



### 2008 review

This year 118 walkers took to the hills from all over the British Isles, including a team from 'O'Briens Wines' in Dublin and a Danish shipping company 'Torm' - giving the Challenge an added international flavour. 'Torm' were forced to train for the event by walking up and down stairs and hiking to work in their walking boots – due to a serious shortage of mountains at home in Denmark! Even more impressively, one of their walkers came all the way from Singapore to take part!

The winning team – call sign TELFORD – from Peter Brett Associates in Reading, managed to climb the six mountains in less than 22 hours. Steve Dellow, a walker on the winning team, puts their success down to meticulous planning and training: “We were well prepared for an arduous physical and mental challenge, and the experience certainly lived up to expectations. There was little time for eating and sleeping. To survive and win, we had to work together as a team to devise tactics and keep each other motivated. We're exceptionally proud.”

The Challenge looks set to raise in excess of £150,000, which is a great achievement and will enable WaterAid to help 10,000 people in the developing world gain access to clean water and sanitation.

Fran Critchley, WaterAid's Development Manager for the North of England, said: “It was fantastic to see so many people taking part in the 6 Peaks Challenge. It's amazing to think that in one weekend, enough money was raised to change the lives of 10,000 people. Now some of the world's poorest people will be able to take their first steps out of poverty thanks to the provision of clean water and a toilet”.

Congratulations and well done to everyone involved!