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### **Gregor and Andrew conquer the Southern Upland Way for RSABI**

Two walkers, Gregor Caldwell and Andrew Leggate, completed the 210 mile Southern Upland Way on 9<sup>th</sup> June in just 12 days to raise much needed funds for Scotland's rural charity, RSABI, supporting people in Scottish agriculture.

The challenge, sponsored and supported by SP Energy Networks and route sponsors Davidson & Robertson, saw over 135 people join Gregor and Andrew to walk various daily sections of the 210 mile walk across Southern Scotland.

The epic coast to coast journey began in Portpatrick and finished in Cockburnspath.

Gregor had this to say about achieving the rigorous 210 mile walk:

“This was a long walk but I'm fortunate to be physically fit and I had a big team around me offering a huge amount of support in every sense of the word. The real challenge is for hard working people facing up to tough times and everything that life throws at them. The real purpose of this event was to make sure we all let them know there's a helping hand out there.”

Whilst the physical challenge has been achieved, the fundraising challenge is not yet over having raised in excess of £10,000 so far. Donations can still be made at

[www.virginmoneygiving.com/GregorCaldwell](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/GregorCaldwell)

RSABI's Jill Sloan who organized the event, said:

“Huge congratulations to Gregor and Andrew who encountered every weather condition, including blistering heat on occasion, and continued to walk cheerily onwards. We were also delighted to welcome over 135 walkers from all across our rural community who gave up a day to walk with and support Gregor and Andrew along the WAY. They have all done their bit to raise important funds.

Johan Gillespie, SP Energy Networks, who presented Gregor and Andrew with a commemorative prize at the finish commented:

“SP Energy Networks are proud to be the headline sponsor of this fantastic event for RSABI. The Southern Upland Way18 will raise essential funds that help so many people throughout rural Scotland. It was a great event and Gregor and Andrew’s feat of walking 210 miles was a fantastic achievement.”

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**Notes to Editors:**

- Those looking to donate can do so at [www.virginmoneygiving.com/GregorCaldwell](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/GregorCaldwell) or by calling the event hotline on 0300 111 4166
- More about the event, including the route card and overviews of each of the days can be found at [www.rsabi.org.uk](http://www.rsabi.org.uk)  
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