"542 in 2016"

Hi all. Well the time as arrived and a decision has been made as to the (hopefully) best and most rewarding way to financially help Bill Honeywell reach maximum income for his challenge raising money for Cancer Research UK.

For those people who may not know me personally my name is Alan Shaw. I am President of the SD34MSG. A committee member of the Association of Northern Car Clubs, Vice Chairman of Pendle District Motor Club and until recently was the MSA's Route Liaison Officer for Lancashire.

Some of you in the motorsport world will already know of Bill Honeywell, son of Roy Honeywell, and a previous competitor in motorsport having competed from 1971 to 1994 as driver and navigator and (unusually) won rallies as both, including the KLMC Devil's Own Rally (navigating) and SHCC Ribble Rally (driving). He has been 6th overall on Mull Rally twice, 9th overall 1983 Motoring News Championship. He co-drove twice on Lombard RAC Rally, also did Manx International, Circuit of Ulster and Circuit of Ireland. SD(34) champion driver at least once.

Bill survived cancer in 1976 and 1999, and although no longer involved in motorsport he is very involved in cycling (including organising events) and has done several challenges including walking all 214 'Wainwrights' peaks in 2009 and cycling 4,500 miles around entire GB coast in 2011. He has raised over £70,000 for cancer charities and awarded British Empire Medal in 2014 New Years Honours List.

Well, what has Bill decided to do for his latest Charity Raising event for Cancer Charities??

Let Bill explain.

As some of you may know, I climbed all 214 Lakeland 'Wainwrights' in 55 days in 2009. I was recently looking at a classic - the 'Complete Lakeland Fells' by Bill Birkett, in which he describes 541 separate hills and mountains over 1,000 ft high – all the Wainwrights except one (Castle Crag, 951'), plus another 327, many of which I haven't climbed.

Whilst on Wansfell and Wansfell Pike on New Years' Eve I decided to DO THEM ALL – that's 542 fell tops – not in two months (I'm getting older you know, plus I've got several other commitments this year) but starting and finishing in 2016, donating all the funds raised to Cancer Research.

Now here's the different bit. I'm not asking for money up front, or the usual kind of donations from friends and family. Instead, I'm asking supporters to pledge 10 pence per summit.

I'll keep everyone update of progress, and I'll ask you to put the money to one side – in an old-fashioned tin for instance.

The maximum number of hills in one day is likely to be around ten, the most in a week maybe 40. So you won't have to find more than £1 a day, £4 a week or so max. But the challenge will take much of the year between start and finish, and at the end your tin will hopefully contain £54.10.

If this is too much then you can share with a friend or pledge less per hill. Of course, if you want to pledge more than 10p per hill that will definitely be OK too!

Have a look at Bills Facebook page that has been set up, Just search for "Bill Honeywell" or www.542in2016.org.uk to be kept up to date with his progress with newsletters/Bulletins.

Well, what can I say. A remarkable man who deserves support.

Latest update from Bill "542 in 2016". 26/8/2016 £27,819 is the amount so far pledged. Bills initial aim was £25,000 so well done. But can we help Bill reach £30,000? Heres how you can help on a personal or club level

I have a genuine Paul M Ellender, "Rallyistpublications" cartoon drawing of the Gemini Oils Ford Sierra Rally car driven by Jimmy McCrae with Ian Grindrod navigating.

Not only is this an A3 size cartoon drawing but it is also original and personally signed by Jimmy and Ian. This was donated by my daughter Lyndsay and we are going to donate it and you could be in with a chance of winning it.

If you personally, or as a motor club, would like to donate any amount you wish but will be equivalent to £1 per donation ticket I will issue you with the appropriate amount of donation ticket numbers. If it is on behalf of a motor club then obviously if you won it you could donate it, raffle it or auction it again as you wish. The winning ticket would be drawn in public probably at the November SD34Motor Sport Group committee meeting.

You can obtain your tickets by one of the following methods

- a) Sending a cheque to myself and made out to Alan Shaw. Address 31 Appleby Drive, Barrowford, Nelson, BB96EX. Ensure you enclose your name and e- mail address or home address for ticket return/number notification. If I can give you the numbers by e-mail then it will obviously reduce costs of mailing back. I will then donate all the money you donate so that we can claim tax back.
- b) At https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Bill-Honeywell-542in2016. If you donate via this method the minimum donation is £2 but if anyone is a tax payer then please indicate this and it will be worth another 20% to the fund. Please also put a comment "Rally Print" in the box and then e-mail me at fivefortytwoin2016@gmail.com with your name and address and how much you have donated. Once your donation is confirmed I will issue the donation ticket numbers to you.

PLEASE HELP THIS GREAT CAUSE. Alan

