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Dstl raises £11,573 for Help for Heroes

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) handed a cheque of £11,573 to charity Help for Heroes (H4H) after staff from their sites at Porton Down, Fort Halstead, Portsmouth West and Alverstoke spent a week long charity drive in late July.

The cheque was presented by Brigid Rodgers, Dstl's head of Governance and Planning, to Fiona Gilbert, H4H's County Coordinator for Wiltshire, on Monday 9 November at Porton Down. Fiona said: "During the month of July the incredibly generous staff at Dstl raised an amazing £11,573 doing a wonderful array of fund raising events. To date H4H has risen over £31m and it's all down to people like the staff at Dstl. H4H is continually humbled by people's amazing efforts and generosity! Thank you Dstl!"

Staff raised the money through various activities such as taking part in The Three Peaks Challenge (climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Mount Snowdon within 24 hours), walking the 24-mile Yorkshire Three Peaks (Pen-y-Ghent, Wharfedale and Ingleborough Peaks within 12 hours), cake sales, raffles, selling H4H merchandise, ferret racing and one member of staff had her head shaved.

Dstl Charities Co-ordinator, Brenda Hinton, said: "Everyone across Dstl has made a marvellous fundraising contribution for a charity so closely connected with our work, a massive thank you to all those involved in organising a successful charity week for this worthy and highly important cause."

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