

# Steps for Stephen

Spring & Summer 2020



Fundraising in support of the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation

# *The Motivation*



To Old Trafford

To the University of Bolton Stadium

Supporting the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation

To Celtic Park

To the London Stadium

To Wembley Stadium





## Introduction

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This year's "Steps 4 Stephen" event was amazing in many ways. Despite a horrendous weather, the resilience of the teams and the camaraderie that this created was outstanding. Though wet and cold, all of our walkers stepped up when their name was called. This was due to the massive respect they have for Stephen Darby and their unstinting desire to offer their support for him and for the Foundation.

Now that we know Stephen a little better, it's only made this resolve firmer. Where previously, we formed opinions on Tony Kelly's glowing character references, now that we have all spent time with Stephen, we have even more motivation to help him and to support the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation.

So in 2020, we go again. This time we go national and we spread our wings beyond football to incorporate other sports too including cricket, rugby league, tennis and rugby union. Steps 4 Stephen is no longer a single event, it's a national tour. We know that the vast majority of those who stepped up before will do so again. There will be a chance for others to join the team. We are aiming for £40000 this time.

Mike Wilson  
Redwood Events





# The Darby Rimmer MND Foundation

Former Liverpool, Bradford City and Bolton Wanderers footballer Stephen Darby and close friend and British Forces Veteran Chris Rimmer have partnered together to launch the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation.

Stephen and Chris both have Motor Neurone Disease and have created a Foundation to create awareness of MND, to fund and assist research into the illness with the quest of finding a cure for the illness, to raise funds and offer grants to those with MND, as well as creating a network to help provide information and emotional support network for those diagnosed with the disease.

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Stephen's Story

Click to read  
Chris's Story

[www.darbyrimmermnd.co.uk](http://www.darbyrimmermnd.co.uk)



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# *The Event*



To Headingley

To the Peninsula Stadium

Supporting the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation

To Villa Park

To Boundary Park

To The Shay





# Plan of the Event 6

In 2019, Steps4Stephen was over one weekend covering 167 miles from Bradford to Liverpool. Next year's event has to be better, bigger and bolder. Our plan is for five twenty four hour events in different parts of the country. These events will be spread over the year from April through to September. We will recruit different teams to take on each of the walks. The total distance is a little over 400 miles.

The events will include the following:-

Event	Miles	Key Stadia Visited
Yorkshire Tour (April 4/5)	81.91	Valley Parade, Elland Road, Headingley, John Smith's Stadium, Belle Vue Stadium, Mount Pleasant
Glasgow Tour (May 2/3)	74.59	Ibrox Stadium, Celtic Park, Hampden Park, Scotstoun Stadium, Fir Park, Fir Hill
London Tour (June 6/7)	85.98	Wembley, Twickenham, All-England Club, London Stadium, Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, Stamford Bridge
Midlands Tour (July 11/12)	75.56	Villa Park, Edgbaston, St Andrews, Bet365 Stadium, The Hawthorns, Molineux Stadium, Gresty Road
Lancashire Tour (September 5/6)	89.66	Anfield, Old Trafford, Etihad Stadium, UniBol Stadium, AJ Bell Stadium. Halliwell Jones Stadium, Goodison Park





# How the Event Works

## The Event

This event will take place over 5 weekends (Fri/Sat. or most likely Sat/Sun). They are continuous walks of around 70-90 miles each and will walk through the night.

## The Teams

We will recruit teams of 12 walkers for each event. They will walk one stage in every four in a group of 3. Walkers will be rostered to walk with different walkers each stage. When not walking, the walkers will rest in the event minibus.

Additional walkers will be able to join at any stage of the event as 'Open Walkers'.

## Fundraising for the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation

Money will be raised in a number of ways

- Stage sponsors will be recruited for each of the 113 stages raising a minimum of £100 per stage
- As well as a company sponsoring each stage, the organisers are looking to recruit Stephen's fellow professionals to make a donation to sponsor each stage.
- All core team members will be asked to try to raise £250 each in personal sponsorship
- Signed memorabilia will be collected from the clubs we visit which will be auctioned after the event
- Event hoodies will be available at £15 with £3 for each sale going to the charity.



## Main Sponsors

We need to find five main sponsors. These backers will essentially allow us to stage this event. We are looking for five main sponsors to back each of the five teams with a sum of £500. This money allows us to cover t-shirt costs for the core walkers, cover the cost of minibus, insurance and fuel. It also pays for the event banners and magnetic signs that adorn the support vehicles. In return, the sponsors logo will be on the t-shirts of the team they sponsor, their logo will be prominent on the banners and magnetic signs and we will give them continuous shout outs through our website and on social media. Any money remaining after all bills have been paid will go directly to the charity.

