

Two British Bikers Reach Most Southern Point of 15,000-mile Motorcycle Trek

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Two British former soldiers from Birkenhead have reached the most Southern point on their epic Europe-wide motorcycle trek in aid of three charities close to their hearts.

Harry Glover, 49, and Pete Bray, 58, have made it to Athens within two weeks of the start of their gruelling 15,000-mile (24,140km) expedition under the code-name 'Triumph Over Tragedy' (<http://www.triumphovertragedy.co.uk/>), and are now heading through Albania.

They have motorcycled for over 7,000 miles (11,265km) over all kinds of terrain, and have experienced traffic problems of every possible kind.

The aim of their trek is to raise awareness and funds for the Armed Forces charities BLESMA (<http://www.blesma.org/>) and Soldiers off the Street (<http://www.soldiersoffthestreet.org/>), along with the Alder Hey Children's Charity (<http://www.alderheycharity.com/>).

Former non-commissioned officers Harry Glover, of 4/73 Special OP Battery, and Pete Bray, of 22 SAS, have already passed through 18 of their planned EU capital cities since setting off from London's Buckingham Palace on Friday 1 August 2014.

Harry Glover said, "We've been covering around 600 miles (965km) a day to get to where we are, living out of our kit bags and sleeping on the streets where necessary.

"To reach Athens, having already crossed off the most Northern and Eastern points on our trek, is a fantastic achievement."

BLESMA provides ex-soldiers with valuable help and support, giving them the tools needed to regain their independence following the loss of limbs.

Soldiers off the Street provides food, shelter and other support for vulnerable soldiers of all ages who have returned from active duty and are in need of assistance in getting back on their feet.

The initiative also takes on a more personal note for Harry Glover, whose young daughter Elizabeth will undergo life-changing surgery in the autumn with the support of Alder Hey.

It is for these reasons that Harry Glover and Pete Bray have taken on the arduous trek, which has seen them cover an average of 600 miles (965km) a day while battling adverse weather conditions, poor roads and mechanical failures.

As former servicemen, both riders have first-hand experience of the dangers of combat and the struggles that soldiers can face when they return from service.

The audacious expedition has been funded solely by the guys themselves, along with support from their

friends and families.

Cornishman Pete Bray said, "I knew this trek would be difficult because I only passed my test a matter of months ago.

"It's interesting to see that virtually every capital city has congestion and traffic jams just like at home.

"It's funny that after two weeks on the road Harry, with his 30 years of cycling motorcycling experience, looks just like he did when the trip started while people say I look unrecognisable."

When the daring duo return home at the end of August, they are looking forward to organising talks and events where they can share their experiences and unique insight into unified Europe.

When not taking on challenges, Harry Glover and Pete Bray are directors of a security and training firm, Primarius Ltd. (<http://www.primarius.co/>), which is based in Birkenhead, The Wirral, UK.

You can follow the route taken by the brave riders live on the Triumph over Tragedy website at <http://triumphovertragedy.co.uk/route/>.

Since setting off on Friday 1 August 2014, Harry Glover and Pete Bray have reached London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Warsaw, Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Bucharest and Athens.

Links for Reference

Triumph over Tragedy Official Website – <http://www.triumphovertragedy.co.uk/>

Triumph over Tragedy Route Page -

Triumph over Tragedy on Facebook – www.facebook.com/triumphovertragedyuk/

Triumph over Tragedy on Twitter – <https://twitter.com/TriumphTragedy/>

BLESMA – <http://www.blesma.org/>

Soldiers off the Street – <http://www.soldiersoffthestreet.org/>

Alder Hey Children's Charity – <http://www.alderheycharity.com/>

Anyone interested in sponsoring Harry and Pete on their trek should visit the Triumph over Tragedy website at <http://www.triumphovertragedy.co.uk/sponsors>.

For more information about the Triumph over Tragedy initiative please see the following videos:

Video interview with Harry Glover - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9WPfLgKLvY>

Video of Triumph over Tragedy launch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZ6gTinPMcU>

Video interview with Harry and Pete in Birkenhead - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXdvbwpdNjU>

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IF ANYONE WISHES TO INTERVIEW HARRY OR PETE ABOUT THEIR TRIP PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BARNES ON 077

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About Harry Glover

Former 4/73 Special OP Battery soldier Harry Glover has been a keen motorcyclist for 30 years. He is a highly qualified professional trainer who has studied Strategic Management and Leadership at Masters Level. He was prompted to set up the Triumph over Tragedy challenge in order to help combat the challenges faced by ex-servicemen and women who return from active service.

About Pete Bray

Former 22 SAS soldier Pete Bray is best known for his epic world record breaking kayak expeditions. In 2001 he kayaked 4,800km (2,980 miles) across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to Ireland and in 2006 he took part in the fastest circumnavigation of South Georgia. He recently took part in the Coast2Coast cycle. This is his first major motorcycle ride, having only passed his test last winter. More information about his work can be found at <http://www.peterbrayadventurer.com/>.

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