



# NEWS RELEASE

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## LAWYERS SCALE THE HEIGHTS

A group of lawyers, who have already climbed to the heights of their profession, will be climbing heights of a different kind later this month when they take part in the Three Peaks Challenge in aid of The National Deaf Children's Society.

Solicitors and support staff from Bolt Burdon in Islington will be scaling the three highest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales, within 24 hours.

Matthew Miller, head of Bolt Burdon's Company/Commercial Department, is behind the firm's involvement in the event.

"Every day in the UK, two babies are born deaf, and most are born to hearing parents with no experience of deafness," he said. "These families need help. I was asked to run the London Marathon for The National Deaf Children's Society a few years ago, and I've supported them ever since. So I put their leaflet about the Three Peaks Challenge on the office notice board, and suddenly everyone wanted to join in."

Only one of those taking part claims to be an experienced hill walker - that is Rod Smith, Head of Wills, Trusts and Probate - but four admit to enjoying walking, while others name cycling, riding, swimming, hockey and playing frisbee among their favoured forms of exercise.

One member of the team has a very special reason for taking part; Adam Greenup's grandfather, Alf Needham, asked before he died that his ashes should be scattered from the top of Scafell Pike, England's highest mountain.

"This is the perfect opportunity to carry out my grandfather's last wish," said Adam, an expert in trusts and probate. "He's very much the 16<sup>th</sup> member of our team."

Managing partner of Bolt Burdon, Lynne Burdon, is very proud of her staff's involvement, though she declined to take part in the whole challenge herself.

"Managing is all about delegation," she said, "so I decided I would let my team get on with the hardest bits and I'll just be joining the bosses of other companies' teams to walk up Snowdon and meet them at the end. Our fund raising target is £7,500 and we've already got more than £4,000 - everyone's been working really hard."

Anyone who would like to support the team can donate by visiting [www.justgiving.com/boltburdon](http://www.justgiving.com/boltburdon)

## **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

### **National Deaf Children's Society Three Peaks Challenge**

**21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May 2005**

#### **Bolt Burdon Team Members:**

RICHARD DALE , SARAH DURHAM, SHARON GLYNN, ADAM GREENUP, JESSICA HAWES, AMBER MAHONEY, WILLIAM MARRIOTT, SOPHIE McGUINNESS, MATTHEW MILLER, HILARY PALMER, MAXINE RUFF, PARMINDER SIDHU, ROD SMITH, SALLY TAOR

Fundraising target: £7,500.00

Amount raised by 11:00am on 10<sup>th</sup> May: 4,529.31

Up to date details: [www.justgiving.com/boltburdon](http://www.justgiving.com/boltburdon)

### **The National Deaf Children's Society**

The NDCS is an organisation of parents, families and carers which exists to support parents in enabling their child to maximise their skills and abilities; and works to facilitate this process by every means possible. Its fundamental role is to advocate for parents and carers as and when appropriate, whilst at all times ensuring the child's welfare is paramount.

The National Deaf Children's Society works to provide advice, information and support services for deaf children and their families

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