

# Press Release

## Barry's marathon bid wins backing of water company

20 October 2011



Barry Light prepares for his 60 marathons in 60 weeks challenge with Roger Harrington, Managing Director, Sembcorp Bournemouth Water



Barry Light (left) thanks Roger Harrington, Managing Director, Sembcorp Bournemouth Water, for backing his 60 marathons in 60 weeks challenge

A bid by a Dorset man to mark his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday by running 60 marathons in 60 weeks has won the backing of his water supply company.

Barry Light, who turns 60 on December 22, plans to raise £60,000 for charity by running five world, 15 European and 40 UK-based marathons.

Money raised will go to six charities Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, Wessex Autistic Society, Mosaic, WaterAid and TeamPB, a collaboration of prostate cancer and breast cancer care.

Now Sembcorp Bournemouth Water (SBW) has thrown its weight behind his challenge by agreeing to act as a sponsor. Other companies have also been urged to sign up as supporters.

Roger Harrington, SBW's Managing Director, said: "Barry has set himself a tough target, but one which I am sure he will achieve.

"It is great that he will be supporting WaterAid. The charity will use the money he raises to further its excellent work in providing water and sanitation in parts of the world where people have very little in the way of basic services.

"We are pleased to support Barry and wish him every success in his challenging venture."

A keen runner, and member of Littledown Harriers running club, Barry has already successfully completed 27 marathons to date with a best time of 3:28:49 in the 2008 London Marathon.

As preparation for his challenge he ran seven marathons in eight weeks last year, five of which were consecutive.

He has also been nominated to carry the Olympic Flame during the Bournemouth leg of the London 2012 Olympic torch relay.

Paying tribute to SBW, and his other sponsors, Barry said: "I'm delighted to have a high profile company such as Sembcorp Bournemouth Water and other companies sponsoring my challenge. However, I'm going to need all the help I can get, so I would urge others who would also like to offer support to contact me.

"SBW continuously support the work of WaterAid, my international charity. Water is an essential element of my marathon running, but to the world's poorest people, essential to life. I would ask everyone to give generously to all my charities."

For more information on Barry's marathon bid, and to read his blog, go to [www.60in60at60.com](http://www.60in60at60.com)