

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **MILE HIGH – HOCKEY TEAM PREPARES FOR A MILLION MILE CHALLENGE**

A HOCKEY team from Abergavenny is taking the first few steps of a million miles – to help fight cancer in Wales.

The Abergavenny Hockey Club has signed up to the ‘Million Mile Challenge’ – a Cancer Research Wales fundraising initiative designed to get the people of Wales on the move, and raise a million pounds to fund vital research.

Cancer Research Wales is asking for a pound in sponsorship money for every mile completed to help them reach their target.

The Abergavenny team will be wearing pedometers at a charity match between the first and second teams this Saturday (MARCH 25) at Abergavenny Leisure Centre – and hope to raise more than £2000 for the charity through sponsorship.

Vice Captain of the team, Lewis Kirkham, 23, who works in Peacheys Chartered Accountants in Abergavenny, said: “We heard about the Million Mile Challenge and thought it was a great idea for a very good cause.

“It’s something that everyone can incorporate into their daily routine, through hobbies sport, or just walking an extra mile to work.”

The Million Mile Challenge is part of Cancer Research Wales’ 40th Anniversary celebrations, and will help to fund new research into developing a vaccine for prostate cancer.

Liz Andrews, fundraising assistant at Cancer Research Wales said: “This is a great start to the Million Mile Challenge. We are very grateful to Lewis and the team for their support, and would encourage other teams across Wales to follow their lead and ‘go the extra mile’.

“All the money raised will stay in Wales and help to fund potentially lifesaving research into the treatment and understanding of cancer.”

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## **Notes for editors**

- Cancer Research Wales was formed by a board of trustees in 1966.
- Cancer Research Wales has its headquarters at Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch, Cardiff.
- Cancer Research Wales is a separate charity from Velindre Hospital and Cancer Research UK.
- All money raised by Cancer Research Wales is spent in Wales
- The money also funds vital research projects, doctors and scientists in Welsh hospitals
- Cancer Research Wales also funds the only dedicated cancer library in Wales, at Velindre Hospital
- The charity's patrons include Nigel Walker and Huw Edwards
- The research team is headed by Professor Malcolm Mason
- Over £3 million has been raised by the charity in the last few years alone.

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