

A rally team sponsored by Appleby Westward Ltd has raised £15,000 after taking part in a trans-Saharan rally last month.

Team Sanddodgers - university friends Peter Laurie, Jonathan Farley and Gareth Wallace, was one of 300 cars competing in the 2007 Plymouth to Banjul Challenge, and the trio set out to raise £10,000 for Tearfund and MacMillan Cancer Support.

"We thought £10,000 seemed wildly ambitious, but at the final count we suspect we have raised just over £15,000, which is fantastic," said Peter.

The trio completed the challenge, run over 3,700 miles in 22 days, in a 1978 Saab 99 Turbo. Competing cars had to be bangers costing no more than £100, and the event started in Plymouth and ran through France, Spain, Gibraltar, Morocco, Western Sahara, Mauritania and Senegal, finishing in Zambia.

AWL Managing Director Ian Connell, a keen motorsport competitor himself, said: "We were delighted to be a sponsor for Team Sanddodgers and congratulate them for successfully completing this gruelling challenge."

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AWL Managing Director Ian Connell with the Sanddodgers