

BIG NEWS

LOCAL HERO



IF you love the great outdoors and can't get out during the lockdown, what do you do? How about travelling the length of the Shetland coastline, all 1,679 miles of it, from your wheelchair at home?

That's exactly what 14-year-old Brynn Hauxwell from Shetland is doing with the help of his mum, Kim, and 11-year-old sister, Faith. He has a number of health issues, which means he is having to shield by staying at home.

Brynn was unable to complete the challenge he had set himself for this year "with everything that is going on in the world right now", so came up with the idea to push himself 1,679 miles (equivalent to the entire Shetland coastline) using an Invictus wheelchair trainer ("exercise rollers for wheelchairs!") in his garden. His mum and sister will be with him every step of the way, walking on the spot beside him and making sure he has enough food and drink to keep him going.

And this isn't the first time Brynn has taken on a wheelchair challenge. Last October he completed a gruelling 20k wheelchair challenge using a mountain trike loaned by the charity Active Shetland, which helps children with disabilities to

get out and discover Shetland. It enabled Brynn to buy his own wheelchair and he says it helped him rediscover a sense of freedom and the joy of being in the fresh air. Brynn says his life has changed so much from the opportunity to get outdoors, that he and his family are now official Ordnance Survey GetOutside Champions.

Now Brynn is giving back. He volunteers for Ability Shetland, and his coastline challenge aims to raise money for the charity through his JustGiving page ([tinyurl.com/shetlandbrynn](https://www.justgiving.com/charity/ability-shetland)). He hopes to inspire other people to look at new ways of keeping active, and he is a true local hero!



Brynn with his sister Faith

Remember that the best way to protect yourself and other people is by staying home, and washing your hands regularly and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.

For the latest, most accurate health advice, see:

- [tinyurl.com/whocv2019](https://www.tinyurl.com/whocv2019)
- www.gov.uk/health-and-social-care

MOORE MONEY

WHEN 99-year-old Captain Tom Moore decided to try to raise £1,000 for the NHS by walking round his garden, the ex-soldier could never have imagined that his modest target would actually reach £26 million, and counting.

Captain Tom – as he is now known to millions of people – thought he'd raise some money to thank the doctors and nurses who are working so hard in the NHS, by walking 100 lengths of his garden. It's no small challenge for someone of his age, especially using a wheeled walker.

Setting off on 10 April, he planned to finish by his 100th birthday on 30 April, but managed to complete the challenge 14 days early! People were so inspired by his kind gesture and determination that money began to flood in to the fund that had been set up, quickly reaching millions of pounds. Celebrities and stars chipped in, not least Piers Morgan, the *Good Morning Britain* presenter, who

donated £10,000.

Since then, Tom has been praised by Health Secretary Matt Hancock, and the prime minister has said he is looking at a way to honour him.

Captain Tom probably never thought that he would have a chart hit at his age either. Along with the singer Michael Ball and the NHS Voices of Care Choir, he has released a version of *You'll Never Walk Alone*, which has topped the UK charts.

His slogan for fundraising is 'tomorrow will be a good day' and for Captain Tom there have been a lot of unexpectedly good days over the past couple of weeks.



Questions on – ‘Local hero’ and ‘Moore money’



Questions on ‘Local hero’

Part A: Find and explain the facts

A1. Using the words from the box below, fill the gaps to complete the sentences.

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A2. How are Brynn’s mum and sister going to help him?

A3. What made Brynn and his family want to be Ordnance Survey GetOutside champions?

Part B: Deduce and infer information

B1. How did the charity Active Shetland help Brynn?

B2. Why did Brynn choose 1,679 miles as the distance for his latest challenge?

B3. Find evidence to support the assertion that Brynn is “a true local hero”.

Part C: Analyse the writing and presentation

C1. Comment on the use of the text box containing health advice on how to protect yourself from COVID-19.

Questions on ‘Moore money’

Part A: Find and explain the facts

A1. Answer the following questions about Captain Tom Moore:

How old is he?	
How much did he aim to raise for the NHS by walking around his garden?	
How much has he raised so far?	
When did he start his challenge?	
How many lengths of his garden did he walk?	
Why did he plan to finish his walk on 30 April?	
How many days early did he complete his challenge?	

A2. How have the following famous people responded to Captain Moore’s gesture?

Piers Morgan	
Health Secretary Matt Hancock	
Prime Minister Boris Johnson	
Michael Ball and the NHS Voices of Care Choir	

Part B: Deduce and infer information

B1. Why was the task that Captain Moore set himself “no small challenge”?

B2. Captain Tom’s slogan for fundraising is ‘tomorrow will be a good day’. Why is this a good slogan for these times?

Part C: Analyse the writing and presentation

C1. Why is ‘Moore money’ an appropriate headline for this story?

