

Behind the finish line: Thank you for supporting the Manchester Marathon



This year's Manchester Marathon finish line once again returned to Oxford Road, as a record-breaking 42,000 runners took to the streets alongside 150,000 spectators for Manchester's largest-ever marathon, supported by our Estates & Facilities Directorate.

Managing an event of this scale comes with its challenges and, thanks to the high levels of professionalism, dedication, and willingness to collaborate across our team, it was successfully supported while keeping campus safe, operational, and welcoming throughout a very busy weekend.

Our **Conferences & Venues** team worked closely with colleagues across Estates and Facilities to coordinate the planning and delivery, which included organising space use, sorting temporary infrastructure, and on-the-day operations. The success of this event was very much a collective effort, with crucial contributions from multiple teams across Estates:

- **Car Parking** managed access arrangements around extensive road closures and ensured essential staff could get where they needed to be.
- **Security** provided a reassuring presence on campus, during periods of exceptionally high footfall.
- **House Services** worked behind the scenes to keep buildings accessible, clean and welcoming.
- **Hospitality** supported event operations, helping to keep staff and volunteers fuelled throughout the day.
- **Environmental Services** played a key role in waste management and keeping external spaces clear and safe during and after the marathon.

The success of this year's marathon delivery continues to demonstrate what we can achieve as a Directorate when we work together, and is a real credit to our people: committed and ready to deliver for the University.

A big thank you to everyone involved, as your efforts have helped the University support a flagship city event while maintaining business as usual across the Estates.