

It would appear that Andrew Warrender, President Elect for the Insurance Institute of Leeds, just can't keep still. Having completed his first marathon in Chester last year, we are delighted to announce that he will be running the Virgin London Marathon 2012 this coming April.

Andrew will be running for a very worthy cause, The Insurance Charities, for whom he has already played an instrumental part in raising money from events including the highly successful Insurance Institute of Leeds Annual Golf Day and the Leeds Annual Dinner. Andrew has high expectations and hopes to raise a significant amount of money from the VLM 2012. Last year, he raised a commendable £1,000 at the Chester Marathon for the charity, Save the Children. With VLM 2012 having a much higher profile than its Chester counterpart, Andrew hopes to significantly better this amount. What's more, his employer, LBG, has kindly offered to match funds raised up to a limit of £500. In his Presidential role with the Insurance Institute of Leeds, Andrew has made it one of his key objectives for 2012/2013 to raise the profile of the important work of the Insurance Charities and raising vital funds to support its activities.

Andrew is taking his running very seriously, with his 'personal bests' including the Chester Marathon (3 hours 58 mins 46 secs) and the Leeds Half Marathon (1hr 46 mins 5secs). "I have been running for several years, but it's only within the last couple of years that I've taken it more seriously," says Andrew. "It's a great way to stay healthy and to keep the weight off." As a self-confessed calorie counter, Andrew is keen to share with us that his BMI currently stands at 22 and his fat, 17%. STAY AWAY from the buffet at the Leeds Institute lectures Andrew – you are only kidding yourself!!

Andrew is happily married to his wife, Stacy and is the proud father of 2 daughters, Caitlin and Sophia, aged 10 and 1 respectively. Somehow, in between juggling all of his family responsibilities and work commitments, Andrew managed to run a whopping 1,331 miles last year! As such, we feel that it is rather fitting that Andrew holds the position of Senior Project Manager at Lloyds Banking Group's Insurance Strategic Change & IT Division! Andrew is FCII qualified and started his career in insurance over 20 years ago with the Co-operative Insurance Society. "Despite just turning 40, I feel the fittest I've been", commented Andrew proudly. "I'm sure that running the London marathon will be a highly enjoyable and an unforgettable experience, and it's something that I can do for a great cause."

Andrew has set up a page on the Virgin Money site where you can sponsor him (www.virginmoneygiving.com/andrewwarrender) and keep abreast of his progress, his running blog and a placeholder for his photos and results.

We wish you the very best of luck Andrew and look forward to hearing how you got on.