



Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed our first edition of LiveWire in December last year and trust everyone had a happy and safe holiday period feeling fresh and rejuvenated to take on 2017.

We look forward to working with you all for another successful year helping the electrical industry when times are tough. The charity kicked off 2017 off with a bang by climbing the tallest free standing mountain on earth- Mt Kilimanjaro! With the trek done and dusted we are very excited to share with you their stories and feedback enclosed within this newsletter.

Tessa Ogle, Managing Director
Electrical Industries Charity

Did you see?

Edition 01

Our first issue of LiveWire released December 2016.

Are you prepared for retirement?

Many of us don't put much thought and planning into our retirement, but for many people retirement means a reduced income, where simple tasks such as paying household bills, unexpected expenses and replacing a broken appliance may become a struggle. In the UK there are 1.3 million individuals who work or have worked in the electrical and energy related sectors, of which 50,000 are pensioners and need help with day to day expenses.

To help retired colleagues in our industry, we have set up the Pensioner Support Programme (PSP) which provides support to individuals and their families with issues including financial, emotional, health and family issues. Individuals adopting the programme can receive support with services including Will writing assistance, legal advice, telephone counselling, debt advice, support for carers, financial assistance and grants.

Don't let yourself struggle later in life, prepare for the future by giving some serious thought to the Pensioner Support Programme and ensure that you can have the happy and secure retired life you deserve. Businesses adopting the PSP can reach out to their retired colleagues in need, often providing a vital community connection that can be lost in retirement.

Adopt our free programme today: call us on **0203 696 1710**; or email business@electricalcharity.org, all services provided by the EIC and our partner organisations remain free and confidential.



Client Story

Alan Northcott worked in electronics testing and assembly, but was forced to give up work when caring for his son became more challenging and his wife, Linda, was unable to manage him alone. Nicky, aged 38, has severe learning disabilities. He was born profoundly deaf, has no speech, is incontinent, epileptic, and severely autistic. In addition, Nicky has recently been diagnosed with a blood complaint which necessitates regular injections in hospital further complicating his care.

Alan and Linda are in their 60s, and in poor health themselves, with high blood pressure, angina and arthritis. They are unable to have holidays alone, because Nicky cannot be left with strangers, as he becomes very distressed and agitated, which can quickly turn to violence when he is frightened.

The charity granted a respite break to the family which enabled them to recharge their batteries and enjoy different scenery in a location that had facilities to cater for Nicky's needs. For Alan and Linda this makes all the difference to their family and has given them the respite they need to fight through another year.

Mt Kilimanjaro

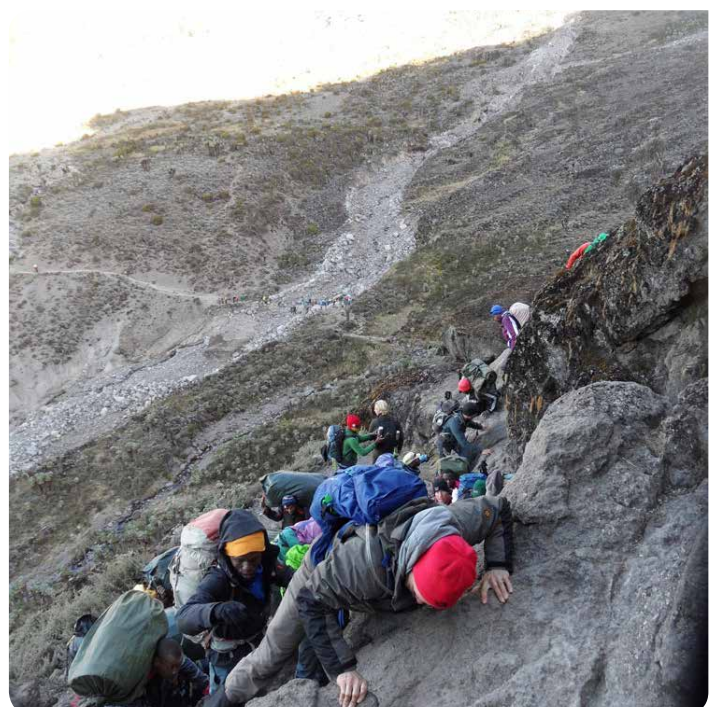
What an amazing achievement to say you have climbed the tallest free standing mountain on earth with an elevation of 5,895 metres above sea level, located in Tanzania, Africa. Eight brave individuals set themselves up for the challenge of a lifetime to help one particular family who lost their father, electrician Christopher Hendrie to a rare form of cancer in just 9 weeks. Andrew Dykes, Senior Estimator of SES Engineering Services Ltd, explained to us pre-trip why he embarked on this trek "I have taken on this challenge as I know that we all sometimes need help and support through difficult times in our lives. On this occasion, the Hendrie family need the support of others to give hope to the family and create a better brighter future."

