



# Press Release

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## **CROSSCOUNTRY EMPLOYEES SUPPORT CANCER CHARITY**

Caring employees from train operator CrossCountry joined together with their families last Sunday (28 June) to raise funds for Cancer Research through the 'Race for Life' campaign.

Led by the company's Assistant Finance Manager, Vicki Green, the 16-strong team ran the 5km round Sandwell Park Farm in gruelling 29c heat alongside thousands of other fundraisers. The CrossCountry team have so far managed to raise £260.00.

Vicki, 39, from West Bromwich, who has now fully recovered after being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005, said: "There is an overwhelming sense of pride in taking part in Race for Life and for me personally, the event gives an amazing opportunity to raise vital funds to cure cancer faster whilst trying to reduce the risk of cancer amongst other women."

Vicki added: "Not only does Race for Life raise awareness of cancer, but it also offers many women the perfect opportunity to start taking regular exercise and maintain a healthy body weight. I'm also delighted that I managed to beat my personal best time by completing the run in 55 minutes, no mean feat on what was a roasting hot day!"

The CrossCountry employees taking part in Race for Life all wore pink, limited-edition CrossCountry t-shirts which were donated by the company.

Cancer Research UK's vision is to conquer cancer through world-class research. Their official website is available through [www.cancerresearchuk.org](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org)

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### **Notes to editors**

Attached are photographs of the CrossCountry team taken on 28<sup>th</sup> June

CrossCountry started operating on 11 November 2007. The franchise, which is the most extensive in the UK, will run until 31 March 2016. For further information on CrossCountry services and future franchise plans log on to [www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk](http://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk)

Arriva is one of the largest private sector providers of passenger transport in Europe, employing more than 43,500 people (including share of associate companies) and providing more than one billion passenger journeys every year.

Arriva provides transport services including buses, trains, commuter coaches and water buses, and operates in 12 European countries: Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

### **CrossCountry facts and figures:**

STATIONS SERVED: 118

ROUTE MILES: 1,654

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 293

PASSENGERS CARRIED: Over 30 million passenger journeys a year anticipated

ANNUAL TRAIN MILEAGE: Approximately 16 million

EMPLOYEES: Approximately 1,700

LONGEST TRAIN SERVICE: 08.20 Aberdeen to Penzance (774 miles)