

February and rain

I've been doing an average of 10 miles a day just through cycling to work, and adding little bits here and there (like shopping) and it all seemed to be going fabby, until my gear cable snapped while I was cycling on the Kilmarnock Road home from work.

Sounds way more dramatic than it actually was, but it cost me £90 to get that fixed and a general set up of my old Trek bike. (They always find more stuff wrong with the bike than you put it in the shop for)

So that was the first tantrum and tears. The bike had now cost me a small fortune and I was still being over taken on a daily basis by the paper boy on his BMX. It doesn't do great things for your dignity for a 12 year old boy to be cycling rings round you on a hill while you wheeze and splutter your way to work.

So fast forward a couple of months (february) and I'm still plodding away to work, but it's now taking me 27 mins to get to work instead of the original 35. Woo hoo!!!

I'm really enjoying the cycling and I'm now competing with the paperboy who doesn't always beat me up the hill. :0) Progress you can measure.

Get on your bike and ride...

Well... how do you go from being a fun, occasional cyclist to hauling your fat arse over 51 miles across the country – with the first 20 climbing to 700ft above sea level??

If someone knows the answer, can you email me?

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Well, I started by getting my arse back on the bike...(queen songs go through my head a lot at this point) it's been a while, so that first two weeks HURT! In all the wrong places, and it pissed with rain through most of it. Don't you just love the west coast? And the bike was making lots of weird noises and generally not sounding happy. So off to the bike shop to get it all sorted out.

£70 later and a few tears at the price and the rusty old thing was flying along the road.

That was enough to get my head around the fact that cycling was much better than public transport.

...and it begins

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*51 mile cycle from Glasgow to Edinburgh
in aid of [Maggie's Cancer Centres](#) nationwide*

The cycle is on the 12th of September, leaving from Glasgow city centre and travelling 51 miles to Edinburgh's Victoria Park.

Although I have cycled for fun for years, I've never cycled this kind of distance before, so I'm a little apprehensive but also I'm really looking forward to it.

I've chosen to raise fund for [Maggie's Cancer Centres](#) as like so many people, my family has been devastated by cancer over the years.

You can find out more about [Maggie's](#) or the cycle itself here [Pedal For Scotland](#).

You can also sponsor me by going to my fundraising website below

Website: www.justgiving.com/eli-donald
