

Steps 4 Stephen

Bissett Challenge 194

Summer 2021



Fundraising in support of the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation

Our Motivation



To the AJ Bell Stadium

To Goodison Park

Supporting the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation

To Elland Road

To the Tetley's Stadium

To the John Smiths Stadium





Introduction

3

As honorary patrons of the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation, we have been arranging Steps 4 Stephen events for two years now. We had a plan in 2020 for five sports tours around Yorkshire, Glasgow, London, the Midlands and the north West. When the pandemic hit, these were deferred until a future date and we staged the Darbs Goes Home virtual event.

At the same time, Andy Bissett, a good friend for many year had seen the interview with Stephen along with Rob Burrow and Doddie Weir on breakfast TV. So inspired was he that he set his own personal challenge to complete 720km in 72 days before that virtual event, something he smashed comfortably. This year, he wanted a harder more condensed challenge to show his support for the Foundation.

The Bissett Challenge 194 is a family affair. Joined by his son Harry and his brother Scott, they plan to walk nearly 200km in just three days, The significance of the 194 is that this is the number of league games Stephen played in a Bradford City shirt. Redwood Events is proud to support the lads every step of the way. We have no doubt whatsoever that they will complete this challenge. A great weekend beckons after a dreadful last year.

Mike Wilson
Redwood Events

Bissett Challenge 194



4

Andy's Challenge

I first became aware of the horrendous disease that is MND when I tuned into a Sally Nugent led interview with Doddie Weir, Rob Burrow and Stephen Darby shortly after SPOTY 2019. I watched it back time and time again, a fantastic journalist and 3 very courageous chaps, a credit to themselves and their families.

A further session involving all 4 on BBC Breakfast in June and a fundraising event led by my long time friend, Mike Wilson, had me thinking, I must be able to do something to help the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation. 2 months later I'd raised almost £3k, walked over 500 miles, kept the Lockdown belly under control and had the pleasure of meeting Stephen Darby outside Valley Parade as I brought the curtain down on my walk in August.

In December inspired by Kevin Sinfield and his heroics with his 7 marathons in 7 days I thought I need to do more and it has to be bigger and better than last time.

Once again with the help of Mike we came up with the Bissett 194 Challenge. On discussing this with my brother, Scott and my son Harry we decided we had to make this happen. Like myself both Scott and Harry are keen to raise awareness of The Darby Rimmer MND Foundation and all the great work they do.

Whilst this challenge will undoubtedly push our bodies to the limits during the 3 Days in July we are fully committed to making this a huge success. The training has begun, event planning is underway and with the help of Mike, Woody and Stephen we are inspired to both raise awareness and raise much needed funds.

Thanks in advance from the 3 of us to all those who donate and help us #Attack MND.



Bissett Challenge 194





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.

Click to read
Stephen's Story

Click to read
Chris's Story

www.darbyrimmermnd.co.uk



Our Event



To the Shay

To the Crown Oil Arena

Supporting the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation

To Old Trafford

To the Etihad Stadium

To the Peninsula Stadium





Plan of the Event

7

The event is split over three days and the route calls at 20 sports stadia along the way. Starting at Huddersfield, the first day is a circular tour of West Yorkshire finishing at Halifax. The second day crosses the Pennines from Halifax to Rochdale before heading down across Manchester to finish at Old Trafford. The final day heads west through the rugby league heartlands before arriving on Merseyside and finishing at Stephen Darby's first club, Liverpool FC

Stage	From	To	Kilometres	Total	Total
1	Huddersfield Town	Dewsbury Rams / Bradford Bulls	15.16	15.16	63.22
2	Dewsbury Rams / Bradford Bulls	Batley Bulldogs	3.07	18.23	
3	Batley Bulldogs	Leeds United	10.22	28.45	
4	Leeds United	Yorkshire CCC / Leeds Rhinos	6.76	35.20	
5	Yorkshire CCC / Leeds Rhinos	Bradford City	13.85	49.06	
6	Bradford City	Halifax Town	14.16	63.22	
7	Halifax Town	Rochdale	27.50	90.72	64.65
8	Rochdale	Oldham Athletic	10.12	100.84	
9	Oldham Athletic	FC United	6.77	107.61	
10	FC United	Manchester City	4.78	112.39	
11	Manchester City	Salford City	7.29	119.68	
12	Salford City	Lancashire CCC	7.55	127.22	
13	Lancashire CCC	Manchester United	0.64	127.87	67.29
14	Manchester United	Sale Sharks	7.24	135.11	
15	Sale Sharks	Warrington Wolves	19.24	154.35	
16	Warrington Wolves	Widnes Vikings	11.10	165.45	
17	Widnes Vikings	St Helens	9.98	175.43	
18	St Helens	Everton	18.44	193.87	
19	Everton	Liverpool	1.29	195.16	



T-shirts and Hoodies

8

T-shirts and Hoodies for the event has been designed by White Lodge Group, regular suppliers to Redwood Events. They are principally for the members of Team Bissett and the support team.

