



Stuart and Andrea Keys live in Throckley, near Newcastle (Photo: Newcastle Chronicle)

DRILLING COMMUNITY PULLS TOGETHER

The third entry into this month's magazine is a charity appeal in aid of the Freeman Hospital Renal Unit - a cause close to the heart of a number of the UK's cable percussion drillers following one loving driller's sacrifice for the benefit of his wife.

A UK-based cable percussion driller, Stuart Keys is courageously donating one of his kidneys in a 'four-way kidney swap' in order for his wife Andrea to receive the kidney transplant that she desperately needs to return their life back to normality.

The exchange will see eight patients go under the knife in a

series of interlinked operations - performed in a single day at four different hospitals, with four organ donors and four recipients.

To show solidarity with their fellow driller, a charity drive and collection has been organised by a number of UK cable percussion site operatives.

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As part of this drive, John Rodgman, Director of drilling firm Borehole Solutions Ltd, recently climbed Mount Snowdon with a drilling tool on his back. Stuart himself will then repeat the walk to fetch the tool, together with a charity

team, after raising over £5,000 in aid of the Ward where his wife is receiving treatment.

Stuart and Andrea's strength through adversity, along with the drilling community's tremendous sense of brotherhood, has resulted in a tremendous effort and superb cause being given due attention. ■

theGeotechnica encourages anyone interested in supporting this worthy charity effort to make a donation via the link below:

<http://m.virginmoneygiving.com/mt/uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/displaySomeoneSpecialPage.action?pageUrl=StuartAndrea>



Driller John Rodgman atop of Mount Snowdon. (Photo: John Rodgman - LinkedIn)