

DRIVING HOME

A Project in aid of The Colin Javens Spinal Injury Trust (charity number 1107143)

Expedition
complete!



Driving Home is a pioneering overland expedition from London to Cape Town, led by Colin Javens who is tetraplegic. Driving Home will raise funds towards spinal research and welfare of the spinally injured, and will promote disability awareness in the UK & Africa.

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Geordie on the mend— Website has been updated

More press articles on display
and the RGS booking form.
Soon read Colin's story in
Readers Digest 'Local Hero', to
be published later this month

Talk at the RGS—13th Sept

Thank you to all those who
have bought tickets for the
RGS—we have already sold over
100. It will be a fascinating
evening with guests Frank
Gardner OBE and Colin Javens.

Please continue to let your
friends and family know and
bring them along. Please send
all your booking details to:
caroline@drivinghome.co.uk

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RGS talk—Wednesday 13th September, kindly
sponsored by Land Rover Experience

Postcards for sale

12 selected stunning images
from the expedition have been
designed into postcards. They
sold extremely well at Billings
and are now available to buy
through the website—£3 for 6;
£5 for 12 Please contact:
caroline@drivinghome.co.uk
with your order. All profit to
the Trust. Thankyou

Next month

- Final monthly newsletter
- Celebration of 'A quadriplegic
through Africa' talk.
- November 1st charity evening

Land Rover Show, Billings..a year on.

Once again the expedition
team gathered for the Land
Rover Enthusiast Show at
Billings Aquadrome. It was a
very similar show to last year,
very hot (except for the huge
thunderstorm on Saturday that
made us abandon ship!), and
filled with real Land Rover
enthusiasts.

It was fantastic to be there,



LRE Show stands, cover a huge area

one year one, with the Driving
Home expedition successfully
completed. We were able to
thank in person the kit
sponsors—Trek Overland,
Discoparts, Allisport and
Devon4x4; LRE magazine and
Footloose4x4 who offered
advice and all the others who
had supported us so valuably,
making it all possible.

This year we were also able to
raise awareness in the main
arena, demonstrating the
technology that allowed Colin
to get in and out of the
vehicle and which enabled
him to drive. This had a good
strong visual impact.



Arena activities

We raised over £400 selling
expedition postcards (now for
sale through the website),
and met several new
supporters.

The biggest question being
asked at the Show — Where
to next? Colin still has to
answer!

'Land's End to John O'Groats' by bike

I and my husband are
embarking on a sponsored
bike ride from Land's End to
John O'Groats starting in less
than two weeks time.

Having failed to find others
mad enough to join us we are
now seeking sponsorship in
aid of CJSIT to help us on our
way. Please visit:
[www.smartgive.com/funds/
carolineandjonny](http://www.smartgive.com/funds/carolineandjonny)

We aim to cover around 80
miles per. day for 13 days to

reach John O'Groats by 7th
September. It will be a tough
challenge. Thank you to all
who have already sponsored
us or offered beds en route.



Caroline and Jonny 'in training'

Colin will be accompanying us
with his expedition vehicle
and will stop off to speak to
spinal units and groups en
route, to raise
more
awareness of
spinal injury
and the
research that
is currently
taking place.

Please do
support us!



A long way from
bottom to top!

Next steps...changes to the newsletter

In the Autumn I will be
stepping down from the Trust.

With Driving Home completed
Colin has chosen to focus on
raising money for selected
research projects monitored
by Spinal Research, locally in
the West Midlands region.

He will also organise talks to
school groups and
organisations in a wider area.

We are very excited that Val
Javens, Colin's Mum, will be



New design
coming soon...

joining Colin to assist him
with this fundraising challenge
over the next couple of years.

As a result next month's
newsletter will be the final
monthly one...Colin and Val
will be producing a quarterly
one after that but please do
still look at our website
www.drivinghome.co.uk
for the latest news and events.