

MARSH

News Release

MARSH COLLEAGUES RAISE £16,000 IN SUFFOLK TREK

NORWICH, 17 OCTOBER 2005 - Over 320 employees from Marsh, the world's leading risk and insurance services firm, took part in the '76 Club Walk' fundraising walking event in Suffolk on Saturday 17th September.

The teams, from all over the UK, raised over £16,000 in total, with £13,000 being donated to Marsh's national Charity of the Year, the Alzheimer's Society, and the remaining £3,000 to the firm's Charity of the Year in Norwich, Marie Curie Cancer Care, and the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

The 76 Club Walk is an annual one-day walking event for company employees in teams of four. The event is hosted by various Marsh offices across the UK and is a challenge involving planning, problem solving, navigational skills, stamina and comradeship.

The location varies from year to year, most often within different areas of natural beauty. Teams are expected to establish the whereabouts of checkpoints, plan their routes and then navigate these on foot to gain the maximum points that they can.

The inaugural walk was held in 1978 when around 20 Teams tackled the 42 mile Lyke Wake Walk in Cleveland. By 1999, the event had grown 10 fold with over 200 teams entering to compete in the Yorkshire Dales. Past locations have covered a wide variety of the National Parks of England and Wales.

This year's event was organised by colleagues at the Norwich office on Queens Road and took place in the Rendlesham Forest area of the Suffolk Heritage coast, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Commenting on this year's event, Chris Scrivner, Managing Director of the Risk Management Practice at Marsh in Norwich said:

“This year was a very successful event involving a high number of colleagues and the fundraising element was exceptional. I would like to congratulate the winners and the organising committee in Norwich and we hoped our colleagues across the UK enjoyed the opportunity to view what the East of England has to offer.”

-ends-

Notes to editors:

About Marsh

Marsh is the world's leading risk and insurance services firm. It provides risk management and insurance services and includes the total selection of services to identify, value, control, transfer and finance risk for clients ranging in size from multi-nationals to small commercial and private businesses in the UK. Marsh is committed to the well being of the communities within which it operates, and works with organisations to address some of the more difficult social issues. Marsh's website address is www.marsh.com

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Provides the broadest range of services in the cancer care field. Primarily the charity provides high quality nursing, totally free, to give terminally ill people the choice of dying at home supported by their families. In addition to the nursing care for the patient, Marie Curie Nurses are also there to give emotional support and advice to the family.

Our ten hospices across the UK offer day care facilities and home care visits so patients can continue living at home as long as they are able. All our nurses, doctors and healthcare staff are trained to give the very best in palliative care and through a wide range of education programmes this expertise is shared with other healthcare professionals.

In addition to caring for cancer patients and their families, the charity is also researching the disease on two fronts. One of our research teams is looking at ways of improving quality of life for today's patients, studying a range of topics from the side effects of drugs to the uses of complementary therapies. At the same time, scientists at the world-renowned Marie Curie Research Institute are looking at the causes and treatments of cancer.

Locally our Nursing Team operating out of Norwich work in the Primary Care Trusts that cover the City, Broadland, South Norfolk, Great Yarmouth and Waveney, while Marie Curie Cancer Care funds are provided for the services that currently operate in North Norfolk and West Norfolk.

Around 10,000 nursing hours are currently being worked each year by Marie Curie nurses in Norfolk with a typical 9 hour shift costing around £180.

Nationally the charity is able to care for around 25% of the people who choose to die at home.

For further information please contact:

Carol Plunkett – Tel: 01603 207 539; E-mail: carol.plunkett@marsh.com

Eileen Mercer – Tel: 07990 802830, E-mail: eileen.mercer@marsh.com

This e-mail has been sent to you because you are on our press contact list, however if you no longer wish to receive such information from us, please advise us: eileen.mercer@marsh.com