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Scout Leaders Complete 3 Peaks Challenge

Four leaders from the 13th Wimbledon (St Saviour's) Scout Group have completed the 3 Peaks Challenge. The Challenge involves walking up and down the three highest peaks in England, Scotland and Wales all in 24 hours. They started at the base of Ben Nevis at 4.35pm on Friday June 10 and finished at 3.40pm the next day.

The party consisted of Group Scout Leader, Peter Hutton, Group Chairman, Jon Horsford, Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, Dan Sanders, and scout assistant Chris Warren. They were joined by ex-Royal Marine reservist Martin Spence and driver Rob McKinley.

Although they undertook it for the adventure, Jon and Peter also sought sponsorship for the event. As featured in the Wimbledon Guardian on May 10, Jon was walking to raise money for the haematology team at St Helier Hospital. In 2005 he was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia. Their treatment saved his life. Peter was walking for Little Havens Children's Hospice. His niece's daughter, Ava, was born totally blind and has cerebral palsy and epilepsy. The Hospice cares for children such as Ava provides respite and other support for their families. So far between them they have raised over £5000 for these charities.

Speaking after the event Peter said. 'To do this challenge in 24 hours is no mean feat. You have to do it without breaking the speed limit and there are many things that can go wrong. You all need to be fit and capable of keeping up a good pace on the mountains, and it helps to be fortunate with the weather and traffic conditions and you need a separate driver who knows what he is doing.

'Although it was not an official scout trip, being involved in scouting meant we knew how to organise such events and handle ourselves on the mountain. There was a bit of hail and snow on Ben Nevis and it was pretty cold at the top of Scafell Pike, but on the whole we were very lucky with the weather. We all feel a great sense of achievement and it is great that we have been able to raise money for two very worthy causes.'

If you would like to support them, it is not too late! Jon can be sponsored through virgingiving.com and Peter through justgiving.com.

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PICTURES

Reaching the first summit – Ben Nevis.



Summit of



Snowdon