



Congratulations David Pittard!

52 miles and a few wrong turns later David Pittard, the young racing guru from Letchworth in Hertfordshire completed the London to Brighton bike ride in aid of Garden House Hospice, and with it raised over £700 for his worthy cause.

In an event which required similar training and preparation to that of his race weekends in the Sports 2000 Championship, the Brunel University student battled with changeable conditions, slight errors in map reading and some mammoth hills to complete the 52 mile journey in a creditable 4hrs 50 minutes, and even managed to throw in some racing style overtakes on his competitors for good measure!

"It was a lot harder than I thought it was going to be!" smiled David soon after event.

"In typical race fashion I might have started off a bit too quickly! The start was very hilly, so after the first 10 miles or so I knew I had to pace myself more."

Having settled in to a more sustainable pace, David focused on knocking the miles off his 52 mile journey.

"I backed it off a bit, knowing that I would have to save a bit for the massive climbs at the end of the ride! I went wrong a couple of times in London where I missed the signs! Not ideal really but at least it kept me on my toes for the rest of the ride!"

Despite his focus remaining on setting an impressive finishing time, David managed to indulge in a spot of sight seeing along the way...

"It was really good to ride through all the country side and see landmarks to gauge roughly where I was. I rode under the M25, the Gatwick Flight path and finally spotting Brighton on the road signs, it was a great relief to know I was on the right track!"

With one remaining milestone to complete, David knuckled down and pushed as hard as he could towards the summit of the daunting Ditchling Beacon Hill.

"Without doubt the hardest bit must have been Ditchling Beacon hill, it was an absolute killer, but I was determined to do it in one and not stop. When I got over the brow at the top I was very relieved!"

As the clock approached 5 hrs and the 52 miles were completed, David crossed the finish line in his stereotypical fashion, with a huge beaming smile.

"It was a brilliant experience and I enjoyed every second of it but I was very glad for it to finish! My favourite bit must have been the down hill in Brighton where my racing instinct kicked in and I could pick enough speed up to over take cars down the hill!"

"I look forward to doing it next year and it was all for a great cause. Massive thanks to Garden House Hospice Letchworth, The Herts Business Support Scheme, my Mum, Dad and Carly for supporting me all the way!"

David is seeking additional sponsorship for his 2012 Championship campaign. Any companies or individuals wishing to support a British rising star should contact David direct on +(44)790 380 9212

David's next Sports 2000 race is at Silverstone on the 30th September.

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