JCT600 team ‘AYME’ high with Three Peaks fundraiser

The JCT600 team have once again donned their walking boots for charity, climbing 5,000ft as part of the company’s annual Three Peaks challenge which is this year raising funds for the Association of Young People with ME (AYME) with the event marking the end of ME Awareness Week 2014.

Last Saturday (17 May) more than 100 colleagues from the Yorkshire-based car retailer undertook the challenge of completing the gruelling walk to scale the county’s three highest peaks, covering an impressive total of 2,450 miles between them.

A team comprising directors, management and colleagues from JCT600’s Bradford head office as well as from 22 of the company’s dealerships, completed the 24.5 mile walk which starts in Horton-in-Ribblesdale before scaling the summits of Pen-y-ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough.

“This year’s chosen charity, AYME, seems to be really inspiring colleagues to go that extra mile. We had an impressive turn out for the Three Peaks walk – this is the third year we have hosted the event and having completed the walk before, many of those taking part were challenging themselves to beat their previous times as well as pitting themselves against colleagues and enjoying some friendly rivalry. It’s always a fun day and great way of bringing people together from across our dealerships, as well as raising lots of sponsorship,” said Nigel Shaw, finance director of JCT600.
“We’re already well over halfway towards meeting our target of raising £18,000 for AYME during 2014. As well as a very successful quiz night attended by 300 people in March, lots of colleagues are undertaking their own fundraisers such as silent auctions and cake/bake sales. Kirsty Moon from our head office dealer support team, who also led the charity selection committee, raised over £500 by taking part in the Leeds Half Marathon a couple of weeks ago; while one of our financial controllers at Mercedes-Benz in Sheffield walked to Everest base camp to support the charity; and a team from Volkswagen Bradford is being sponsored to drive an old banger over 2,500 miles to Monte Carlo this summer!

“AYME is a charity that is close to my heart so I’d like to thank all of the team for their efforts – not only are they contributing much-needed funds to this small, but vital charity, but they are also helping to raise awareness of ME, a little understood and debilitating condition.”

AYME (pronounced ‘aim’) is the Association of Young People with ME, a charity dedicated to providing support and information to the estimated 25,000 young people living with ME/CFS in the UK as well as their families, carers and professionals in health education and social care. Membership is free for children and young people with ME/CFS aged 0 to 26. Set up in 1996 as a grass roots self help group, it has become the largest ME/CFS children’s charity in the country. To find out more, about AYME, visit www.ayme.org.uk

With its head office in Bradford, the JCT600 group is a family business with 47 dealerships throughout Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and the North East and sells 19 of the world’s most respected brands such as Aston Martin, Audi, Bentley, BMW/MINI, Ferrari, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Vauxhall and Volkswagen. The group now employs a workforce of 1,800 people.

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Nick Strong (left) and Richard Hargraves with Marc Frederick (behind left), all from JCT600

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BMW Bradford
Chevrolet Bradford
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MINI Bradford
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Aston Martin Leeds
Bentley Leeds
Ferrari Leeds
Lotus Leeds
Maserati Leeds
Mazda Leeds
Porsche Centre Leeds

Others in West Yorkshire
Chrysler Menston
Dodge Menston
Jeep Menston
Kia Castleford
Peugeot Menston
Priceright Rawdon
SEAT Menston
Vauxhall Castleford
Vauxhall Shipley
Volkswagen Wakefield

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Others in South Yorkshire
Audi Doncaster
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