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Local business and army units to support Santa Fun Run at Longleat

Santas of all ages and abilities are set for another mass meeting at Longleat this season with the date set for the Santa Fun Run in aid of the Southern Spinal Injuries Trust (SSIT). The event, which last year drew over 300 Santas, will take place on Sunday 28 November at 11.30am.

Heptathlete Lucy Boggis, aka 'Tempest' in the television show *Gladiators*, will once again lead the warm-up for the Santa Fun Run. Festive music, provided by the local entertainment management company Orangements, and some gentle stretches led by Lucy will ensure that all participants are well prepared for the two mile route around the Longleat estate.

SSIT Trustee Jeremy Major said: "It is wonderful to be given the opportunity to use the Longleat Estate once again. Last year's Santa Fun Run was a great event and raised a good amount of money for SSIT too. With our Jubilee Garden appeal running, aimed at funding a rehabilitation garden at the Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre in Salisbury, there is a real need to support SSIT this year."

Lord Bath will be starting the Santa Fun Run. He added: "Seeing so many Santas congregating outside Longleat was quite a spectacle last year! I hope that this year's event is equally successful."

The SSIT Santa Fun Run, which starts at 11.15am with Lucy's warm-up in front of Longleat House, covers a two mile route through the Longleat Estate. The event is open to all ages and will be wheelchair friendly. Entry costs £12.50 for adults and £6.50 for children in advance and includes a Santa suit and commemorative medal.

Those interested in taking part should register their interest via the SSIT website (www.ssit.org.uk) where entry details will be available soon.

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Photo Credit: Heptathlete Lucy Boggis warms up with Santas at Longleat ready for the SSIT Santa Fun Run on 28 November 2010.

Notes to Editors:

The Southern Spinal Injuries Trust is a regional charity set up to support the Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre and people with spinal cord injury living in the South and South West of England. SSIT is Longleat's Charity of the Year for 2010.