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## NEWS

# Brave Hannah's memory keeps cyclists going

**Friends already have next charity event lined up to help sick children**

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TWO best friends have raised thousands of pounds for charity by getting on their bikes.

Peter Holt and Gordon Scott, both 46, are used to being saddle sore after cycling hundreds of miles for Hannah's Holiday Home.

The charity provides a much-needed refuge for families who have a seriously-ill child and was set up by Pam Marshall after her daughter Hannah Westbrook,

pictured, died of Hodgkin's disease in 2004 aged 10 after a two year-battle.

Mr Holt's partner, Jane Le Feuvre, was Hannah's godmother and together they are members of the committee which runs the charity.

Mr Scott and Mr Holt recently completed the gruelling Paris to Hayling bike ride, cycling just over 400 miles in five days.

Mr Holt, a regional supervisor from Dresden Drive, Cowplain, said: 'Hannah was a lovely little girl. She was always lively and bubbly and even during her treatment she always wanted to raise money for the hospital where she was being treated.

'She was a beautiful girl and had a smile on her face every time I saw her.

'Some parts of the Paris to Hayling cycle were extremely hard work. One day we had to cycle 97 miles in howling wind and rain and I had to keep reminding myself that Hannah was the reason I was doing it to keep myself going.'

Three years ago the pair launched their own 65-mile one-day fundraising cycle ride from



**FUNDRAISERS** Peter Holt, left, and Gordon Scott after the ride

Waterlooville to the New Forest.

Twelve riders will set off on August 14 and are hoping to raise up to £1,700 between them.

Over the past three years the pair have raised more than £7,000 for Hannah's Holiday Home.

Miss Le Feuvre, treasurer of the charity, said: 'I'm really proud of Gordon and Peter. They have worked so hard on their cycle rides and we know they do so well at fundraising that we've

come to rely on the money they bring in each year.

'A lot of time and administration goes into organising the bike rides each year and they have to plan it carefully, drive it and make sure it is safe for everyone.'

If you would like to take part in the latest cycle ride call 07764 863144.

To find out more or donate to the charity go to hannahsappeal.org.

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Peter Holt

## More medals for British service personnel

HUNDREDS more British servicemen and women will receive medals under new plans announced by the Ministry of Defence.

At present, members of the Armed Forces who

serve for 30 continuous days qualify for Iraq and Afghanistan campaign medals. Following a review, those who have served for an aggregate period of 45 days will also now be eligible.

These changes will be backdated to the start of both operations.

Examples of service personnel who could now be eligible include members of the Aero-medical Evacuation

Teams who accompany injured patients back to the UK.

Under the new plans, personnel who deploy for short periods of time, will be allowed to build up accrued days.