Guest walkers who have taken part in previous Steps 4 Stephen events are encouraged to come wearing their t-shirts and or hoodies from those events. Anyone new to these events will be able to buy a t-shirt or hoodie for the Bissett Challenge 194.

All print is the same on each. Colours will change for the core team by day.

- Day 1 – Blue
- Day 2 – Orange
- Day 3 – Pink
- Everton to Liverpool - Red
- Guest - Claret
- Hoodies – the walkers and support team will have hoodies in blue or orange if the weather requires it.





[CLICK HERE
TO DONATE](#)

Supporting the Foundation

9

The principle aim of the Bissett Challenge 194 is to raise funds for the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation. The donations that we receive will be used to support the three main aims that the Foundation has been built on, namely

1. To provide money through grants to Motor Neurone Disease sufferers and their families for equipment and house renovations etc.
2. To raise awareness about Motor Neurone Disease, and
3. To support research towards ultimately finding a cure for Motor Neurone Disease.

Our fundraising will take on several forms.

- Andy, Harry and Scott will be looking to raise money through personal sponsorship. This should cover the bulk of the money we are trying to raise.
- Signed memorabilia will be collected from the clubs we visit which will be auctioned/raffled after the event.
- The money remaining from the main sponsors donations after event costs have been paid will be donated to the foundation



Bissett Challenge 194



Our Support



To Boundary Park

To Headingley

Supporting the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation

To Anfield

To the Totally Wicked Stadium

To the Halliwell-Jones Stadium





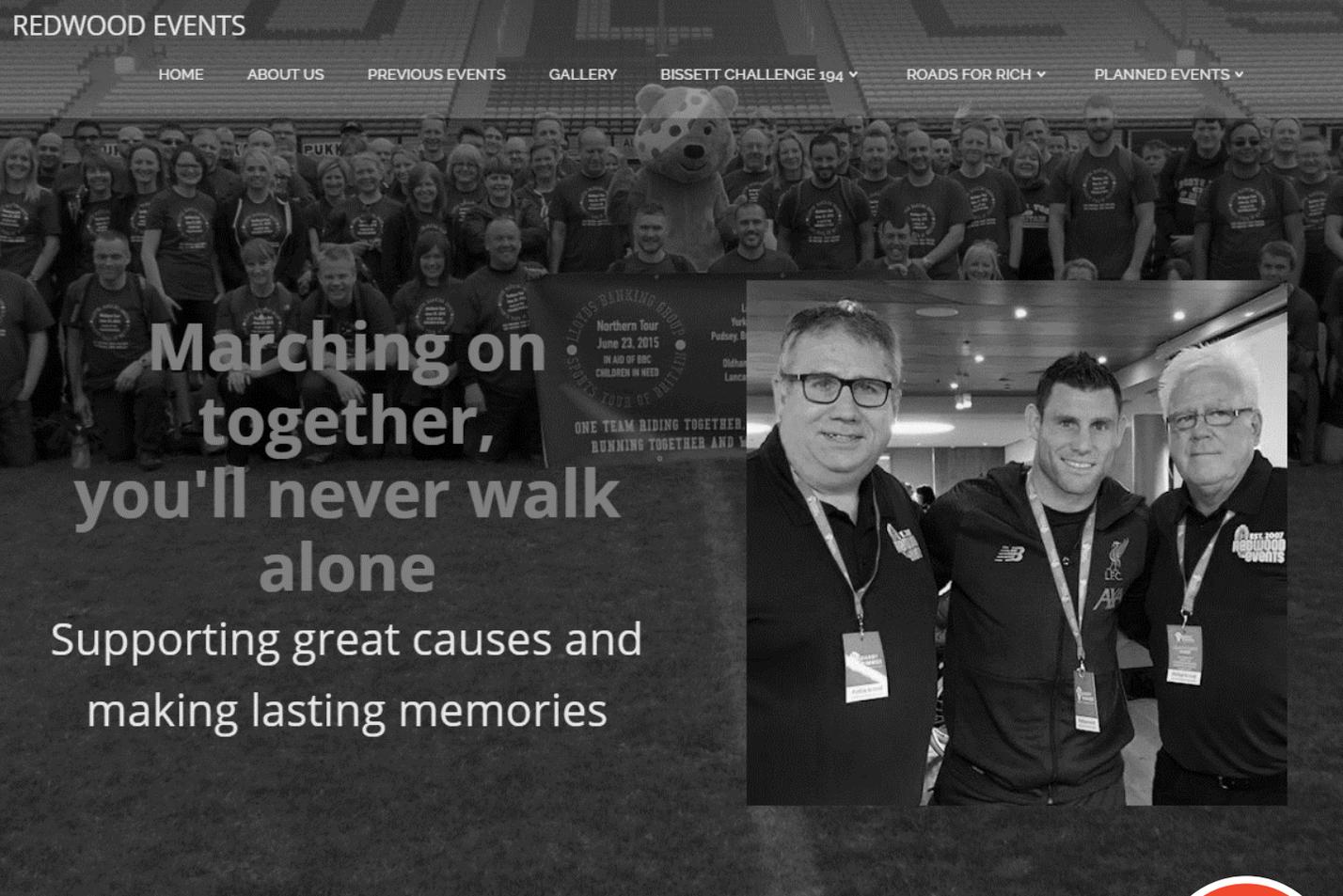
Joining the Walk

This event is fundamentally a challenge for Andy, Harry and Scott. They will do all the fundraising and walk the full distance. We would welcome small groups of walkers to join them on each stage though. We will, for Covid reasons, limit this to 4 or 5 per stage but it would be great to see different groups of walkers walking with Team Bissett throughout.

