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Manchester Duck Race returns to New Bailey

The Manchester Duck Race is returning to New Bailey this year to raise vital funds for children's charity Brainwave.

The annual charity event has become a staple in the Easter event calendar with 2020 marking its 11th year. This year's event is set to be the biggest yet and will be returning to the River Irwell on Good Friday, 10 April from 11am.

The money raised from the event will ensure Brainwave can continue to help children with disabilities reach their potential. The charity's multidisciplinary team of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, learning development specialists and speech and language therapists develop structured and bespoke therapy programmes, which fit in with family life and helps children with disabilities achieve greater independence.

Ducks are now available to purchase from Brainwave's website and start from as little as £1. There are incredible prizes up for grabs for the fastest ducks, including a Eurocamp family holiday. All ducks are collected from the river after the race and are recycled.

Carole Headley, Brainwave's senior fundraising manager and event organiser said: "We are so delighted to be bringing The Manchester Duck Race back for its 11th year with the help of our partners at New Bailey. "It's such an incredible day out for all the family and in addition to the duck race, there will be thrilling fairground rides, fabulous celebrity guests, wonderful music and entertainment from our media partner Smooth Radio, a range of delicious food stalls, incredible performers and much, much more. There's an amazing atmosphere on the day, you'd be 'quackers' to miss it!"

New Bailey has been the central hub, and an avid supporter of the Duck Race for four years. During this time, the New Bailey scheme has changed beyond all recognition, from a once under-utilised car park, to a bustling business and leisure neighbourhood. The development is being delivered by the English Cities Fund - a joint venture between Muse Developments, Legal & General and Homes England, in partnership with Salford City Council.

Phil Mayall, regional director at The English Cities Fund, said: "The work Brainwave does for local children living with disabilities is such a lifeline to those families, and it is always fantastic to see the local community come out in force at The Manchester Duck Race to support them."

To purchase your duck or to find out more about the other ways you can support The Manchester Duck Race 2020 [click here](#)