

Edinburgh cyclists to start fundraising trip today

A team of local Edinburgh men are set to complete a 150 mile cycling challenge this weekend to raise £5000 for charity. Michael Pratt, who lives in Cramond, and seven of his friends aim to complete the ambitious challenge over 2 days in just 15 hours for Macmillan Cancer Support. The event will start on Friday 10th August at the Cairngorms , and will take them through Rothiemurchus and Perthshire before finishing on Saturday 11th August in Aberfoyle.

Michael, a married father of two, has previously walked 54 miles with friends in the 2010 *Caledonia Challenge* and took part in the Rob Roy Challenge last year. However, this time round has greater personal significance as he has been closely affected by cancer. The 38 year Project Manager said: "When someone close to you tells you they have cancer, you feel helpless. Something I feel I can do is support a charity that provides the help people affected by cancer need."

His mother, Kate Pratt, 67, who currently has secondary Cancer, has influenced Michael's decision to raise funds for Macmillan due to the support they provide at Edinburgh's Western General.

Visit: <http://www.justgiving.com/Mike-Pratt1>