If you would like to join the walk, talk to Andy, Harry or Scott, Or catch up with Mike and Woody of Redwood Events. If you have a Steps 4 Stephen t-shirt or hoodie, from a previous event, wear this. Or you will be able to buy a new one for tis event near the time. And don't forget to bring as bag of non-perishable food for our foodbank collection!

Stage	From	To	Day	KMs	Start	End	Guest Walkers
1	Huddersfield Town	Mirfield	Fri July 9	7.53	7.00	8.24	
2	Mirfield	Dewsbury Rams	Fri July 9	7.63	8.29	9.54	
3	Dewsbury Rams	Batley Bulldogs	Fri July 9	3.07	10.04	10.38	James Elstub
4	Batley Bulldogs	Leeds United	Fri July 9	10.22	10.48	12.42	James Elstub
5	Leeds United	Yorkshire CCC / Leeds Rhinos	Fri July 9	6.76	13.02	14.18	Simon Robinson, Chris Cheetham, Jason Hibbert
6	Yorkshire CCC / Leeds Rhinos	Stanningley	Fri July 9	6.97	14.28	15.46	Chris Kirkbride, Debbie Kirkbride, Simon Robinson, Chris Cheetham, Jason Hibbert
7	Stanningley	Bradford City	Fri July 9	6.89	15.51	17.08	Chris Kirkbride, Debbie Kirkbride, Simon Robinson, Chris Cheetham, Jason Hibbert
8	Bradford City	Bradford Bulls	Fri July 9	5.08	17.18	18.15	Connie Lea, Gareth Ackroyd, Chris Kirkbride, Debbie Kirkbride
9	Bradford Bulls	Halifax Town	Fri July 9	10.31	18.25	20.20	Gareth Ackroyd, Chris Kirkbride, Debbie Kirkbride
10	Halifax Town	Ryburn United	Sat July 10	8.79	7.00	8.38	Mark Prescott, Phil White
11	Ripponden	Lydgate	Sat July 10	10.07	8.43	10.36	
12	Lydgate	Rochdale	Sat July 10	8.64	10.43	12.20	
13	Rochdale	Oldham Athletic	Sat July 10	10.12	12.40	14.33	
14	Oldham Athletic	FC United	Sat July 10	6.77	14.43	15.59	
15	FC United	Manchester City	Sat July 10	4.78	16.09	17.02	
16	Manchester City	Salford City	Sat July 10	7.29	17.12	18.32	
17	Salford City	Lancashire CCC	Sat July 10	7.55	18.42	20.06	
18	Lancashire CCC	Manchester United	Sat July 10	0.64	20.16	20.23	
19	Manchester United	Sale Sharks	Sun July 11	7.24	6.00	7.21	Josh Wilson, Katie Wilson, Meg West, Jack Hughes, Matt Armstrong
20	Sale Sharks	Cadishead	Sun July 11	6.37	7.31	8.42	
21	Cadishead	Martinscroft	Sun July 11	7.10	8.47	10.06	
22	Martinscroft	Warrington Wolves	Sun July 11	5.78	10.11	11.16	
23	Warrington Wolves	Penketh	Sun July 11	5.42	11.26	12.27	
24	Penketh	Widnes Vikings	Sun July 11	5.79	12.32	13.37	
25	Widnes Vikings	Sutton Manor	Sun July 11	5.04	13.37	14.33	
26	Sutton Manor	St Helens	Sun July 11	4.97	14.38	15.34	
27	St Helens	Knowsley	Sun July 11	9.04	15.44	17.25	Aggie Pokorska, Chris Yiallourou
28	Knowsley	Everton	Sun July 11	9.40	17.30	19.15	Aggie Pokorska, Chris Yiallourou, Phil Clark, Liam Cooch, Alison Jones
29	Everton	Liverpool	Sun July 11	1.29	19.25	19.40	All





Marching on
together,
you'll never walk
alone

Supporting great causes and
making lasting memories



How to Follow the Event

13

Throughout the event, from preparation to closure, there will be a number of ways to follow the event.

- Through the Redwood Events website at www.redwoodevents.co.uk
- On Twitter under the hashtag of **#Steps4Stephen** and **#AttackMND**. Our tweets will invariably tag **@DarbyRimmerMND** too
- Through the long running Steps4Stephen Facebook Group which can be found [here](#)
- There will be posts on the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation Website at www.darbyrimmermnd.co.uk

We will look to get additional support in publicising the event for local media and through the foodbanks when they become involved.

