

Press release

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Local runner to carry Olympic Torch

On Thursday 12 July Sandra Hood, 53, from Dorchester, will be proudly carrying The Olympic Flame through Milborne St Andrew, Dorset (exact location and time to be confirmed in June).

From 19 May – 27 July, the Olympic Flame will be carried through the streets of Britain by 8,000 inspirational Torchbearers. Sandra was nominated for the work she does for charities including animal welfare organisation, Compassion in World Farming.

Sandra raised more than £1,000 for Compassion when she ran the 2011 London marathon to help their work to improve the lives of millions of animals suffering in factory farms in the UK and worldwide.

Sandra, an NHS Diabetes Specialist Dietician and dedicated supporter of local supporter group Compassionate Dorset, not only ran the 2011 London Marathon, but completed it in an impressive 3 hours 41 minutes - smashing the time she hoped for. Sandra also ran the New Forest Marathon in 2009, coming first in the Women Over 50's category.

"I am thrilled and humbled to have been chosen to be an Olympic Flame Torchbearer. I like to keep fit and running is my relaxation. I ran the 2011 marathon in aid of Compassion in World Farming after co-founding the local supporter group, Compassionate Dorset.."

"I am looking forward to Compassionate Dorset members cheering me on as I carry the Olympic Flame as I'll probably be quite nervous but will also feel very proud to be able to be a part of Olympic history here in Dorset. I'll also be flying the flag for healthy and compassionate living too!"

Those who aren't able to cheer Sandra on in Milborne St Andrew can pay Compassionate Dorset a visit at the Tolpuddle Festival Friday 13 to Sunday 15 July.

To find out more about the work of Compassion in World Farming, please visit www.ciwf.org. To find out more about the local Dorset supporter group, visit www.compassionatedorset.co.uk

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Notes to Editors

Compassion in World Farming was founded over 40 years ago in 1967 by a British dairy farmer who became horrified by the development of modern, intensive factory farming. Today we campaign peacefully to end all cruel factory farming practices.

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