Employees saddle up to raise WaterAid cash in memory of colleague

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Bob Wilson

Scottish Water employees are being asked to saddle up to raise money for the charity WaterAid in memory of their colleague, Bob Wilson.

Bob, of Trinity in Edinburgh, died suddenly in April 2016, aged 47. He was a keen cyclist so his friends, family and colleagues decided to organise a charity bike ride to raise money for his favourite charity WaterAid which is Scottish Water's charity of choice.

It helps provide safe drinking water and better sanitation for some of the poorest communities in Africa and Asia.

Bob's widow, Dr Dee Torrance, who has two children, Beccy, 21, and Angus, 16, initially planned to raise £900 using a JustGiving page but the amount soared to £13,000.

They plan to cycle between all of Scottish Water's offices from Inverness to Edinburgh between August 19 and 26.

Dee said: "WaterAid was close to Bob's heart so when he died suddenly and we were trying to make sense of our loss, it seemed fitting to raise money for WaterAid.

"It's amazing that we have all pulled together to remember Bob in such a positive way. Knowing that we've achieved a lasting legacy to Bob's life does help.

"So too, does knowing that we are all thinking of him and sharing in our grief – colleagues, friends and family together."