## Stage Sponsors

We will be looking for 113 companies or individuals to sponsor stages in our tours for £100 per stage. In return, the sponsors logo will appear on our event banner and we will give them publicity through our social media channels and through the Foundation

## T-shirts and Hoodies

These will be designed and manufactured by White Lodge Group. The colours of the t-shirts and hoodies prominently show the red and white of Darby Rimmer Branding with touch of military green, a reference to Chris's service in the armed forces. The plan is

- Yorkshire Tour team will wear grey t-shirts
- Glasgow Tour team will wear black t-shirts
- Midland Tour team will wear white t-shirts
- London Tour team will wear red t-shirts
- Lancashire Tour team will wear green t-shirts

Open walkers will wear claret t-shirts

Hoodies will be available in red, white and green,

## Social Media / Internet

We will publicise the event using numerous sources

- Twitter – Under hashtag #Steps4Stephen
- Facebook Group – Steps 4 Stephen
- Internet via [www.redwoodevents.co.uk](http://www.redwoodevents.co.uk)





# *The Route*



**To Anfield**

**To Elland Road**

**Supporting the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation**

**To the Hawthorns**

**To Lords Cricket Ground**

**To Hampden Park**





April  
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# Event 1 – Yorkshire Tour

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Stage	From	To	Miles	Start Day	Start Time	End Day	End Time
1	Otley RFC	Guiseley FC	3.64	Sat	11.00	Sat	12.06
2	Guiseley FC	Rawdon	3.46	Sat	12.16	Sat	13.18
3	Rawdon	Leeds Rhinos/ Yorkshire CCC	4.51	Sat	13.18	Sat	14.39
4	Leeds Rhinos/ Yorkshire CCC	Leeds United	3.90	Sat	14.49	Sat	15.59
5	Leeds United	Hunslet Hawks	1.84	Sat	16.09	Sat	16.42
6	Hunslet Hawks	Rothwell	3.28	Sat	16.52	Sat	17.51
7	Oulton	Methley Junction	3.50	Sat	17.51	Sat	18.54
8	Methley Junction	Castleford Tigers	3.49	Sat	18.54	Sat	19.57
9	Castleford Tigers	Pontefract Racecourse	3.29	Sat	20.07	Sat	21.06
10	Pontefract Racecourse	Featherstone Rovers	3.21	Sat	21.16	Sat	22.14
11	Featherstone Rovers	Sharlston Common	2.76	Sat	22.24	Sat	23.14
12	Sharlston Common	Wakefield Trinity	2.71	Sat	23.14	Sun	0.03
13	Wakefield Trinity	Lupsett	3.23	Sun	0.13	Sun	1.11
14	Lupsett	Dewsbury Rams	3.10	Sun	1.11	Sun	2.07
15	Dewsbury Rams	Batley Bulldogs	1.98	Sun	2.17	Sun	2.53
16	Batley Bulldogs	Roberttown	3.67	Sun	3.03	Sun	4.09
17	Roberttown	Huddersfield Town/Giants	4.19	Sun	4.09	Sun	5.24
18	Huddersfield Town/Giants	Blackley	3.50	Sun	5.34	Sun	6.37
19	Blackley	Halifax Town/RLFC	3.65	Sun	6.37	Sun	7.43
20	Halifax Town/RLFC	Moorlands	4.00	Sun	7.53	Sun	9.05
21	Moorlands	Cullingworth	3.47	Sun	9.05	Sun	10.07
22	Cullingworth	Keighley Cougars	3.63	Sun	10.07	Sun	11.12
23	Keighley Cougars	Bingley	3.68	Sun	11.22	Sun	12.28
24	Bingley	Bradford City	4.22	Sun	12.28	Sun	13.44



