

## Fellowes UK Staff all set for the Trailwalker Challenge



The office products industry has its fair share of challenges, but for a group of colleagues representing Fellowes Brands the challenge will be a gruelling one, as they embark upon a 30-hour endurance event in an effort to raise £10,000 for Oxfam and The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Trailwalker 2019 is a challenge to walk, jog or run 100km non-stop across the South Downs Way in under 30 hours in a team of four, with a support crew of two members to help participants get over the finish line. The route starts near Petersfield in Hampshire and ends on Brighton Racecourse.

Under the aptly named *Good Fellowes* and *Fellowship of the Trail*, the two Fellowes teams comprise employees from the sales, marketing, IT, production and customer services departments – as well as a couple of friends and associates.

In preparation for their Trailwalker 2019 challenge, the Fellowes teams have been following a disciplined training regime over the last few months. Weekends have been spent trampling the gorse and heather-clad hills of the Peak District; whilst several weekday lunchtimes have seen wraps and baguettes being replaced by power walking on the pathways and nature trail close to Fellowes Brands' European headquarters at Doncaster's iPort business park.

Commenting in advance of his colleagues' cross-country trek, Fellowes UK & Ireland Sales & Marketing Director, Darryl Brunt, said: "We may be a global brand, but we are also a 4<sup>th</sup> generation family-run business with a long-term commitment to supporting worthy charities and improving

people's lives through our corporate *GIVE* initiative. I'm very proud of the Fellowes teams competing in the Trailwalker Challenge for dedicating their time and energies to raise money for such good causes."

Trailwalker 2019 starts at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, near Petersfield on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September and finishes at Brighton Racecourse on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

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#### **About Fellowes Brands**

Fellowes Brands is a global manufacturer of market-leading products for improving life at work, in the home and on the go. These include shredders, laminators, binders, storage boxes, workspace wellbeing solutions and air purifiers. For more information, visit: [www.fellowes.com](http://www.fellowes.com)

#### **History of Trailwalker**

Exercise TRAILWALKER started out as a military training exercise in Hong Kong in 1981. Organised by the Queen's Gurkha Signals, and taking place along the famous Maclehose Trail, the exercise sought to test the endurance and teamwork of soldiers of the Queen's Gurkha Signals over a long and arduous course. In 1986, Trailwalker was opened to civilian participation for the first time, and now, following the move of the Queen's Gurkha Signals to the UK, the 100k event takes place across the South Downs, with hundreds of civilians setting off alongside the Gurkhas. For more information, visit: [www.oxfamapps.org/trailwalker](http://www.oxfamapps.org/trailwalker)