

Super Sam's memory lives on

A 40 mile trek will be completed in blazing sunshine this Saturday in memory of a little boy who lost his battle with a brain tumour.

Little Sam Dorrance, whose parents Graeme and Tanya are from Annandale, was diagnosed with a rare brain tumour in 2015 and sadly passed away in 2016, weeks before his sixth birthday.

And in his memory thousands of pounds have been raised as part of the 'Super Sam Fund'.

This Saturday family friend Lynn Candlish, from Annan, has organised a mass walk, taking part in the Annandale Way Challenge.

By Amanda Kennedy

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She said: "We are organising this in memory of 'Super' Sam Dorrance who sadly lost his battle with a vicious brain tumour.

"Brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under age 40, so the aim is to raise awareness and money for research into this currently under funded area."

There will be nearly 40 people taking part, with 14 tackling the full distance from Moffat, setting off at 5 am, and the rest joining at points in Lockerbie, Hoddam and Moffat.

Lynn added: "The day will also mark the second year of Sam's passing and what better way to celebrate his little life than by coming together, tackling a challenge and raising money for charity.

"We aim to cross the finish line at Galabank at 6 pm. Thereafter everyone is welcome along to the Blue Bell to celebrate. There will be a raffle, tickets for which are available at the Blue Bell now."

Anyone who wishes to donate can visit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-annandale-way-challenge-for-super-sam

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Independent review of proposed RBS branch closure in Gretna

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Johnston Carmichael has been appointed to independently review the proposed closure of the Royal Bank of Scotland branch in Gretna. If you are likely to be affected by the closure we would like to hear your views by 5pm on 14 August 2018.

Johnston Carmichael, the largest independent firm of Chartered Accountants and Business Advisers in Scotland, has been appointed by the Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("RBS") to independently review the proposed closure of ten branches in Beaully, Biggar, Castlebay, Comrie, Douglas in Lanarkshire, Gretna, Inveraray, Kyle, Melrose and Tongue.

We will be reviewing the usage of each branch on its own merits and then providing RBS with a recommendation on whether we consider each branch should remain open or be closed.

As part of our independent review, we would welcome the views of anyone who uses the RBS branch in Gretna and who would be directly affected by its closure. Specifically, we would like to hear how often you currently use the branch and what you use it for. We would also like to hear if you are aware of alternative ways to bank if the branch was to close and whether those alternatives would reasonably fulfil your everyday banking needs.

You can share your views with us at any time by:

- Writing to us at The RBS Review Team, Johnston Carmichael LLP, 29 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1YL; or
- Completing a short online questionnaire available at www.jcca.co.uk/rbsbranchreview

You can also talk to us in person at the branch on Thursday 2 August 2018:

- Members of our review team will be visiting the Gretna RBS branch on Thursday 2 August and would welcome the opportunity to meet customers and users of the branch to discuss their banking needs on a one to one basis. Our team members will be at the branch during normal branch opening times and will be looking to meet with as many people as possible. Appointments of 20 minutes will be made available.
- We strongly advise you to book an appointment to avoid extended waiting times. **To book an appointment, please telephone 01224 259353** between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Please note that the deadline for the submission of your views is 5pm on Tuesday 14 August 2018 and all comments that you share about how you use the branch will be kept confidential. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Johnston Carmichael RBS Review Team