

Over the course of the years individuals from the firm have undertaken a lot of fundraising for charities that are close to them.

Running for Niamh

Runners from Shipleys recently raced in the Fleet Half Marathon helping to raise nearly £5,500 for Matthew's Friends – a charity which promotes awareness of special diets for children with severe epilepsy.

Steve Foster (who also ran the London Marathon), Natalie Birchill, Francesca Rowan, Conrad Beighton, Rob Smailes and Brooke Overton-Yorke all took part in memory of Shipleys senior manager Alison Maguire's daughter Niamh who was helped by the charity. The diet stopped Niamh from having literally hundreds of seizures over three and half years. Sadly she had other health issues and passed away before she was five years old,

but the quality of her short life was much improved.
www.niamhsjourney.com



The Inca Trail

This summer previous managing partner Guy Fisher and client David Skinner did a charity walk with a difference. In aid of the National Deaf Children's Society they undertook a four day walk in Peru, to the ancient Inca city of Manchu Picchu.

The group of forty spent two days at Cusco, at 10,000 feet, to acclimatise themselves for the expedition. They then set out for the walk, with a team of porters carrying tents and equipment, following the old Inca paved tracks and steps.

On the final morning they started out at 4.30am and walked in darkness to the famous Sun Gate to watch a spectacular dawn break over Machu Picchu, before walking into the ruined city.

The expedition raised £60,000 for the National Deaf Children's Society. Guy's share of that was more than £3,000 (and he's still accepting contributions!).

Help a London Child

After a 'very enjoyable' evening in a local wine bar with friends from client firm Forsters, the specialist property lawyers, Shipleys principal Simon Evans found that he had agreed to join them on a ten kilometre run in aid of Help a London Child in July, as part of the BUPA Great Capital Run in Hyde Park. Simon later managed to recruit four colleagues from London office to run with him: James Eyre, Neil Barry, James Braganza and Liam Waters.

The Shipleys runners have been sponsored by the firm, but if you would like to sponsor any or all of the runners retrospectively they would be delighted to hear from you. Please e-mail evanss@shipleys.com



On their bikes from London to Brighton

AGN Shipleys tax partner Mike Lockett and Business Development Director Stuart Dey will be on their bikes again on Sunday 20 June, taking part in the London to Brighton Bike Ride in support of the British Heart Foundation, which plays a leading role in the fight against heart disease so that it will no longer be a major cause of disability and premature death.



Both Mike (above, left) and Stuart are experienced and enthusiastic mountain bike riders, and have taken part in many previous charity events, including rides to Paris and Amsterdam, so they are not anticipating any problems with the 58 miles from Clapham Common to Brighton.

27,000 riders are expected to take part in this popular annual event, which is always held on Fathers' Day.

Peter Hollins, Director General of the British Heart Foundation, who will also be doing the ride, commented: "We have made enormous progress in the fight against heart disease, progress made possible by volunteers such as Mike and Stuart. We are delighted to have their support."

If you would like to sponsor Mike or Stuart (or both!) for this ride they would be very pleased to hear from you:

Mike, telephone 01483 423607,
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Stuart, telephone 020 7312 6528,
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Sporting Challenge

Chris Evans, audit manager at our London office, completed his second London Marathon this year - 15 years after his first one! - and raised almost £500 for Whizz Kids.

Chris is now going on to lead the AGN Shipleys veteran 'A' team for the fifth time in this year's Three Peaks Challenge to climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon - the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales - in less than 24 hours on 27/28 June. Carlos Fernandez, audit senior at our London office who has completed the Challenge once before, will lead the AGN Shipleys 'B' team which, apart from himself, is comprised of novices at this event.

Both teams will be raising money for Whizz Kids. If you would like to join the partners and staff of AGN Shipleys in sponsoring either or both of our intrepid teams you will find a sponsorship form on our website at www.agnshipleys.com or you can obtain one by calling Chris Evans on 020 7312 6560.

Sporting success

Congratulations to the members of the two AGN Shipleys teams which were both successful in this year's Three Peaks Challenge to climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in less than 24 hours.

The veteran A team won a Silver Award for finishing in less than 22 hours, with a total time of 21:41. The members of the B team who, except for their leader, were novices at this event, gained a Bronze Award for finishing in less than 24 hours, with a total time of 23:46.

Sponsorship for the teams, both from AGN Shipleys and from clients and friends, raised more than £2,000 for the children's charity Whizz-Kids.

Marathon Man



Congratulations to Eranda Wickramasinghe, a student at our London office, who completed his fourth London Marathon in 3 hours 46 minutes 26 seconds, and raised almost £1,000 for Teardrop Relief, a charity which helps children in Sri Lanka who were orphaned by the Boxing Day tsunami.

Toy Story 3

AGN Shipleys staff, their families and friends, did a lot of their Christmas shopping at Boots last year. We know this because they managed to collect 630 vouchers to exchange for a variety of 63 fluffy toys, which were donated as Christmas presents for children at Great Ormond Street Hospital and Keech Cottage Children's Hospice at Streetly, near Luton.



The story began three years ago when Penny Brockhurst (pictured above), a tax manager at our London office, collected enough Boots vouchers on her own to claim six fluffy toys, and donated them to the self-funded Keech Cottage Children's Hospice near her home. The delighted response from the Hospice encouraged Penny to collect vouchers again the next year, and to ask some of her colleagues to help, and they managed to increase that year's total to 21 toys.

In 2004 Penny's initiative was taken up enthusiastically across the firm, and the combined effort enabled Penny to claim 63 toys. This year's range were all Warner cartoon characters, and included Bugs Bunny, Sylvester, Daffy Duck and Tweety Pie.

"It just seems such an obvious and easy way to give pleasure to less fortunate children at Christmas" says Penny (modestly ignoring her own organisational, collection and delivery efforts). "Both the Hospice and the Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity were very grateful for the gifts, and if Boots runs a voucher scheme this year I shall definitely do it again."

Adrian Savery, Mark Michel, Mark Nicholls, Matt Brown and Neil Dawson took part in a sponsored cycle ride from London to Paris in just 24 hours - a 200 mile journey which would typically be a 3-4-day cycle ride for many experienced cyclists, so attempting it in one day was a real challenge!



Leaving Big Ben at 5pm on the 5th April 2012 they caught the 10:30pm Ferry from Newhaven arriving in Dieppe at 2:30am. From there they set straight off into the dark through the plains of Northern France in an attempt to ride to the Champs-Elysees, Paris before 5pm. Fueled by baguettes, croissants and accountancy jokes they made it!