Part D: Writing task

Do some research into the UK honours system and what people get honours for. Then write a nomination for Captain Tom. A good nomination should include the following:

- Evidence of what the person has done and how they’ve made things better for others.
- A vivid description of the difference their contribution has made.
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Questions on – ‘Local hero’ and ‘Moore money’



GLOSSARY

Shetland (also called the Shetland Islands) — An extensive group of islands that lies northeast of Great Britain. It forms part of Scotland

Ordnance Survey GetOutside Champions — People selected via an application process to represent Ordnance Survey because they have demonstrated their passion for the outdoors and their ability to inspire others to enjoy outdoor activity

Ability Shetland — The charity supports the efforts of disabled people to realise their potential in all areas of life. It runs a variety of clubs and recreational activities throughout the year

wheeled walker — A mobility aid fitted with wheels on each leg and brakes

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Teacher Answers

AIM OF THE NEWS COMPREHENSIONS: News reports are unique non-fiction texts. Being real, they naturally engage students, and with the range of topics that are covered, help to develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of the wider world outside the classroom. The reports are ideal for short, focused comprehension or discussion activities. Along with the opportunity to find fascinating facts and appreciate the opinions of those involved, there is plenty to be inferred and deduced to understand in more depth what is being reported. Like authors, journalists play with language, so news 'stories' are rich nuggets of text to investigate and provide the opportunity for literacy programmes.

TEACHER ANSWER GUIDE: The teacher answers are intended to provide a guide to the reading skill each question is practising. Suggestions are given for a starting point for responses that students would be expected to give at the start of KS3. Further suggestions then give fuller, more developed responses that students will work towards by the end of KS3, in preparation for the non-fiction elements of GCSE English language.

Questions on 'Local hero'

PART A

A1. Using the words from the box below, fill the gaps to complete the sentences.

READING SKILL — Find and explain information

Possible answer

Starting point — *some missing information correctly identified*

Developed response — *all missing information correctly identified*

14-year-old Brynn Hauxwell from Shetland has set himself a wheelchair challenge during lockdown. He has a number of health issues, which means he is having to shield by staying at home. Due to the lockdown, Brynn was unable to complete the challenge he had set himself for this year, so came up with the idea to push himself 1,679 miles using an Invictus wheelchair trainer in his garden instead. He aims to raise money for Ability Shetland through his JustGiving page.

A2. How are Brynn's mum and sister going to help him?

READING SKILL — Find and explain information

Possible answer

Starting point

- Brynn's mum, Kim, and his 11-year-old sister, Faith, are going to walk on the spot beside him throughout his challenge.

Development

- They will also ensure that he has enough food and drink to keep him going.

A3. What made Brynn and his family want to be Ordnance Survey GetOutside champions?

READING SKILL — Find and explain information

Possible answer

Starting point

- Brynn says that his life changed so much from the opportunity to get outdoors. This is what led him and his family to become official Ordnance Survey GetOutside Champions.

Development

- He hopes to inspire other people to look at new ways of keeping active.

PART B

B1. How did the charity Active Shetland help Brynn?

READING SKILL — Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

Possible answer

Starting point

- The charity helps children with disabilities to get out and discover Shetland. It helped Brynn because it lent him a mountain trike and this enabled him to complete his first wheelchair challenge.

Development

- Brynn used the mountain trike to complete a 20k wheelchair challenge, which enabled him to buy his own wheelchair. Brynn says that it "helped him to rediscover a sense of freedom and the joy of being in the fresh air." Therefore, by loaning him specialist equipment, Active Shetland helped Brynn to change his life through the enjoyment of being outdoors.

B2. Why did Brynn choose 1,679 miles as the distance for his latest challenge?

READING SKILL — Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

Possible answer

Starting point

- Brynn chose 1,679 miles because that is the distance that you would have to travel to go the length of the Shetland coastline.

Development

- He couldn't actually travel the coastline because of the lockdown and his need to shield because of underlying health issues. Therefore, he decided to push himself the exact distance in his garden.

B3. Find evidence to support the assertion that Brynn is “a true local hero”.

READING SKILL — Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

Possible answer

Starting point

- Brynn is a local hero because he benefitted from local initiatives and now he is giving back. He is an Ordnance Survey GetOutside Champion and he raises money for a local charity.

Development

- Brynn was helped to enjoy the outdoors by Active Shetland and it gave him great happiness. This led to him becoming an Ordnance Survey GetOutside Champion so that he could share his passion of outdoor activity. He also volunteers for Ability Shetland, a charity that supports the efforts of disabled people to realise their potential in all areas of life. Indeed, his coastline challenge aims to raise money for this charity. Therefore, Brynn is a local hero because he makes a positive contribution to his local community. Despite his health issues, he sets himself tough challenges and is an inspiration to others.

