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### **Gambling industry volunteers raise £46,000 for Responsible Gambling Trust**

Volunteers from across the gambling industry have trekked the Great Wall of China to raise £46,608 for the Responsible Gambling Trust (RGT). The trek was the third of RGT's annual fundraising expeditions which have raised more than £170,000 to help minimise gambling-related harm in Britain.

28 trekkers from the Bingo Association, Coronet Bingo Club, Coral Racing, Genting UK, Global Draw Limited and William Hill joined RGT chief executive Marc Etches in a 6 day 60 kilometre adventure.

Preparations are already underway for RGT's next fundraising trek, when a team of volunteers will attempt to reach the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in February 2016. Anybody interested in taking part can visit [www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/Kilimanjaro-Challenge-2016](http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/Kilimanjaro-Challenge-2016) or contact Alan Armstrong on 020 7287 1994 or [alan@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk](mailto:alan@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk).

### **Marc Etches, Chief Executive of the Responsible Gambling Trust, said:**

"The Great Wall of China Challenge and next year's ascent of Kilimanjaro help to raise money which will make a real difference to the lives of those assisted by the work of the Responsible Gambling Trust to minimise gambling-related harm. I was amongst the team who climbed to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro for the Responsible Gambling Trust's first fundraising expedition in 2013 and it was a truly inspiring and unforgettable challenge. I would encourage anybody who is up for the adventure to get in touch."

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

- The Responsible Gambling Trust is the leading charity in the UK committed to minimising gambling-related harm. As an independent national charity funded by donations from the gambling industry, the Responsible Gambling Trust funds education, prevention and treatment services and commissions research to broaden public understanding of gambling-related harm. The aim is to stop people getting into problems with their gambling, and ensure that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust raises a minimum of £5 million each year from the gambling industry operating in Britain within a voluntary (donation based) system and funds research, education, prevention and treatment services. Funding priorities are guided by the national strategy advised by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The latest strategy was published in December 2012.