

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2008

WEAAD WALKING MOUNT SNOWDON

Snowdon, North Wales, UK

**Mount Snowdon along
the Llanberis Path route**

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**Photo: Ed reaches the Snowdon Summit
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Ed Mullenger took Awareness of Elder Abuse to a new level on Sunday 15th June when he climbed 3,560 feet above sea level, to the summit of mount Snowdon in Wales. Ed made this cruling climb to highlight the fact that 350,000 elderly people each year in the UK are abused in their own homes. Elder abuse as a hidden problem is now universally accepted, however current adult protection systems are not reaching older people, medication abuse continues to be a major problem, and that in many cases people are being left in bed, or unwashed, or left without food or access to the toilet.

Ed emphasises the abuse of older people is a blight on our society and there is a duty on all of us to face up to the challenges.



Ed made his climb in just over 3 hours and encountered changing weather conditions enroute. When he set out, the sun was shining; but just one hour in to his climb, the clouds blocked the sun out and the wind brought in an icy chill. As he reached the summit, the mist descended leaving little of the Snowdonian peaks to be seen. The summit is marked by a cairn with a brass plaque pointing out the sights that Ed, only just managed to see as the mist cleared for the odd minute allowing for a photo, record of the event to be made.

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