



*Graeme McLean manages to stay on his skateboard as he abseils down Cruachan Dam.*

MEMBERS of Oban Skate Partnership often risk damaging their limbs with some of their jumps and tricks but none had ever skateboarded down Cruachan Dam - until last month.

Two of the brave volunteers, Liam Griffin and Graeme McLean, even descended the dam on their boards with the others using a more orthodox walking method.

The 30-strong group all overcame vertigo and the midges to raise £2,500 for the partnership's skate park fund.

However, a percentage of the final total will go towards Riding for the Disabled at the request of event organiser Ken Lacey.

Cruachan Power Station manager Bob Wales supplied the Scottish Power coach to help ferry the motley crew of skateboarders, roller bladders, mums, dads and friends up the mountain.

Event organiser Liam Griffin, who managed to pull off a few tricks on his board on his way down the dam, said: 'The event went without a hitch and the Oban Skate Partnership would like to thank everyone who took part and everyone who set up the ropes and ran the abseil. 'But most of all we would like to thank Bob Wales and everyone at Cruachan Power Station who made the day such a memorable one. The partnership held a similar abseil last year down St Columba's Cathedral.