

Water company staff prepare to go the extra mile for charity

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Annie Dougall with fellow London Marathon runners Gavin Lambert (left) and John Pickup

Keen runner Annie Dougall will be raising money for the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation when she takes part in her seventh London Marathon next week (17/4).

The Sembcorp Bournemouth Water Meter Administrator is hoping to raise more than £500 for the Ferndown-based charity.

Colleague Greg Piennar, SBW's Water Strategy Manager, will also be running for the foundation which was established in memory of John, 22, who lost his life while serving with the Royal Marines in Southern Afghanistan in 2008.

Annie said: "I have already raised £430 and hope the final total will exceed £500.

"It's a very good cause and I hope as many people as possible are able to support it."

SBW has a total of four members of staff taking part in this year's London Marathon.

John Pickup, Key Account Manager, will be fundraising for Breast Cancer Care while IT Support Technician Gavin Lambert is hoping to raise hundreds of pounds for Oakhaven Hospice.

Father of two John said he was determined to complete his second London Marathon despite suffering a knee injury.

"Breast Cancer Care is a charity close to my heart as my wife, Jane, was diagnosed with cancer last year. I'll finish the course even if I have to hobble all the way," he said.

Roger Harrington, SBW's Managing Director, said: "As always our staff are quite literally going the extra mile for good causes. They deserve our thanks and admiration."