

Matthew McKaig completes Alps Challenge

RICS England-West Director Matthew McKaig has successfully completed the Haute Route Challenge to raise funds for LionHeart and Help for Heroes (to help those who have been wounded in Britain's current conflicts).

The Haute Route is perhaps the most famous ski journey of all, the classic traverse of the western Alps from Chamonix to Zermatt. For many people the Haute Route is the ultimate ski tour, over 7 days, to allow flexibility in case of bad weather. Participants stayed overnight in a succession of mountain huts and finish by skiing down past the Matterhorn to the colourful resort of Zermatt.

Matthew said *"It was tremendous. A real journey of a lifetime, We completed one of the many permutations of the Haute Route, but we were forced off the mountain on the*



last day by a storm/avalanche danger - having reached the last hut. It was the hardest thing I've done, but well worth it and ski touring is an activity I look forward to returning to."

Matthew personally covered the cost of his entry fee, so all the proceeds will go to LionHeart and Help for Heroes, so please show your support. If you would like to sponsor Matthew, visit the LionHeart website to click on his Just-giving page or visit <http://www.justgiving.com/Matthew-HauteRoute> direct. For more information contact Matthew McKaig - Tel: 01749 673672 (Office) Tel: 01749 673970 (Direct) or email mmckaig@rics.org

Matthew says *"Thank you to all those who have sponsored me to date; donations already exceed £1,500, but I would like to raise more for these worthy causes."*



Matthew McKaig (second from right) with his Haute Route team

Please keep donating your mobile phones

Many thanks for your continuing donations of mobile phones and PDAs for recycling, which have now raised over £1,250 for LionHeart.

We still need more phones or PDAs so please send your donations to LionHeart Recycling Scheme, FREEPOST MID20007, Coventry CV4 8BR. The LionHeart freepost facility is only available for UK donors, but if you wish to help from outside the UK you may be able to trade in your old phones through a local recycling scheme (see Google), then send your donations direct to LionHeart. For more details visit www.lionheart.org.uk or email info@lionheart.org.uk.



London shoot returns!

The LionHeart London clay pigeon competition will return on 25 June to the award-winning E J Churchill Shooting Ground. This year's sponsors include Brian Lamden Associates, HDDA, Stanley Hicks and TFT Consultants:

For information about the event and sponsorship opportunities visit www.lionheart.org.uk or call 0845 6039057 or email cwall@lionheart.org.uk.



Thank you to

- **Shrewsbury Rating Meeting** in 25 March - their collection raised £59.50
- **St David's & Dewisland Historical Society** for their £50 donation
- **Carmarthen Vintage Society** for their £30 donation
- **North Staffs talk by John Hosie** £30 donation
- **RICS General Council** for their April collection of £644
- **RICS Past Presidents' Lunch** - their April collection raised £275 plus Gift Aid

Are you up for the Inca trail challenge?

Following on from the very successful Great Wall of China Challenge in 2007, RICS are once again challenging the membership to put on their walking boots and take a trek along the Inca Trail and discover Machu Picchu from 26 March-4 April 2011.



RICS are looking for teams from each region to take part. Team members will be raising money for LionHeart and other charities. Each team member will be required to raise a minimum sponsorship amount of £3,400. If you are interested in the challenge then please contact Jennifer Welch, Operations Director RICS North, for further information - email jwelch@rics.org tel: 01429 835223.

Essex Karting is back



10 June sees the return of the Essex karting evening at Rye Park, Hoddesdon, Essex. The event raises money for LionHeart, but is open to all. Regular attendees include developers, surveyors, agents, architects, engineers, solicitors, accountants and people from many other professions. These events have raised almost £8,000 over the last 12 years.

The event will involve a 2 hour endurance race for teams of between 2 and 5 drivers. With the assistance of Motorsport World, the cost this year has been reduced to £200 per team, which will include buffet food after the race. Drivers need to arrive at 6pm for registration.

Visit www.lionheart.org.uk for more details and click on

Dates for your diary

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- 6 May **RICS East Midlands awards**, Nottingham Belfry
 - May (TBC) **3rd Morecambe Bay Walk**
 - 15 May **Matrics Cumbria Clay Pigeon Competition**, Crabtree Farm, Lupton, Cumbria
 - 10 Jun **Essex Karting Evening**, Rye Park, Hoddesdon
 - 7-28 Jun **Blundell Memorial Lectures**
 - 9 Jun **RICS Eastern Region CPD Day**, Petwood Hotel, Woodall Spa
 - 11 Jun **Society of Chartered Surveyors Golf Outing**, Woodbrook Golf Course
 - Jun (TBC) **Shropshire Golf Challenge**
 - 25 Jun **18th London Clay Pigeon Competition** West Wycombe
 - 4 Sep **Annual Suffolk Challenge**, Shotley Peninsula
 - 9 Sep **Annual Corporate Golf Challenge**, Royal Wimbledon Golf Club
 - Sep (TBC) **East Mids RICS v RIBA golf**, Stanton On Wolds Golf Course
 - 23 Sep **RICS North of England Golf**, Rudding Park, Harrogate
 - 10 Nov **London Property Quiz**, Grange City Hotel, St Pauls
- ## 2011
- 21-29 Jul **English Channel Swim** by Hannah Noble
 - 26 Mar-4 Apr **RICS Machu Picchu Challenge**

Events menu. Bookings can be made by calling John Huff at Motorsport World on 01992 451170 or by email - johnh@rye-house.co.uk. If you have any queries regarding the event please contact Richard Green, Land Manager, Hopkins Homes Limited DDI: 01394 446922, mobile: 07766 306672, email richard.green@hopkinshomes.co.uk or rjg@gmx.com.

18th Annual London PROPERTY QUIZ

Wednesday 10 November 2010
Grange St Paul's Hotel, London EC4

An annual event to raise money for LionHeart, the charity for RICS members and their families

Come and join in the fun – it'll be out of this world

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