

## **EnQuest adventurers conquer the UK's three highest mountains in less than 24 hours**

Two intrepid adventurers have raised more than £2200 for an Aberdeen charity after scaling the heights of the UK's three highest mountains and travelling a total of 2,000 miles between the peaks in less than 24 hours.

EnQuest colleagues Victoria Presly and Pamela Thomson braved the elements and beat the clock to conquer Ben Nevis in the Highlands, Scafell Pike in Cumbria and Snowdon in Wales – climbing a total of 9,800 feet.

The pair successfully completed the gruelling challenge in a remarkable 22 hours and 33 minutes, raising much-needed funds for EnQuest's nominated charity Archway.

Environmental advisor Pamela said: "We are really proud of ourselves given that we were the only team in this year's challenge in which all members completed the full three peaks, and it was a great feeling to complete the challenge in aid of Archway."

The challenge saw Pamela and legal advisor Victoria start from Fort William early on a Saturday morning to first tackle a round-trip of Ben Nevis in 5 hours 25 minutes. Later that afternoon, the girls travelled to the Lake District for an evening ascent of England's highest mountain, Scafell Pike, before travelling at night to Wales and for their final climb up the 3,500ft Snowdon peak, which they finished by dawn.

"When we set off, we were really nervous because we wanted to complete the challenge within the 24 hour time limit," said Pamela. "However, climbing to the top of Ben Nevis in three hours in the pouring rain meant we soon forgot about our nerves. Soaked to the skin, we raised our Archway banner at the top, feeling a real sense of achievement having conquered the highest of our 3 peaks.

"Over the following 20 hours or so, Victoria and I faced many highs and lows. Climbing Scafell Pike in the pitch dark and reaching the summit before midnight was exciting and unnerving. By Snowdon, hunger and insomnia had really set in but Victoria and I were both determined to finish our challenge in the time limit. We set off at record pace and although my knees were starting to ache, the pain soon melted away when one hour and 36 minutes later, we had reached the summit."

Victoria, 27 of Oldmeldrum, and Pamela, 23 of Buckie, were inspired to take on the challenge by colleagues at EnQuest's Aberdeen office where more than £110,000 has been amassed for Archway through a variety of fund-raising charity events.

Victoria said: "We were inspired by the passion, focus and collaboration demonstrated by our colleagues in raising money for Archway and so, we decided to embark on our fundraising challenge.

"Archway, which is a local charity that provides support for children and adults with learning difficulties, is a truly worthy cause. What kept Pamela and I going over our three big climbs was knowing that we were undertaking the challenge for such a fantastic charity."

Archway offers a range of innovative community based services that improve the quality of life for children and adults with learning disabilities, and any donation would make a huge difference to Archway's work. Find out more about Archway's work at [www.archway.org.uk](http://www.archway.org.uk)