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Over £34,000 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support by Marshalls Miles for Macmillan challenge

More used to walking on their own paving than through muddy fields, last week eight Marshalls Directors completed a gruelling 26-mile sponsored walk in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

With their focus firmly on raising as much as possible for the charity, the Directors took a challenging route from the Marshalls quarry at Ramsbottom, Lancashire, to Head Office in Elland in Yorkshire. Through fields, down country lanes and over many steep hills, the team were spurred on by the rising donations from colleagues, suppliers, partners and customers.

The marathon challenge has raised over £17,000 in online and offline donations for Macmillan

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Cancer Support – the sum has been matched by Marshalls themselves, bringing the total to £34,000 to date. This figure will pay for over 1,000 hours of nursing care.

Speaking from the finish line, Peter Hallit, Group Trading Director, said: "It's been great to take part in the Miles for Macmillan challenge; luckily we had good weather and we even finished ahead of schedule. Macmillan Cancer Support is a fantastic charity which means a lot to many of us. We launched our two year charity partnership with them in March and our goal is to raise over £200,000 in that time."

Jenny Bull, Corporate Partnership Manager, Macmillan Cancer Support said; "We're thrilled that the Marshalls Executive team have taken on this epic challenge in aid of Macmillan. We cannot thank them enough for their incredible efforts. The money they have raised will fund over 1,000 hours of vital nursing care hours from our Macmillan nurses, providing physical, financial and emotional support to people living with cancer."

Every two minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with cancer. There are 2.5 million people living with cancer in the UK today, and this is set to rise to 4 million in the next ten years. Macmillan Cancer Support is the UK's leading cancer support charity giving personal, one to one care and support to thousands of people every day. Almost entirely funded by donations, they simply cannot support the growing number of people who need them. Macmillan have a huge task on their hands to ensure they fulfil their ambition to help everyone living with cancer. To give, fundraise or volunteer call 0300 1000 200 or visit macmillan.org.uk.

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Notes to Editors

- Photo caption –Group Trading Director Peter Hallitt and Manufacturing Director Simon Bourne leading the way on arrival at Marshalls Head Office
- **Marshalls** is the UK's leading hard landscaping manufacturer and has supplied some of the most prestigious landmarks in the UK with hard landscaping solutions since the 1880's. Marshalls strives to improve environments for everyone by creating integrated landscapes that promote well-being, use fairly traded stone, provides products that alleviate flood risks, to creating innovative protective landscape furniture. Our full website is available at www.marshalls.co.uk

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