■ GETTING FIT – Ellie Wellman-Smith with Kieron Brace, Jon Telford, Andrew Hill, and Rob Ambidge

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Accountants take on fitness challenge

CHARTERED accountants at Moore Stephens in Corby have taken on the challenge of climbing 355,000 steps to raise money for charity.

The number crunching team will down tools at regular intervals during the working day between now and mid-July to climb aboard a step machine and until they reach their target.

Andrew Hill, a para-planner at the company, enjoyed taking part.

He said: "The whole company is taking part – there are about 12 of us here and we are all doing it.

"Our manager read in the paper that one of our clients had suffered from Battens disease and decided to raise some money for a charity that supports it.

"It is a big challenge, 355,000 steps is a lot but we will be doing it over time and it is all for a good cause."

Battens disease is an inherited disorder of the nervous system that begins in childhood.

It causes sufferers to go blind and suffer mental problems and is often fatal by the time the sufferer hits their 20s.

For further information about the disorder visit www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/batten.htm.