

National Grid team tackle the Yorkshire Three Peaks

National Grid staff power up for the daunting Yorkshire Three Peaks

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- **Employees set to raise £40,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support**
- **12 hours to scale Pen-y-Ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough**

A determined team of National Grid employees will be taking on the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge this weekend to raise over £40,000 for charity.

More than 40 walkers from across the business will be scaling the peaks of Pen-y-ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough on Saturday (22nd August) in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The challenge, which covers a distance of 24 miles, is equal to scaling Ben Nevis nearly twice in just 12 hours.

Every penny raised by participants will be matched by National Grid as part of the company's charity partnership with Macmillan.

National Grid's Head of Cable Tunnels, David Luetchford, will be leading the team. He said: "I'm proud that so many of our employees have volunteered to take on this challenge.

All the money we raise from this event will fund heating grants for people living with cancer. At National Grid we are aiming to raise £500,000 for Macmillan and our generous employees have already raised an impressive £390,000. Events like this one will undoubtedly help us to hit our target."

The event is just one of many amazing challenges employees have undertaken to support the charity.

National Grid is confident that employees will reach their half a million pound fundraising target by the end of the partnership in December. This money will be used to pay the energy bills of almost 2,000 patients and their families living with cancer.

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Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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