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# Event 2 – Glasgow Tour

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Stage	From	To	Miles	Start Day	Start Time	End Day	End Time
1	St Mirren FC	Inchinnan	4.26	Sat	13.00	Sat	14.17
2	Inchinnan	Kirkpatrick	4.52	Sat	14.17	Sat	15.38
3	Kirkpatrick	<b>Dumbarton FC</b>	4.55	Sat	15.38	Sat	17.00
4	<b>Dumbarton FC</b>	Bowling Harbour	3.46	Sat	17.10	Sat	18.12
5	Kirkpatrick	Clydebank	3.59	Sat	18.12	Sat	19.17
6	Clydebank	<b>Glasgow Warriors RFC</b>	3.17	Sat	19.17	Sat	20.14
7	<b>Glasgow Warriors RFC</b>	<b>Partick Thistle FC</b>	3.36	Sat	20.24	Sat	21.24
8	<b>Partick Thistle FC</b>	Lethamhill	4.04	Sat	21.34	Sat	22.47
9	Lethamhill	Chryston	3.73	Sat	22.47	Sun	23.54
10	Chryston	<b>Clyde FC</b>	4.20	Sun	23.54	Sun	1.10
11	<b>Clyde FC</b>	Annathill	3.92	Sun	1.20	Sun	2.31
12	Annathill	<b>Albion Rovers FC</b>	3.65	Sun	2.31	Sun	3.37
13	<b>Albion Rovers FC</b>	<b>Airdrieonians FC</b>	2.36	Sun	3.47	Sun	4.29
14	<b>Airdrieonians FC</b>	Holytown	3.47	Sun	4.39	Sun	5.41
15	Holytown	<b>Motherwell FC</b>	3.63	Sun	5.41	Sun	6.46
16	<b>Motherwell FC</b>	<b>Hamilton Academicals FC</b>	3.68	Sun	6.56	Sun	8.02
17	<b>Hamilton Academicals FC</b>	Halfway	4.22	Sun	8.12	Sun	9.28
18	Halfway	<b>Celtic FC</b>	4.20	Sun	9.28	Sun	10.44
19	<b>Celtic FC</b>	<b>Queen's Park</b>	2.84	Sun	10.54	Sun	11.45
20	<b>Queen's Park</b>	<b>Rangers FC</b>	3.74	Sun	11.55	Sun	13.02





# Event 3 – London Tour

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Stage	From	To	Miles	Start Day	Start Time	End Day	End Time
1	<b>Saracens RFC</b>	Crouch End	4.19	Sat	11.00	Sat	12.15
2	Crouch End	<b>Tottenham Hotspur FC</b>	4.33	Sat	12.15	Sat	13.33
3	<b>Tottenham Hotspur FC</b>	<b>Arsenal FC</b>	4.27	Sat	13.43	Sat	14.50
4	<b>Arsenal FC</b>	Stoke Newington	2.47	Sat	15.00	Sat	15.44
5	Stoke Newington	<b>Leyton Orient FC</b>	3.06	Sat	15.44	Sat	16.39
6	<b>Leyton Orient FC</b>	<b>West Ham United FC</b>	2.11	Sat	16.49	Sat	17.27
7	<b>West Ham United FC</b>	Whitechapel	3.73	Sat	17.37	Sat	18.44
8	Whitechapel	<b>Millwall</b>	3.01	Sat	18.44	Sat	19.38
9	<b>Millwall</b>	<b>Charlton Athletic</b>	4.46	Sat	19.48	Sat	21.08
10	<b>Charlton Athletic</b>	Lewisham	3.05	Sat	21.18	Sat	22.13
11	Lewisham	Lower Sydenham	3.14	Sat	22.13	Sat	23.10
12	Lower Sydenham	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	3.08	Sat	23.10	Sun	0.05
13	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	Tooting	3.85	Sun	0.15	Sun	1.24
14	Tooting	<b>All England Club</b>	3.63	Sun	1.24	Sun	2.29
15	<b>All England Club</b>	<b>AFC Wimbledon</b>	4.46	Sun	2.39	Sun	3.59
16	<b>AFC Wimbledon</b>	Teddington	2.60	Sun	4.09	Sun	4.56
17	Teddington	<b>Harlequins RFC</b>	2.77	Sun	4.56	Sun	5.46
18	<b>Harlequins RFC</b>	<b>Twickenham</b>	0.45	Sun	5.56	Sun	6.04
19	<b>Twickenham</b>	<b>Brentford</b>	3.41	Sun	6.14	Sun	7.15
19	<b>Brentford</b>	<b>Brentford Community Stadium</b>	0.90	Sun	7.25	Sun	7.39
	<b>Brentford Community Stadium</b>	<b>QPR</b>	3.40	Sun	7.49	Sun	8.50
20	<b>QPR</b>	<b>Fulham</b>	3.05	Sun	9.00	Sun	9.55
	<b>Fulham</b>	<b>Chelsea</b>	1.80	Sun	10.05	Sun	10.37
21	<b>Chelsea FC</b>	<b>Surrey CCC</b>	3.85	Sun	10.47	Sun	11.56
22	<b>Surrey CCC</b>	<b>Middlesex CCC</b>	4.57	Sun	12.06	Sun	13.38
23	<b>Middlesex CCC</b>	Willesden Green	3.21	Sun	13.48	Sun	14.46
24	Willesden Green	<b>Wembley</b>	3.13	Sun	14.46	Sun	15.42





