

2009 6 Peaks Challenge for WaterAid

The 2009 Six Peaks Challenge saw 15 teams of 73 walkers ably supported by their drivers, trekking to the summits of the highest mountains in all six regions of the British Isles - Isle of Man, Wales, England, Scotland, Ulster and the Republic of Ireland.

This is the 10th 6 Peaks Challenge and looks set to raise more than £80,000, which will enable WaterAid to help more than 5,300 people by providing them with clean water supplies, toilets and hygiene education. Just £15 can enable one person to access safe water, improved hygiene and sanitation.

Jackie Sedgwick, WaterAid's Regional Development Manager for the North, said: "It was great to witness the determination of the teams to complete the challenge, I'd like to thank everyone for taking part and supporting WaterAid."

The following trophies were awarded:

- The Kelda Trophy for the 'Fastest Overall Performance' was awarded to 'Shepherd Neame Extreme', a team of brewers from Kent
- The Snaefell trophy for the 'Best Dressed Team' was awarded to the 'Toodle Pips', from Hill Dickinson who dressed as 'Ghostbusters' to climb Slieve Donard
- The Snowdon trophy for the 'Best Team Spirit' was 'Turner & Townsend Trailblazers'
- The Scafell Pike trophy for the 'Most Money Raised' was awarded to 'The Cheese Rollers', a team from Barclays Capital who have at the last count have raised almost £24,000 – a fantastic achievement
- The Ben Nevis Shield for the 'Best Drivers' was awarded to the drivers from 'The Peaking Ducks', a team from Anglian Water
- The TES Slieve Donard Shield for the 'Best Individual Effort' was awarded to Phil-Sam Evans from 'Toodle Pips'
- The Corran Tuathail trophy for the 'Fastest Team on the Last Mountain' was awarded to 'Nelson Peak A', a team from Laing O'Rourke

We'd like to thank legendary mountaineer Doug Scott and his wife Trish for supporting the 6 Peaks this year. In 1975 Doug, together with Dougal Haston, became the first Britons to summit Everest. Thanks also go to Neil & Vicky of Labyrinth Photography for providing their services voluntarily and taking some super team photos, and, last but not least, we are very grateful to Shepherd Neame for bringing along some very fine beer to be enjoyed at the celebratory dinner!

Congratulations and well done to all who took part and also a really big thank you to all the volunteers who supported the Challenge, to ensure the safety of all participants and smooth running of the event.