

Wired for pounds – Daniel’s pylon climb raises cash for Macmillan

Battersea resident scales 150-foot pylon for charity

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- **Daredevil climb generates £24,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support**
- **National Grid staff in two-year partnership to raise half a million pounds for Macmillan**

It was a case of 'fortune favours the brave' for Battersea's Daniel Westerman, when his white-knuckle climb to the top of a 150-foot electricity pylon helped generate a whopping £24,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Daniel, Head of Group Strategy for National Grid, joined an intrepid band of office-based colleagues as they scaled a National Grid training pylon taller than Nelson's column.

Donations poured in for the adrenaline-fuelled fundraiser, held at National Grid's Eakring training academy in Nottinghamshire, on Thursday (4 June).

Thanks to generous colleagues, friends and family, Daniel and his colleagues doubled their original charity target to more than £12,000. National Grid has pledged to match their efforts, with £24,000 set to be handed over to Macmillan to pay for heating grants for people with cancer.

Climbing pylons is a routine part of the job for National Grid's force of overhead line engineers but Daniel and his workmates are more used to having their feet firmly on the ground.

He said: "Each of us are touched by cancer in some way, and the team at Macmillan do such a wonderful job in supporting those who are affected. Having lost both my mother and sister to cancer I know just how much this support counts, and am very pleased to be contributing to such a worthy cause."

In a two-year fundraising partnership with Macmillan, National Grid staff are aiming to raise half a million pounds to fund heating grants for people with cancer.

Full safety precautions were taken for the climb. The eight-strong team donned protective equipment before being harnessed to the training pylon, which is connected to non-live wires, and is used to train linesmen. They were accompanied by qualified National Grid engineers throughout the event.

Members of the public should never attempt to climb pylons. It is extremely dangerous as they risk death or serious injury from high voltage electricity or falls.

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