Halloween fun for all as Dalton Park's Pumpkin Trail is set to be full of treats

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Following the success of last year's Trick or Treat trail at Dalton Park, the shopping centre is getting ready to welcome little ghouls, pumpkins and zombies to raise money for The Sick Children's Trust at its Pumpkin Trail.

On Sunday 29 October, Dalton Park is opening its 55 acres of Parklands to parents and children to take part in a spooky but fun Halloween-themed walk. Participants are encouraged to dress up in their scariest outfit for the event, with a fancy dress competition taking place on the day. The Pumpkin Trail includes Trick or Treat pass points where participants can stock up on treats to keep them going on the 1.5km walk.

Last year's charity Halloween walk was a sell-out event, so families who wish to take part are urged to get signed up quickly. The Pumpkin Trail, which is free to register, encourages children to be sponsored to take part in the walk to raise money for The Sick Children's Trust.

The Sick Children's Trust supports families with seriously ill children in hospital with free 'Home from Home' accommodation close to their child's hospital bedside. In Newcastle upon Tyne, the charity runs two 'Homes from Home' located at the Royal Victoria Infirmary and Freeman Hospital. Crawford and Scott Houses, which have supported hundreds of families across the North East, will benefit directly from the proceeds raised by the Halloween sponsored walk. **Dalton Park Marketing Manager, Louise Thompson, says:**

"We're delighted to welcome lots of families to Dalton Park for this year's Pumpkin Trail. Last year we had a wonderful day with all the little witches and werewolves who raised an incredible £1,000 for The Sick Children's Trust.

"We have been working with The Sick Children's Trust for a number of years now because its work is so vital. The charity's Crawford and Scott Houses keep hundreds of families across the region together in free 'Home from Home' accommodation when they have seriously ill children in hospital – and we want to help them continue to do just that.

"The Pumpkin Trail is set to be a spook-tacular event which will help a worthy cause and many families. Please visit our website for information on how to sign up."

To sign up for the Pumpkin Trail, please visit https://www.dalton-park.co.uk/pumpkintrail/. For further information about The Sick Children's Trust, please visit http://www.sickchildrenstrust.org/

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