



Captain Tom Raises over £12 Million for NHS

What is Captain Tom Moore doing?

- Captain Tom Moore, 99, is raising money for the NHS.
- He has completed 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday on 30th April. At 8:00 a.m. on 16th April, he'd raised over £12 million.

A 99-year-old Second World War **veteran** has raised millions for the **NHS**. By Thursday morning, he had raised over £12 million!

Tom Moore, also known as Captain Tom, has completed 100 laps of his garden in Bedfordshire. He wanted to finish before his 100th birthday.

Captain Tom wanted to show support for NHS workers as they help those affected by COVID-19. Since 9th April, he's completed ten laps a day of his 25-metre garden.

At first, Captain Tom set himself the target of raising £1000. However, he inspired so many people that this target was soon overtaken!

After 24 hours, he'd raised £70 000; then, by 14th April, the donations totalled £1 million. When it reached £2.5 million, he said on social media, "Never in my wildest imagination did I think this would be possible."

By the evening of 14th April, he'd raised £4 million. A message said, "WOW!... cannot wait to tell the news to Tom in the morning."

Captain Tom had aimed to finish the challenge on 30th April. However, he completed it on 16th April — 14 days earlier! The moment was on live TV.

Tom has been raising money for the NHS Charities Together. Ellie Horton, from the group, said they were "humbled by Captain Tom and what he's achieved."

Today's story comes as people are showing

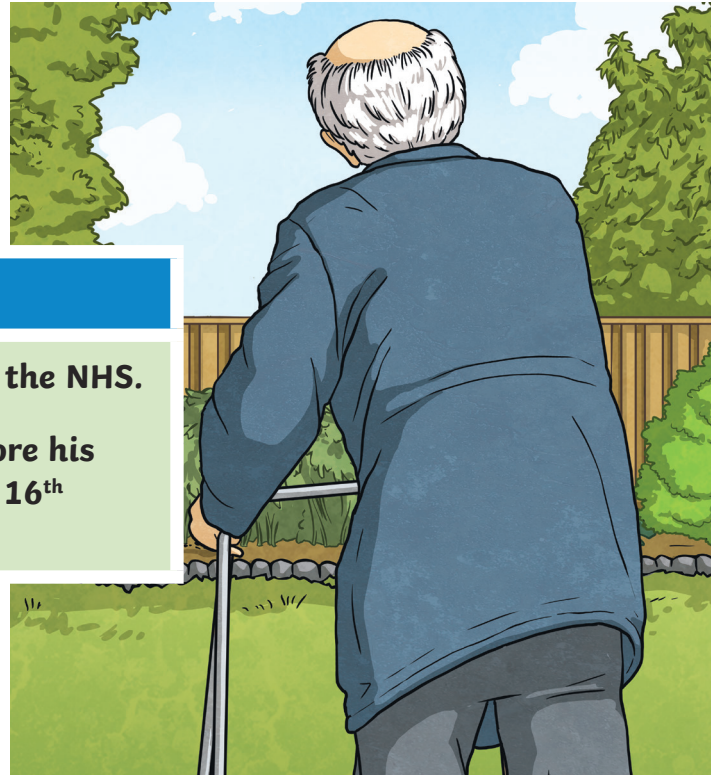


Illustration: Tom Moore completing his challenge.

support for each other at the moment. In the UK, every Thursday at 8 p.m., people have gone to their windows, front doors or balconies to clap NHS workers. NHS Charities Together wants people to donate money while they clap. They want to raise £5 million.

Children have been painting pictures of rainbows and putting teddy bears in windows to cheer people up. Around 750 000 adults have also become NHS **volunteers**. They'll help **vulnerable** people with a variety of jobs.

Glossary

veteran An ex-member of the armed forces.

NHS The National Health Service, which is responsible for healthcare in the UK.

volunteers People who give up their time for free to do something.

vulnerable In need of special care.

Questions

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1. Why do you think Captain Tom wanted to complete 100 laps of his garden?

2. Compare and contrast what Captain Tom wanted to raise at the start with what he has now achieved.

3. "Never in my wildest imagination did I think this would be possible."
This suggests that...

- Captain Tom wants to raise even more money.
- Captain Tom was completely surprised by the amount he'd raised.
- Captain Tom is going to do 200 laps.
- Captain Tom wants everyone to do laps of their garden.

4. Ellie Horton from the group said they were "humbled by Captain Tom and what he's achieved."

Tick the word that is closest in meaning to 'humbled'.

- impressed
- happy
- interested
- calm

5. Lots of people are inspired by NHS workers. Find and copy a piece of evidence that shows this.

6. Write a summary of the story in 20 words or fewer.

Answers

1. Why do you think Captain Tom wanted to complete 100 laps of his garden?
Accept any reasonable answer that refers to the text, e.g. I think he did 100 laps because he's going to be 100 soon.
2. Compare and contrast what Captain Tom wanted to raise at the start with what he had raised by Thursday morning.
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5. Lots of people are inspired by NHS workers. Find and copy a piece of evidence that shows this.
Accept any reasonable answer which demonstrates people showing their appreciation for the NHS, e.g. In the UK, every Thursday at 8 p.m. people have gone to their windows, front doors or balconies to clap NHS workers.
6. Write a summary of the story in 20 words or fewer.
Accept any reasonable summary of the story that is 20 words or fewer, e.g. A 99-year-old Second World War veteran has raised over £12 million for the NHS by doing 100 laps of his garden!