

*Light the  
heritage flame*





Second only to the Olympic Games in size, the Paralympics is now a major world event watched by billions of people.

*it starts here...*

On September 2nd 2016 the heritage flame for Rio 2016 will be lit at the historic home of the Paralympic movement – Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire.

To an audience of thousands in the Stoke Mandeville Stadium and millions across the globe one Paralympic athlete will ignite the heritage flame. Representing the proud heritage of the Paralympic movement this single flame will travel across the world to be merged with the five Brazilian regional flames. Together they will light the Paralympic flame in Rio on September 5th and start the two day torch relay that will arrive in the Olympic stadium for the start of the Rio 2016 Paralympics.

Support this historic event by becoming one of a select group of sponsors.



## OFFICIAL EVENT SPONSOR

As an Official Event Sponsor you can co-host the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games Heritage Flame event.

## OFFICIAL EVENT PARTNERS

An Official Event Partner helps to provide the services and products used to create the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games Heritage Flame event.

# 1948

FIRST WHEELCHAIR GAMES HELD AT  
STOKE MANDEVILLE

# 1984

STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSTS THE PARALYMPIC  
GAMES ALONGSIDE NEW YORK



## FLAME SUPPORTERS

Especially created to enable SMEs to be part of this significant event, Flame Supporters provide vital funding to make the event as spectacular as possible.

# 1988

PARALYMPIC GAMES STAGED ALONGSIDE THE  
OLYMPIC GAMES FOR THE FIRST TIME

# 2012

STOKE MANDEVILLE IS RECOGNISED AS THE  
HOME OF THE PARALYMPIC HERITAGE FLAME



The Rio 2016 Paralympic Games Heritage Flame event represents the prestige, pride and passion of the Paralympic Games and brings Buckinghamshire to the eyes of the world. With an associated community programme, superb VIP hospitality and networking, plus local, regional, national and international visibility, the lighting of the heritage flame is more than a single, spectacular event. It is an opportunity to be part of something much bigger.

# 2014

STOKE MANDEVILLE HOLDS THE FIRST EVER  
HERITAGE FLAME CEREMONY FOR THE  
SOCHI 2014 WINTER PARALYMPICS

# 2016

STOKE MANDEVILLE WILL LIGHT THE FIRST EVER  
SUMMER PARALYMPIC HERITAGE FLAME  
FOR THE RIO 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES

## 2012 was a breakthrough year for Paralympic sport but the legacy has been even stronger.

## the 2012 legacy...

With high profile support from leading public figures such as HRH Prince Harry and charismatic leadership from Paralympians like Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, Paralympic sport has now entered the mainstream.

In 2012 Stoke Mandeville was recognised as the home of the Paralympic heritage flame. The first commemoration took place in 2014, when the multi-medallist Hannah Cockroft lit the flame for the Winter Paralympic Games in Sochi. Footage of the event formed part of the official opening ceremony, placing Buckinghamshire centre of the world stage. Now, this flame will be lit for every Paralympic Games, recognising Stoke Mandeville's unique place in history.

To be part of this exciting opportunity please contact Andy Inchley, our Event Manager, on 01296 585221 or email [ainchley@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:ainchley@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk) to discuss your requirements and find out more about the options available.

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