

## **Derby Legal Walk 2022**

On Thursday 7 July 2022, the Derby Junior Lawyers successfully organised and ran the Derby Legal Walk 2022. The Walk saw law firms across Derby came together to raise funds and awareness for access to legal aid. The Walk itself, which is a 10km route beginning at the Derby Law School and ending at the Orange Tree, was fantastically-well attended, and demonstrated what the legal community can do when we are all committed to the same goal.

In attendance were nine separate firms, and also Derby University Law School, who very kindly accommodated the group at the beginning of the event. In total, we had over 60 walkers taking part in the event, which is the largest and most successful Legal Walk that has taken place in Derby since the COVID-19 Pandemic occurred.

At present, we have raised just under £1,500.00, which will go to the Midlands Legal Trust. The Trust will use the money to help fund legal aid centres, who in turn can help those who simply cannot access the legal aid that they so desperately need. Without the commitment of the Trust, and the hard fundraising that our Derby Walkers have done, these legal aid centres would close, and limit the access to legal support even further.

The Walk itself was a great opportunity for like-minded individuals to connect for a good cause. It was also a chance for new friendships to be made, and old colleagues to catch-up once again. We were also most fortunate with the weather too – Pride Park has never looked so good in the evening sun!

After the Walk, we had arranged for refreshments at the Orange Tree on George Street. Even though it was getting late, the Orange Tree was very well attended, and was a chance for the great atmosphere during the Walk to carry on further into the evening.

The day itself could not really have gone much better, and once again, I must reiterate how grateful we are that so many people kindly donated, and got involved in this great cause.

Keep an eye out for future DJL and DDLS events coming your way soon!

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