

# Charity paraglider triples personal record while raising over £1K for blood cancer charity

Determined sales executive, Stephen Groundwell, from Netmetix in Coventry managed to travel an astounding 60.5 miles in a charity paraglide, doubling his target and tripling his personal best.

Stephen was up at the crack of dawn and took off for flight at 8.30 am on Thursday 29th September from the Mam Tor hill in Derbyshire. While many enjoyed the September heat wave from land, Stephen spent 7 ½ hours soaring Derbyshire's sunny skies in aid of blood cancer sufferers across the UK.

Many have supported Stephen in his cause and he has raised in excess of £1,000 towards Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research charity, helping to find better treatments and cures for all blood cancers.

When Stephen is not airborne and raising funds for worthwhile causes he is the team leader for Cloudmetix, which is a new cloud computing solution provided by Coventry IT Company, Netmetix. Cloudmetix have supported Stephen throughout his latest venture.

Stephen had originally attempted the paraglide two weeks earlier but winds were minimal restricting him from flying the glider successfully. However this fuelled his determination as he refused to submit the 8km he traveled and took to the skies again in a bid to achieve a more successful distance.

With only 2 years experience of paragliding, Stephen did extremely well to triple his personal record of 20 miles. He said: "The whole day was brilliant. I'm really happy with my success and the contribution that has been raised is fantastic. If the money I have raised can help towards saving the lives of others then it has all been worthwhile as this is a cause close to the hearts of both myself and my Managing Director, Paul Blore."

Kate White, Director of Fundraising at Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research said: "We would like to congratulate Stephen as it's a big challenge to have completed. All the money raised will go towards our vital research into better treatments and cures for blood cancers including leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma."

If you would still like to donate towards the cause you can do this at Stephen's personal Just Giving site via the following url: <http://www.justgiving.com/cloudmetix> or email him directly with the amount you would like to donate at [stephen.groundwell@netmetix.net](mailto:stephen.groundwell@netmetix.net)

Denise Taylor, Bridge PR on tel: 024 76 520025, email: [denise@bridgepr.co.uk](mailto:denise@bridgepr.co.uk)

Paul Blore, Netmetix on tel: 024 7640 8100, email [paul.blore@netmetix.net](mailto:paul.blore@netmetix.net).