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Volunteers raise £50,000 for Responsible Gambling Trust

The Responsible Gambling Trust has thanked volunteers who raised more than £50,000 for the charity on its latest fundraising expedition.

A team of 21 volunteers trekked the Sahara Desert in March to raise funds for the UK's leading problem gambling treatment charity. The volunteers aimed to raise more than £45,000 for the Responsible Gambling Trust, the UK's leading funder of research, education and treatment of problem gambling. They have so far raised £52,000 with donations still being made.

The Responsible Gambling Trust's annual fundraising expeditions have raised more than £120,000 since they began in 2013. Next year volunteers will travel to China to trek the Great Wall.

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

"We are enormously grateful to everybody who took part in the Sahara trek and everybody who supported them with donations. As a charity we rely on donations to fund our work to minimise gambling-related harm. These expeditions are an important part of the mix and really demonstrate that individuals working in the gambling industry care about this cause. I hope this success will encourage people to join us on our Chinese trek next year."

Anybody interested in taking part in the RGT's Great Wall of China challenge can visit <http://www.charitychallenge.com/expedition/2083/Great-Wall-Discovery> or contact Alan Armstrong on 020 7287 1994 or Alan@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk.

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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 £5million 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.