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Runners are already lining up to be part of Peterborough's premier road race - the [Perkins Great Eastern Run 2016](#) (<http://www.perkinsgreateasternrun.co.uk/>).

The 2015 event was the city's most successful half marathon since the race made its return to Peterborough's streets 10 years ago.

Even though the official launch of this year's race has yet to take place, it hasn't stopped a record number of people from [pre-registering for the event](#) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7XV5V25>), which falls on Sunday 9 October.

It was a record breaking event in 2015 with almost 7,000 runners participating across the half marathon, Anna's Hope 5K Fun Run and wheelchair race.

The half marathon winner, Kenyan Philip Koech, ran the event's fastest-ever time of 61 minutes and 40 seconds. This was also the second fastest time clocked in the UK during 2015.



Annette Joyce, service director for city services and communications at Peterborough City Council, which organises the race, said: "We had such a great response to last year's race and, with hundreds of people already pre-registering for the 2016 event, signs already look very encouraging for October.

"January is a time for making resolutions so, in this Olympic year, and with 10 months to go until this year's race, why not set yourself the challenge to be part of one of the biggest and best half marathons in the region."

The Perkins Great Eastern Run has a great reputation among half marathons in the UK, as its fast, flat course gives runners an excellent chance of a personal best.

Close to the event, novice runners can get all the running support and training advice they need for the race.

Free weekly training sessions take place at the Peterborough Embankment Athletics Track from July and on race day pacers will lead runners around the course at a variety of speeds.