PART C

C1. Comment on the use of the text box containing health advice on how to protect yourself from COVID-19.

READING SKILL — Identify benefits of text organisation and presentation

Possible answer

Starting point

- The text box helps to keep the information about protecting yourself and others from COVID-19 separate from the rest of the article. This is because the information isn't directly part of the story about Brynn Hauxwell and his coastline challenge.

Development

- However, it is a good time to lead into such information because Brynn is having to shield and yet he is doing his utmost to make the most of the situation. Thus, it is appropriate to highlight the responsibility of the general public to help those with health issues by including a reminder of the official advice to stay at home and wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds. The use of the text box also draws attention to this information and stops the reader's focus from wandering once they have finished reading 'Local hero'.

Questions on 'Moore money'

PART A

A1. Answer the following questions about Captain Tom Moore:

READING SKILL — Find and explain information

Possible answer

Starting point — *some information correctly identified*

Developed response — *all information correctly identified*

How old is he?	99 years old
How much did he aim to raise for the NHS by walking around his garden?	£1,000
How much has he raised so far?	Over £26 million
When did he start his challenge?	10 April
How many lengths of his garden did he walk?	100
Why did he plan to finish his walk on 30 April?	That date is his 100th birthday.
How many days early did he complete his challenge?	14 days early

A2. How have the following famous people responded to Captain Moore’s gesture?

READING SKILL — Find and explain information

Possible answer

Expected response

Piers Morgan	He donated £10,000.
Health Secretary Matt Hancock	He praised Captain Tom.
Prime Minister Boris Johnson	He has said he is looking at a way to honour Captain Tom.
Michael Ball and the NHS Voices of Care Choir	They’ve released a version of You’ll Never Walk Alone with him. It has topped the UK charts.

PART B

B1. Why was the task that Captain Tom Moore set himself “no small challenge”?

READING SKILL — Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

Possible answer

Starting point

- The task that Captain Tom set himself was “no small challenge” because he is 99 years old, nearly 100. He also has to use a wheeled walker to help him to walk.

Development

- Walking in your own garden may not sound very difficult. However, the fact that Captain Tom has to use a wheeled walker shows that he has mobility issues. Also, as he is nearly 100, it is likely that exercise tires him more quickly than it would a younger person. Older people are also more likely to have problems with their muscle strength and balance. Therefore, it was a difficult challenge for Captain Tom and an amazing achievement for him to finish 14 days early!

B2. Captain Tom’s slogan for fundraising is ‘tomorrow will be a good day’. Why is this a good slogan for these times?

READING SKILL — Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

Possible answer

Starting point

- This is a good slogan for these times because it reminds people of the need to stay positive and that this difficult time will pass. It suggests that there will be good times in the future.

Development

- It is also an appropriate slogan because Captain Tom has had a lot of “tomorrows” that have turned out to be good fundraising days. His slogan reflects the power of positive thinking and determination. People have been inspired by him and thus he has been able to raise a huge amount of money for the NHS to help make “tomorrow... a good day” in terms of beating COVID-19.

PART C

C1. Why is ‘Moore money’ an appropriate headline for this story?

READING SKILL — Explain methods used by the writer with appropriate use of terminology

Possible answer

Starting point

- ‘Moore money’ is an appropriate headline for this article because of the pun on the word “Moore” and the use of alliteration.

Development

- The headline is amusing because the article is about how Captain Tom ‘Moore’ has raised ‘more’ money than he expected for the NHS. Therefore, the headline concisely summarises the main text in a light-hearted way. This is likely to appeal to readers. The use of alliteration also makes the headline flow and thus it is memorable.

PART D: WRITING TASK

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A good nomination should include the following:

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READING SKILL — Develop personal ideas from reading news stories

Possible answer

At the age of 99, Captain Tom has raised in excess of £26 million for the NHS with his garden walk. He has also collaborated with Michael Ball and the NHS Voices of Care Choir to release a version of You'll Never Walk Alone, which has topped the UK charts. The money he has raised will make an incredible difference to the health service in the fight against COVID-19.

However, Captain Tom has not just made a difference in monetary terms. He is also a role model for people because of his positive attitude. In setting himself the challenge of walking 100 lengths of his garden before his 100th birthday, he was not daunted by his age or his need to use a wheeled walker. This has inspired people around the globe and, indeed, donations have been received from many different countries.

Captain Tom is a symbol of hope. He shows that you can make things happen if you put your mind to it. After all, he now has a chart hit to his name! His slogan 'tomorrow will be a good day' also gives comfort to those struggling during this lockdown. It is a positive message reassuring people that things will get better. As a WW2 war veteran, he has had to overcome terrible times before. Now, Captain Tom has served his country again. We must honour him.