

# Andrew raises over £3,000 for charity!

**A**ndrew Gould completed the 2010 Virgin London Marathon in 5 hours and 20 minutes.

Just a few days previously, Andrew was stuck in Egypt as all flights back to Britain were cancelled because of the volcanic ash cloud. At one stage it looked unlikely that Andrew would make it back in time for the marathon, but luckily a last minute flight meant that Andrew was able to participate.

Andrew clocked up an impressive time for the first half of the course, but during the 18th mile, disaster struck, an old injury reoccurred and Andrew's knee ruptured and 'gave-way'. Andrew explained: "Having already ran most of the way I wasn't about to give up so close to the end. The St John's Ambulance people strapped it up for me and I gritted my teeth, tried to put the pain out of my mind and just kept on running."

Andrew's wife Polly watched from the sidelines and supported Andrew all the way: "When I saw Andrew half running and limping to the finish line I was so proud of him, and best of all he had a massive smile on his face and he was so pleased to have made it. Andrew is suffering a little now, and he is hobbling round with a big bag of frozen peas on his damaged knee, but he still has the smile on his face."

**If you would still like to support Andrew it isn't too late! Please follow this link to donate - [www.justgiving.com/andrewpgould](http://www.justgiving.com/andrewpgould)**

