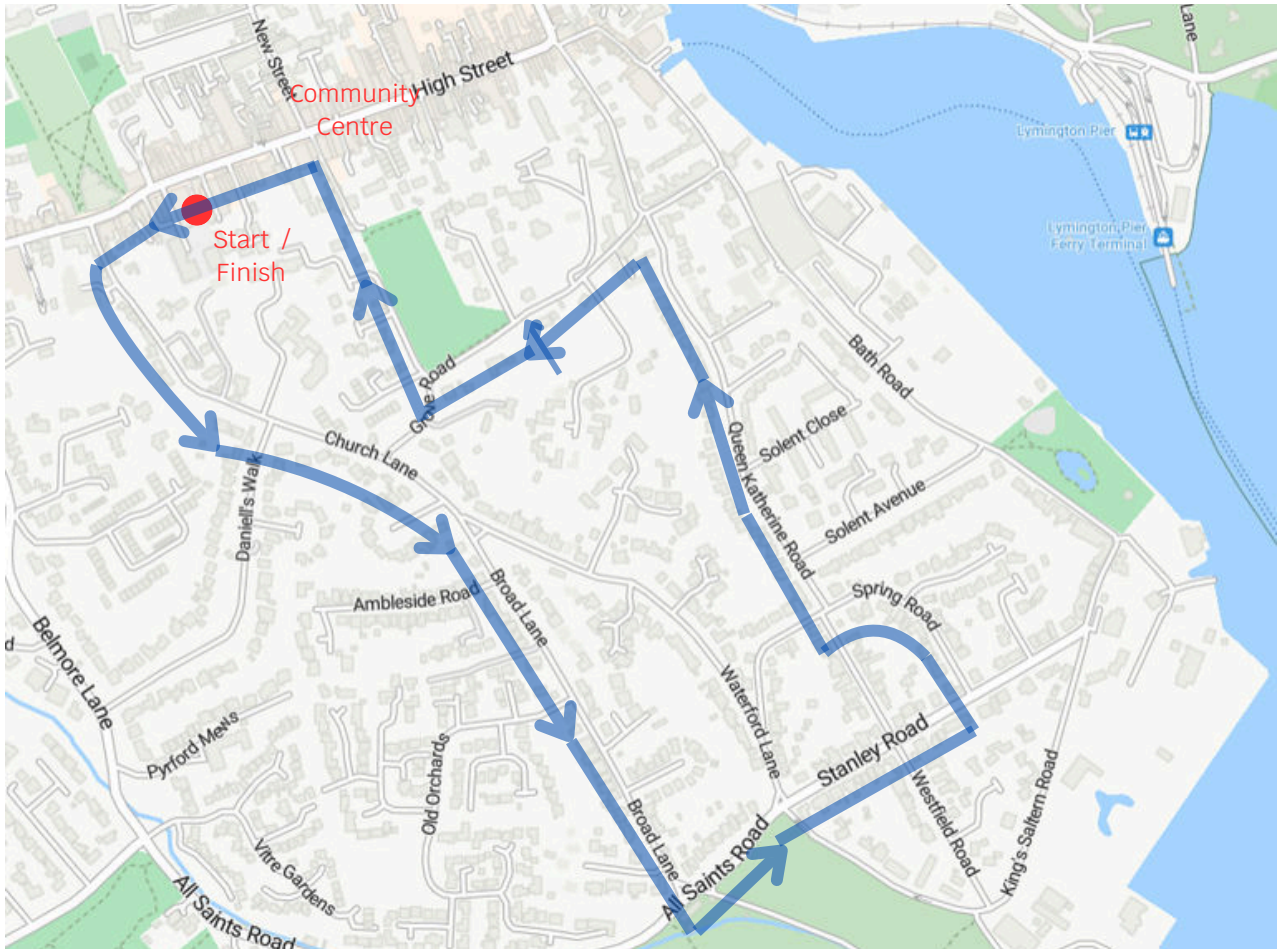
The Oakhaven Santa Dash takes place in Lymington. There are ample car parks in proximity of the Community Centre and the Start/Finish points. All require either cash, card or online payments, or the local parking clock. You will not be able to park in the High Street as most of this will be closed for the duration of the Santa Dash.

First Aid

There will be first-aid cover at the Start/Finish area. If at any time during the fun run, you need help, please tell a marshal who will contact Santa Dash HQ and get medical help to you.

Fun Run: Warm Up and Start

You will be called to the start line, which is situated outside John D Wood & Co. on the High Street, at 11.15am where there will be a race briefing and warm-up before the race starts at 11.30am. A special thank you to Bee Neal, who will lead the warm-up.



Santa Dash route and safety

The route (above) will have marshals sporadically placed all wearing Oakhaven tabards, cheering you on, so please look out for them and keep an eye out for any other participating Santas.

This event does entail crossing some local roads, so please be mindful of traffic and other road users at all times and use the normal protocols for crossing a road. Wherever possible please run on the pavements and be respectful of other pedestrians. Children under 14 years of age must run with an adult at all times.

After the Santa Dash

There will be a water station at the finish line - feel free to bring your own water bottle to refill. Recycling bins will be available for Santa Dash suits, if you do not wish to keep your Santa suit.

Photographs

Please be aware that there will be photographs and video taken throughout the event for us to use on future promotional material.

Spectators and dogs

Spectators are welcome. Dogs are welcome too: keep on short leads and clean up after them.

Sponsorship: Dash to pay for Christmas Day!

If each Santa Dasher were to raise £26 in sponsorship, this would pay for a day of hospice care, directly helping us to provide compassionate care and support for local families. This year, let's join together to pay for Christmas Day at Oakhaven!

Every penny you raise in sponsorship for your 'Dash' will help fund Oakhaven Hospice's running costs. With only 14% of our costs funded by the NHS, **every pound you raise in sponsorship will make a difference**, enabling us to continue providing exceptional care, comfort and support to patients facing end of life and their loved ones, both within the Hospice itself and in homes across our New Forest, Totton and Waterside communities.

To set up a JustGiving page, please visit www.oakhavenhospice.co.uk/santa-dash and click the link to **Set up a Santa Dash JustGiving page**. If you do not have a JustGiving account you will need to create one. If you prefer to fundraise offline, please download our sponsor form or email us at fundraising@oakhavenhospice.co.uk and we'll send it to you.

How to send us your sponsorship after the event

Online: if you have set up a JustGiving page or equivalent – there is nothing you need to do as the funds will be transferred directly to Oakhaven Hospice.

In person or over the phone: please feel free to pop into the office or give us a call 01590 677773. Please make sure you state your donation is sponsorship for Santa Dash.

Post: if you would like to send a cheque in the post please include a letter, clearly stating your name, address and that the cheque is sponsorship for Santa Dash. The cheque should be to 'The Oakhaven Trust' and our address is: Oakhaven Hospice, Lower Pennington Lane, Lymington, SO41 8ZZ.

Bank Transfer: to transfer your sponsorship money, please send to the bank details below and put 'Santa Dash' as reference. Bank: HSBC UK Bank PLC. Sort Code: 40 30 36. Account no: 21128388

Santa Dash Fundraising awards

We are delighted to be continuing three awards for our top Santa Dash fundraisers:

-  Top Individual Fundraiser
-  Top Corporate Fundraiser
-  Top Fundraising Team

These will be presented after the event, once all sponsorship is submitted.

If you have any queries, please do get in touch with the Oakhaven Fundraising Team on 01590 677773 or email events@oakhavenhospice.co.uk