

£7,000 RAISED IN 'GRUPELLING' CHARITY CHALLENGE

56 walkers set off on the fifth annual Ivanhoe Way Challenge

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AN ANNUAL charity challenge which sees participants walk 37 "gruelling" miles around North West Leicestershire has raised over £7,000.

The fifth annual Ivanhoe Way Challenge, a 37 mile walk around the Ivanhoe Way footpath, took place last Saturday, June 15.

Starting from Ashby's Royal Hotel, 56 walkers set off on the route, which passes through Staunton Harold Reservoir, heads to the rocky outcrops of Charnwood Forest, before going out towards Bagworth. The second half of the route continues over to Shackerstone, along the



route of the Ashby Canal, then towards the Moira Furnace.

A total of £7,100 has been raised as a result for 'Wishes 4 Kids', a charity which

grants wishes for terminally ill and life limited youngsters in Leicestershire.

"Throughout the day we heard many stories of people's goals and motivations

for taking part in the challenge," said Richard Bebbington co-founder of the event.

"One common theme we heard from many people was the good cause for which the event supported, Wishes 4 Kids."

"After losing five stone over 12 months David Hancock's goal was to complete this event. In his words, "Our pains will heal, many of the children's pains won't." This sums up the day nicely."

Richard and his wife Angela founded the Ivanhoe Challenge in 2009 and have raised over £25,000 in the events five year history for 'Wishes 4 Kids.'

In August the couple will be cycling from 'Home to Rome' in further support of the charity.

Further information on this can be found at: www.ivanhoechallenge.co.uk

John O'Groats to Lands End cycle ride

A TEAM of nine cyclists will attempt to cycle from John O'Groats to Lands End for charity next month.

Riders, including Harry Pell and cyclists from Coalville Wheelers Ticknall, will attempt to do the mile fundraising ride, from Sunday July 21, to Thursday, August 1. It means the riders will hope to do an average of 100-miles a day.

The group will be aiming to raise money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, CRY (Campaign Risk among the Young), Cancer Research at the QE Hospital Birmingham, and Dame Catherine Harpur School, Ticknall. All of the riders and sponsors will be supporting one or more of these charities.

The target for the riders is to raise around £500 each. All of the money raised will go to the intended charities.



To help with raising funds the Wheel Public House and Restaurant will be hosting a themed meal on June 28, during which will include a raffle. The raffle will include a rug that was given to Mr Pell and auctioned by Arfeo.

People and organisations can support the cyclists through their website, tickenallcoalville.ride.wordpress.com, where there will be a specific update page. The group also have a just giving page at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/LE2013_CRY.

TURN OUT FOR ROCK FESTIVAL

Festival promoter Andy [unclear] said: "It was an amazing weekend.

We've had more than 100 bands across five stages and a trio of ground breaking, world-class head-

lining Iron Maiden celebrating 25 years after they headlined Donington in an incredible moment.

"Slipknot, as usual, delivered an unforgettable set, and for Rammstein it was the first time the band had played Donington."

Police said the festival had passed very peacefully.

A spokeswoman said: "Download passed extremely well and we were very pleased with the policing operation."



Anniversary celebrated by North West Leicestershire District Council

40th anniversary.

A community mosaic will also be constructed at the Coalville TWENTY13 event taking place this weekend at Coalville Park.

The event which starts at midday on Sunday, June 23 will include live bands, chil-

