

Press release

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Hackney Homes' charity walk scales new heights

A 14-strong team of Hackney Homes' staff has scaled England's highest peak and in the process raised more than £1,000 for St Joseph's Hospice.

The charity walk, dubbed the 'Hackney Homes Two Star Challenge' was held to celebrate the launch of Hackney Homes in April and provide a team building challenge for the new organisation.

Chief Executive Steve Tucker said the successful event had provided a significant morale boost as Hackney Homes works towards becoming a two star organisation and receiving additional money for Decent Homes works.

"We sent a team of people representing different departments and the walk gave them the chance to meet new work colleagues and conquer a difficult climb, in what turned out to be cold, rainy and windy conditions," Steve Tucker said.

Each of the team members selected for the walk were also responsible for raising funds for Hackney's St Joseph's Hospice.

A cheque for £1117.10 was yesterday presented to Ralph Long of St Joseph's Hospice.

Steve Tucker added: "We feel very strongly about supporting the local community and St Joseph's Hospice is one of the oldest in Hackney providing care for people with terminal illness and supporting their families. They also rely very heavily on donations, so we were delighted to be able to help out."

Staff at Hackney Homes are already planning the next challenge – a 3-day bike ride around Hadrian's Wall and will be selecting another local charity to support.

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