

Prestwick Cycle Challenge smashes The £350k mark

BAE Systems Regional Aircraft continues to support the annual Prestwick Cycle Challenge, 2018 will see the Challenge reach a fantastic milestone, 21 years supporting many local and national charities.

In 2017 the Prestwick Cycle Challenge made its 1st visit to the Northern Isles - Orkney. Over 60 cyclists endured the variable weather conditions associated with Northern Isles to complete the three day bike ride: Up Hilly Aah! The Cycle Challenge took place in June and started from Lairg with stop overs in Thurso, Kirkwall before arriving some 225 miles later in Wick.

Up Hilly Aah! Raised £15,561 for various good causes including, Alzheimer's Research UK, Great North Ambulance, Walking on Air, Irvine Cancer Care, St Mary's Hospice & Erskine. This takes the grand total raised by the event to £350,555 since its inception in 1997 with just eight cyclists riding around Arran in a day. Now with up to 130 riders, it 'challenges' its participants to ride up to 100 miles a day through some of the UK's finest scenic areas.



The event is run with the support of BAE Systems Regional Aircraft, Spirit AeroSystems, Sodexo and Chevron Technical Services and is open to any enthusiastic cyclists who are prepared to push their cycling limits while raising money for some great causes.

Planning is now under way for the 2018 ride in Ireland. If you'd like to get involved please contact Chris Gorman at: chris.gorman@baesystems.com