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RESPONDING TO A NEED

A managing director of response and planned maintenance firm Lovell Respond will cycle from coast to coast with his son in aid of charity. Steve Kirk and his 18-year-old son Curtis will set off on the 350-mile ride on 5 September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The first part of the journey will take in Whitehaven, in Cumbria, through the Lake District and the Pennines and finishing in Tynemouth. On the return trip, they will cycle the Reivers route through the English and Scottish borders before finishing back at Whitehaven. Lovell has donated £250 to the cause. To sponsor, visit www.justgiving.com/C2CKirk.



A WHOLE RAFT OF CHARITABLE WORK

Six employees from Burgess Architectural Products have taken part in the Wasperton to Stratford annual raft race. The team paddled the seven miles of water for three hours in their homemade raft and finished 24th out of 39. The event raised money for a number of charities including the Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

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Who would you most like to shoot with a paintball gun?

The van driver who opened his

door without looking while I was cycling alongside.

You're God for the day. What's the first thing you do?

Make capitalism work so that wealth is created, but managed so as poverty is eliminated and we have more social equality. Well, I am God!

If you could travel back in time to a period in history, what would it be and why?

Elizabethan period as I would have loved to have been an explorer seeing pristine landscapes and local communities for the first time.

Who or what are you enjoying listening to?

Rolling Stones - reissue of Exile on Main Street.

What unsolved mystery would you like the answers to?

Where else is there life, and what is it?

What would you take to a desert island and why?

The next seven series of the TV programme 24; just watched the first series and I am hooked... "This is the longest day of my life"!

What's your favourite film (or book) and why?

Some Like It Hot - pure fun. What would your superpower be

and why?

Removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, as it would buy some more time for us to get to a



The Stones: Exiled again

zero-carbon built environment. If you were blessed with any talent, what would your dream job be and why?

Captain of the English cricket team, which retains the Ashes in Australia 2010/11.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever bean given?

"After the rain comes the sunshine." Be patient and the good times will come again.

What irritates you the most? People who always use I in their

sentences, "I did this" or "I did that", when actually "we" is more appropriate as it was a team effort.

What should the construction industry be doing to help itself in the current climate?

Collaborate more effectively to demonstrate our affordable services to government and clients - planning to be part of a better future, meeting clients and society's future needs.

What's the best thing workwise you did recently?

As chair of the carbon subgroup of the Strategic Forum, helping the industry to develop and establish the action plan for reducing carbon emissions. Next step implementation.

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