

Way to Flo! Kelly's team raise £8k at half-marathon

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The RunTeamFlo line-up including Kelly Sibley (holding Flo), Joanna Drinkhall (left) and Hannah Hicks (right)

Kelly Sibley and Hannah Hicks went the extra mile as they completed the Bupa Great Birmingham Run to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

The England internationals were part of RunTeamFlo, a 10-strong team of runners put together by Kelly after her three-year-old niece Flo was diagnosed with leukaemia earlier this year.

Joanna Drinkhall was part of the team, but was prevented from running because of injury.

But the rest of the team made it around the half-marathon course, with Kelly finishing in 2hr 45min 2sec and Hannah in 2:21.10.

Kelly said: "We survived! It was a really good day and everybody did really well. I'm sore now but it was worth it.

"We managed to see Flo three times on the way round, and at the right times when things were getting tough, so that gave us another push when we needed it.



Kelly Sibley and Laura Snow with Flo after the finishing line

"She was at the finish as well and it was nice to get a big hug from her.

"Flo's dad Tom told us the JustGiving page had gone through £8,000 which was unbelievable. We set a target of £2,500, which I thought was ambitious and we would never reach it, but we got there quite quickly and it just kept going up and up.

"It's quite emotional, really. It's amazing what we've all done and it's fantastic that so many people have donated.

"It goes to show that we all want to make a difference – I'm really grateful people have done what they have."

Hannah said: "My joints and muscles are still a bit stiff but apart from that I'm okay.

"I was running alongside Liz May of Pink Pong, who had done a fair number of half-marathons. She knew the pace to set off at, which was really helpful.

"We had a lot of support – it was great running past all the crowds, and even though Jo couldn't run, she was there to support us.

"I'm not going to do another one any time soon, but I wouldn't dismiss it – but I'd want to make sure I did a bit more training and get under two hours!"

Kelly's JustGiving page is still open. If you would like to make a donation, visit www.justgiving.com/RunTeamFlo/

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