



Galloway Mountain Rescue Team

PRESS RELEASE

2011 CAIRNSMORE OF FLEET CHARITY CHALLENGE

157 enthusiastic walkers, as well as two guitars, a set of bagpipes and a new hip, were brave enough to tackle the 2011 Galloway Mountain Rescue Team Challenge, which took place on Sunday 17th April.

The goal was to climb to the summit of the 711m 'Cairnsmore of Fleet' which overlooks the Fleet estuary, and every single person who set off, made it to the top, and safely home again!

The whole event was organised by the Mountain Rescue Team, who were on hand to keep everyone safe and well during the day.

Many of those taking part were raising money for good causes including The British Heart Foundation, McMillan Nurses and the MS Society. In total, it is hoped that around £3000 will be raised for the charities concerned, with a further £1500 going to Mountain Rescue team Funds.

The weather was exceptionally kind to the participants, and further brightness was brought to the day by the fancy dress costumes of the Douglas Ewart High School Team! Their group included several Smurfs, a clown a chef and a surgeon!

Team Fundraising Officer Dave McNicol was delighted with the response to the event. He said; 'We're thrilled that so many people are keen to take part in the event, and the Team are pleased to be able to help them achieve the goal of climbing Cairnsmore as well as raising money for charities which are close to their heart'.

The 25 or so Mountain Rescue Team members and their support Team who were present on the day, would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who took part and to the organisations and individuals who contributed to the planning and logistics!

If you're keen to find out more about the work and fundraising activities of the Mountain Rescue Team, log onto www.gallowaymrt.org.uk

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