# Event 4 – Midlands Tour

Stage	From	To	Miles	Start Day	Start Time	End Day	End Time
1	<b>Moseley RFC</b>	<b>Warwickshire CCC</b>	2.80	Sat	12.00	Sat	12.50
2	<b>Warwickshire CCC</b>	<b>Birmingham City FC</b>	2.59	Sat	13.00	Sat	13.43
3	<b>Birmingham City FC</b>	<b>Aston Villa FC</b>	3.50	Sat	13.53	Sat	14.53
4	<b>Aston Villa FC</b>	<b>West Brom FC</b>	3.73	Sat	15.03	Sat	16.10
5	<b>West Brom FC</b>	Churchfield	2.84	Sat	16.20	Sat	17.09
6	Churchfield	<b>Walsall FC</b>	2.64	Sat	17.09	Sat	17.58
7	<b>Walsall FC</b>	Willenhall	3.63	Sat	18.08	Sat	19.12
8	Willenhall	<b>Wolves FC</b>	3.82	Sat	19.12	Sat	20.22
9	<b>Wolves FC</b>	Coven Heath	4.14	Sat	20.32	Sat	21.40
10	Coven Heath	Gailey	4.02	Sat	21.40	Sat	22.54
11	Gailey	Dunston	3.92	Sat	22.54	Sun	0.02
12	Dunston	<b>Stafford Rangers FC</b>	4.56	Sun	0.02	Sun	1.24
13	<b>Stafford Rangers FC</b>	Aston-By-Stone	4.61	Sun	1.34	Sun	3.03
14	Aston-By-Stone	Tittensor	4.54	Sun	3.03	Sun	4.28
15	Tittensor	<b>Stoke City FC</b>	5.19	Sun	4.28	Sun	5.45
16	<b>Stoke City FC</b>	<b>Port Vale FC</b>	5.14	Sun	5.55	Sun	7.10
17	<b>Port Vale</b>	Crackley	3.69	Sun	7.20	Sun	8.18
18	Little Stoke	Audley	2.95	Sun	8.18	Sun	9.15
19	Barleston	Englesea Brook	3.26	Sun	9.15	Sun	10.26
20	Stoke City FC	<b>Crewe Alexandra FC</b>	3.99	Sun	10.26	Sun	11.32





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## Event 5 – Lancashire Tour

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Stage	From	To	Miles	Start Day	Start Time	End Day	End Time
1	<b>Bolton Wanderers</b>	Queens Park	3.95	Sat	10.00	Sat	11.11
2	Queens Park	Bradley Fold	3.85	Sat	11.11	Sat	12.30
3	Bradley Fold	<b>Bury</b>	3.71	Sat	12.30	Sat	13.37
4	<b>Bury</b>	Jericho	3.06	Sat	13.47	Sat	14.42
5	Jericho	<b>Rochdale</b>	3.14	Sat	14.42	Sat	15.39
6	<b>Rochdale</b>	Balderstone	3.33	Sat	15.49	Sat	16.49
7	Balderstone	<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	3.21	Sat	16.49	Sun	17.47
8	<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	<b>FC United</b>	4.21	Sun	17.57	Sun	19.13
9	<b>FC United</b>	<b>Manchester City</b>	2.97	Sun	19.23	Sun	20.16
10	<b>Manchester City</b>	<b>Salford City</b>	4.53	Sun	20.26	Sun	21.48
11	<b>Salford City</b>	<b>Lancashire CCC</b>	4.69	Sun	21.48	Sun	23.12
12	<b>Lancashire CCC</b>	<b>Manchester United</b>	0.40	Sun	23.22	Sun	23.29
	<b>Manchester United</b>	<b>Sale Sharks</b>	4.50	Sun	23.39	Sun	1.00
13	<b>Sale Sharks</b>	Worsley	2.98	Sun	1.10	Sun	2.06
14	Worsley	Astley	3.71	Sun	2.06	Sun	3.13
15	Astley	<b>Leigh Centurians</b>	3.35	Sun	3.13	Sun	4.13
16	<b>Leigh Centurians</b>	Hemitage Green	4.60	Sun	4.23	Sun	5.46
17	Hemitage Green	<b>Warrington Wolves</b>	4.02	Sun	5.46	Sun	6.58
18	<b>Warrington Wolves</b>	Penketh	3.37	Sun	7.08	Sun	8.09
19	Penketh	<b>Widnes Vikings</b>	3.60	Sun	8.09	Sun	9.14
20	<b>Widnes Vikings</b>	Sutton Manor	3.13	Sun	9.24	Sun	10.20
21	Sutton Manor	<b>St Helens</b>	3.09	Sun	10.20	Sun	11.16
22	<b>St Helens</b>	Windle	3.42	Sun	11.26	Sun	12.28
23	Windle	Gillmoss	4.46	Sun	12.28	Sun	13.48
24	Gillmoss	<b>Everton</b>	3.58	Sun	13.48	Sun	14.52
25	<b>Everton</b>	<b>Liverpool</b>	0.80	Sun	15.06	Sun	15.20



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