

## News release

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### Solicitors towing the path for charity

Legal eagles from Tewkesbury and Pershore are turning charity trekkers next month for a 21 mile towpath challenge in aid of St Richard's Hospice.

The team of seven from Tewkesbury and Pershore-based solicitors Thomson and Bancks LLP, are currently raising sponsorship for the circular Waterways Walk to help support the Hospice.

The team will be led by Legal Executives Jemma O'Connor and Chrys Wall from the Pershore office. Taking the role of 'top dog' for the day will be Milly, Jemma's 16 month old Patterdale Terrier, who has also pledged to put her best paw forward for the cause.

Jemma, who works in the firm's private client department, has organised the team entry in memory of her grandmother Mrs Ann Crump, from Evesham, who died of cancer in June last year, aged 69.

Jemma said: "I was very close to my grandma and when I saw the Waterways Walk advertised for St Richard's Hospice, I thought it would be good to do something positive in her memory. I mentioned it to Chrys and a few colleagues here and as St Richard's is our nominated company charity, we decided to give it a go. We are all getting individual sponsorship, but will donate the total as a whole on behalf of Thomson & Bancks LLP."

Other colleagues signed up for the Waterways Walk, include Liz Hughes and Vivien Taylor, from the Pershore office and David Bloxham and Mariana Von Benzon from the Tewkesbury office and Lynda Kaye, who works at both offices.

Both Jemma and Chrys are doing the entire 21 mile route which starts and ends at Droitwich and will include beautiful towpaths and riverside footpaths, taking walkers along the Droitwich Canal, the River Severn and the Worcester-Birmingham canal past a staggering 41 locks.

Jemma said: "Weather permitting it should be a really good day. It's going to be a lot of walking – but at least its flat!"

Footie-fans from Thomson & Bancks LLP recently netted £32 in a charity World Cup sweepstake, which will be added to the Hospice proceeds.