Want to know how it went? A couple of climbers have shared their experiences in words for you.

Johanne Stimson "An amazing experience that I enjoyed every single second-of-my life will never be the same. The trip has showed me I can be massively determined and motivated to see something through, my passion and stubbornness help me to do my 100% best."

Denise Hillier "What an experience! A real adventure that has been life changing. I have new confidence in myself and my ability. I met some of the kindest and bravest people ever ... Summit night- I cried- I laughed- I swore a lot- I talked to myself-and I talked to my dad. But most of all, I realised what is possible with dedication and determination."

Thanks to our climbers we have so far raised over £80,000 towards the £100,000 target, congratulate them on their efforts today by donating [here](#).





Virgin London Marathon

Melanie Dean will be running on behalf of the Electrical Industries Charity at this year's Virgin London Marathon 2017. Mel was introduced to the Electrical Industries Charity by her partner after he attended one of our fundraising events, she explained to us that "it reminded me of an incident that happened at my factory where I worked a couple of years ago. A young contractor was on site and was fatally electrocuted. He was only in his mid-20s with a young family and that family had lost their dad and husband. I remember thinking at the time how tragic it was and how I hoped the family would be supported". Mel jumped at the opportunity to help fundraise for the EIC "everyone knows about big charities but I think it is important to support the less well known charities too, particularly when they offer something unique".

Mel is a step-mother to two and a mother to a three-year-old, since having a baby Mel was motivated to start running and felt the London Marathon was the perfect goal. After running the marathon for the first time last year and becoming injured during training she is now motivated to beat her time last year "I'm very proud of myself but there is a little niggle inside saying 'you can do better'". This year she is focussing on not overdoing it "I ran the colour run in September to kick off training (see picture with strange coloured moustache). I'm doing a run/walk training plan so I minimise injury." We love Mel's life motto 'carpe diem'-seize the day, you never know what's going to happen tomorrow. So far she has fundraised £1,100 through eBay sales, cakes sales and even attending industry expos but has expressed that the final £500 will be her biggest challenge as all her family and friends have now donated. Can you help us by helping Mel achieve her target?

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Let us also introduce you to the following 7 London Marathon runners who will also be running on behalf of the charity. With just £1 you could make a huge difference to our EIC programmes and change the lives of many families.

Eleena Psomadakis, Bruno Seguin and Phillipe Guerin from Vinci Energies have decided that as a collective they would raise over £5200 for the charity. So far they have managed to raise £4000. With your support let's see them get over the line with just another £1000 to go.

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Tom Panton from Spring Electrical chose the Electrical Industries Charity as his late grandfather, who sadly passed away last year was a great advocate of the charity. Tom's grandfather founded Spring Electrical! So let's support Tom on his quest to raise money.

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Neville Pellatt works for Schneider Electric, he is passionate about his industry and wants to make sure that word is spread about the Electrical Industries Charity. Neville has already raised £810, with your help you could get help him reach another £940.

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James Lawrence is a young electrician and surveyor working for GW and E Wright Electrical Contractors in Kent. He chose to run on behalf of the Electrical Industries Charity as he believes it is important to support our programmes and provide apprentices, pensioners, families and employees with support when needed. Get behind James on his mission to spread the word about the charity and help him raise funds that will go towards our programmes.

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Mike Allen from Solution Rail Ltd. has chosen to run for the Electrical Industries Charity as he believes that all workers, families, pensioners and apprentices in the electrical industry deserve to be supported.

