



Computershare say you can fight crime on your bike ...but you have to be quite posh!

While the international company, Computershare has always pursued a range of charity projects, mainly in terms of fighting poverty, the battle was brought to their doorstep a year ago when Computershare senior manager, Mike Thomson was brutally murdered in his home. In an effort to cope with their grief and shock, his colleagues set up the Mike Thomson Trust, mainly to provide funding for crime prevention measures and support victims of violent crimes. The Change-A-Life Cycle is their most high profile fundraiser to date, and however good the cause, it is pretty hard not to get excited about the event itself! This is a must-do corporate cycle, which will see 70 of South Africa's top corporate executives on their bikes from 4 – 9 September.

The 450km cycle tour will be ridden on road bikes, following the Zambezi river through parts of Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia's Caprivi Strip and Zambia. "Contrary to popular belief, the tar roads in these areas are in excellent condition," was the comment from Andrew McLean when this tour was discussed on Supercycling. The Change-A-Life Cycle starts and ends at Victoria Falls. Over three days the cycle route travels westward from Victoria Falls through the Zambezi National Park to Botswana, the Chobe National Park and across the Chobe River into the Caprivi Strip in Namibia. Cyclists then cross the Zambezi River into Zambia and travel along the north bank of the Zambezi River back to Livingstone before crossing the famous

bridge back to Victoria Falls. Participation is primarily by invitation, and apart from riding their bikes, participants have to do little more than raise R20 000 in sponsorship money, split between the anti-crime initiative mentioned above, and the Children in the Wilderness rural development programme. Wilderness Safaris will be co-ordinating the travel, accommodation and logistics for the event and all the tour costs – from accommodation and food, to cycle gear and back-up services – are covered by Computershare, who will also be matching all funds raised rand-for-rand. If you have not received your invitation yet, you may want to visit online entries at Cycle Lab, or contact Linda Janse van Rensburg on (011) 370 5362.

