

Residents walk and run 2,021km to help support children in India

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More than 60 residents took part in a virtual fundraising challenge last month to walk, run or cycle a total of 2,021km with a target of raising £2,021 for charity Reality Gives.

The charity provides access to quality education for children and young people from poor urban communities in India.

The group smashed their original target of £2,021, raising a total of more than £3,800 thanks to generous donations.

The money raised will go to Reality Gives' projects in Dharavi, Mumbai and Sanjay Colony, Delhi.



Wendy and her daughter Emma on the last day of the challenge

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Resident Wendy Petersen, who organised the event, said: "It has been such a phenomenal success. With lockdown making everyone feel a bit down in the dumps, this challenge has brought so many people together to do something positive and give them the motivation to get out there and stay active.

"As well as raising money for a very important cause, it's been wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and sharing their stories of what this challenge means to them."

The money raised will go towards sponsoring teachers and helping to buy resources for a Mumbai school, which is completely funded by donations.

The challengers began their journey in London and reached their target destination of Pompeii in just nine days.

The group were not ready to stop there, so pushed themselves even further and travelled the distance from Pompeii to Venice, Zagreb, Athens, Malta and finally Sardinia, covering a total distance of over 6,000km.

To find out more about Reality Gives or donate to the virtual challenge, visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Reality2021for2021

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