

**Press Release**

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**Peak Challengers Aim To Reach New Heights For St Peter & St James**

A team of 10 courageous young men from across Sussex are taking on the challenge of a lifetime as they attempt to scale three of the highest peaks in Britain within 24 hours to raise money for St Peter & St James Hospice in North Chailey. The Peak08 team will begin their mission on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

The Three Peaks Challenge is a gruelling 24 hour event, where the team must climb to, and descend from, the summit of three of the highest points in Britain, non-stop. Starting at Ben Nevis in Scotland, down to Scafell Pike in England and onto Mount Snowdon in Wales for the finish. Travelling over 450 miles by road in between the climbs. They aim to raise £3,600 which is enough to fund all of the Hospice's services for a day.

Andy Bradbury, spokesperson for the Peak08 team said: "My friends and I are quite experienced hikers and The Three Peaks Challenge is a great achievement to those who share in this interest. It has therefore always been a goal of ours. Personal achievement aside a challenge this tough is worthy of the opportunity to raise a substantial amount of money. We chose to raise money for St Peter & St James Hospice as we wanted to make sure the charity chosen was local, and we are all very aware of the fantastic work done by the Hospice for the community. We would like to say a special thank you to Dinnages and Steve Ward of Barcombe plant hire for sharing the cost of the minibus hire for the trip"

Head of Fundraising, Gill Cronin, said: "We are so impressed that the Peak08 team have decided to take on this challenge and we wish them every success for their adventure. We have to raise £3,600 every day of the year and receive just 15% of our funding from the Government so the money that these guys raise will make a very positive difference to the lives of our patients and their loved ones."

If you are interested in working or volunteering at St Peter & St James please contact our Personnel department on 01444 471598.

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**Photograph:** 'Some of the Peak08 team out training'

From top left clockwise: John Harman, Luke Gander, Joe Martin, Simon Marsden, Andy Bradbury and Gareth Wall.

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