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Head Office Updates

Migrating to us from New Zealand is Eden Persad our newest member of the team, after studying a Bachelor of Design he has worked in numerous design roles for promotional and events companies. Eden has come on board as our in-house graphic designer to help with our ever increasing demand for events by bringing charity materials to life through digital and print concepts.



Special thanks...

Thank you to all donations made in the last financial quarter from the following: Kevin Rolfe from Twelve Electric Club, Bob Plaster from Edmundson E&F, Sue East from Highway Electrical Association, David Scotford from SSE Group Employees and Pensioners, Jim McArthur, Denise Hillier from Spring Electrical, Andy Mitchell from Circle Control & Design Systems Ltd, Joanne Whitfield from Weir & McQuiston (Scot) Ltd, Philip Fagg from ECA Maidstone and East Kent Branch, Ravi Sood from Countrywide Electrical Distributors, Tom Welch from ECA Birmingham, Ben Lyne from ECA North East Regional, ECA Eastbourne and Mr and Mrs J A M.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all, especially those who continuously and generously donate. The EIC is a national charity with an ongoing mission to look after our community. Thank you for supporting your industry's charity!

Power Lottery

For every £1 you pledge EIC will allocate a number unique to you for entry into a monthly prize draw. By signing up to play, your £1 entry helps the Electrical Industries Charity, so we can support our industry community.

OUR LUCKY WINNERS - DECEMBER 2016

1ST PRIZE - £1,000 G Wright
2ND PRIZE - £500 PJ Walsh, MM Islam
3RD PRIZE - £250 TF Oliver, JE Crayman-Smith, J Nicholson
4TH PRIZE - £100 MP Kenyon, K Jones, MT Simpson, J Barren
5TH PRIZE - £50 DKE Shaylor, AS Watkinson, WA Smith, RJ Jordan, CE Davis

OUR LUCKY WINNERS- JANUARY 2017

1ST PRIZE - £1,000 M Robertson
2ND PRIZE - £500 Mr Pearson, NE McMurray
3RD PRIZE - £250 P Fisher, WB Penberth, L Stenton
4TH PRIZE - £100 RC Piper, D Walker, FR Ensell, AP Dawson
5TH PRIZE - £50 P Wood, AJ Kitley, JH Bardwell, JM Robertson, LB Rogers

PLAY TODAY

Competition Time

Here at the charity we are all about giving back and providing a helping hand where needed. We are eternally grateful for your continued support so to say thank you we would like to give away a prize to one lucky reader. Simply tell us what does PSP stand for? Email your answer to charlotte.laurent@electricalcharity.org first correct answer will take home the prize.

Our congratulations go out to Catherine Hurman from Prysmian Group who was our December winner.



Did You Know?

The first street in the world to be lit by electric light bulbs was Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, in 1879.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

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| Southern | Spring Ball | 21 April |  |
| London | Virgin London Marathon | 23 April |    |
| Central | Dragon Boat Race | 6 May |   |
| Midlands | Aston Wood Golf Day | 10 May |  |
| Tyne & Wear | Summer Lunch | 7 June |  |
| Gloucester | Golf Day | 15 June |  |
| London | Beach Volleyball | 29 June |   |
| Yorkshire | Golf Day | 7 July |  |
| London | Fishing Day | 12 July |  |
| Southern | Golf Day (Goodwood) | 18 July |  |
| Midlands | Stoneleigh Golf Day | 13 September |  |
| Eastern | Golf Day | 19 September |  |
| Central | National Golf Championship | 28 September |   |
| Southern | Golf Day 2 | 12 September |  |
| Yorkshire | Annual Ball | 20 October |  |
| Gloucester | Annual Ball | 3 November |  |
| London | powerBall2017 | 10 November |    |
| Tyne & Wear | Christmas Lunch | 1 December |  |
| Scotland | Glasgow Christmas Lunch | 6 December |  |
| Yorkshire | Christmas Lunch | 8 December |  |
| Midlands | Christmas Gala | 9 December |  |
| Scotland | Edinburgh Christmas Lunch | 14 December |  |

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