

Tom Brooks Aged 16 Completes the London to Brighton Cycle



Toms story "It was a bit warmer at the start than last year, but was still only 11 degrees on Clapham Common at 7.30am last Sunday morning, but at least it was bright and sunny. Myself and Uncle Kev reached the half way stop in Turner's Hill at 29 miles by 9.45am and my legs and fingers were freezing cold but soon warmed up with some food and rest. We set off again and managed to get three quarters of the way up Ditchling Hill in one go before continuing!

We both reached Brighton just before 1pm with an overall time of 4 hours and 8 minutes which was slightly slower than last year (4 hours and 2 minutes), but I blame that on the red traffic lights coming into Brighton!

I really enjoyed all the supporters at the finish post and my name was even announced over the tannoy! I found it much easier than last year, but it would have been even easier if he had done a bit more training! I am now planning to do the hospital's Ride4Life London to Paris next September also in the memory of my dad Pete. The total raised for Darent Valley Hospital so far is £578.39 plus £137.50 gift aid but if you would like to sponsor me you can do so at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Thomas-Brooks2>