

Press Release: 'Home 2 Rome' Cycle Ride

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Olympic Torch Bearers Richard and Angela Bebbington are busy preparing for their 'Home 2 Rome' cycle ride, raising funds for Wishes 4 Kids. Richard and Angela are no strangers to sporting challenges, they've cycled from Lands End to John O Groats, trekked to Everest Base Camp and ran numerous marathons. In 2012 Richard, whilst Mayor of Ashby ran 12 marathons in 12 months. This latest challenge, as with all their previous challenges, is totally self-funded, allowing every penny raised to go directly to their nominated charity Wishes 4 Kids. In addition to participating in these challenges the couple also organise activities other people can participate in, including dances, quizzes, and the Ivanhoe Way Challenge (a 37 mile walk to be completed within 15 hours). These have all helped to raise over £40,000 for the charity.

The 'Home 2 Rome' challenge, starting in August 2013, will take 3 weeks to complete. Leaving Ashby they will be heading towards Portsmouth to catch the ferry over to Caen. From Caen they will have over 150 miles to complete in two days, taking them to Pithiviers. Once there they will have a well-earned rest, taking in the sights and hospitality of Pithiviers, a French town twinned with their home town of Ashby.

On leaving Pithiviers Richard and Angela will then head towards the Alps, via Auxerre, Chalon-sar-Soan and Annecy. Following routes taken by the Tour De France they will cross the Alps along Beaufort and the Petit St Bernards Pass, which rises to 2188. Once in Italy they will travel to Pisa where they will be able to admire tourist attractions such as the leaning Tower of Pisa. Once they leave Pisa they will be on the home stretch heading down towards Rome, completing around 1,400 miles in total.

Further information about the 'Home 2 Rome' trip, along with other challenges Richard and Angela have participated in can be located at www.ivanhoechallenge.co.uk. You can also phone Richard on 07751 259489, or follow them on twitter #ROME56. Richard and Angela can be sponsored at <http://www.justgiving.com/Home2Rome2013>, or by texting ROME56 £5 to 70070.