**Profile - Cycling Scouser**

**Name:**

Andrew Rogerson, founder of Cycling Scouser, a charity adventure project launched to raise money for children’s cancer charity, Charlie’s Chance Foundation.

**Age:**

33 years old

**Biography:**

Andrew is originally from Liverpool and comes from a family of keen adventurers. Inspired by his older brother, an ex Royal Marine, Andrew enjoys a thrill-seeking lifestyle and tries to travel the world as much as possible.

He has previously climbed Mount Snowdon four times in two days, as well as taking on Mount Kilimanjaro in 2009. He has also climbed Mount Elbrus in Russia and completed a cycle from North to South Vietnam.

**Occupation(s):**

Andrew works as an auto electrician for Jaguar Land Rover, with nine years’ experience at the company. He is also a qualified plumber as well as a keen charity volunteer.

**Charlie’s Chance**

The Charlie’s Chance Foundation has been set up to relieve sickness and promote and preserve good health of children with cancer. It supplies funding to enable the children access to beneficial treatments not offered by the NHS and to provide emotional and other support for them, their families and carers.

**Background:**

On 5th May 2015, an ordinary man with an extraordinary vision set off from Shanghai, China on a global cycling expedition, in the hopes of raising money and awareness for blood cancer charity, Anthony Nolan.

Andrew Rogerson was a regular man, working in Liverpool as an auto-electrician. When his best friend’s son, Charlie, was diagnosed with Leukaemia at just four years of age, and managed to beat the illness twice thanks to the support of Anthony Nolan, Andrew was inspired to give something back.

In late 2014, Andrew set himself the challenge of cycling 10,000 miles, across 19 countries in just 151 days.

Andrew gave up his flat, sold his car, took unpaid leave from his job and bought a one-way ticket to China.

So, marked the start of the astonishing journey of Cycling Scouser.

His goal was to raise £5,000, he ended up raising over £27,000.

Following his incredible achievement, Andrew was nominated for Fundraiser of the Year at the Pride of Merseyside Awards 2015. Instead of winning his category, Cycling Scouser was awarded the prestigious title of Pride of Merseyside 2015 - the overall winner of the evening.

Andrew was also crowned the North West winner of the Pride of Britain awards in 2016.

**His new challenge:**

This year, Andrew’s going even bigger, embarking on a 3,343 mile, 6-week cycle from Seattle to New Jersey! Although a shorter distance than his previous 10,000 mile ride from Shanghai to Liverpool, this is a gruelling race against the clock, with his return flight home on 11th August going with or without him!

On 30th June Andrew will board his flight to Seattle, where his adventure will begin with a 10-day cycle through the Rocky Mountains. He’ll then move on to the flat states of Montana and North Dakota, where he’ll be looking to really up his mileage, before making his way through Chicago, Cleveland, and ultimately, to the finish line!

Seattle, the starting location, has huge significance as this is where Charlie had his treatment, and New Jersey, where he’ll complete his mission, is where Jaguar Land Rover has its US HQ. Charlie's Chance is Jaguar Land Rover Halewood's charity of the year, voted for by employees.