

# Captain Tom Moore

Captain Tom Moore is the **veteran** who made headlines around the world in April 2020, when he set out to raise money for the National Health Service, by walking 100 laps around his garden. Not only did he raise an incredible amount of money, but he also broke several world records at the same time.

## Who is Captain Tom Moore?

Captain Tom was born in Yorkshire on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1920. He was a soldier in the British Army and served in the Second World War. He currently lives in Bedfordshire with one of his two daughters and her family.

Captain Tom saw the hard work the hospital staff were doing, when he watched the news during the COVID-19 crisis. He had been well looked after in hospital himself, after a hip operation several years ago and he decided that he wanted to do something to raise money for the National Health Service (NHS).



## Why 100?

Captain Tom began his challenge as a 99 year old. He decided to walk 100 laps of his garden (10 each day), leading up to his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020. He set himself a target of £1000, which he reached in a day.



Captain Tom completed his laps with the aid of a walking frame. By the time he finished, he had raised over 27 million pounds!

## Breaking Records

With his story being shared around the world, more and more people donated money and Captain Tom broke several records during his fundraising efforts.

He has raised more money from a charity walk than any other single person. He released a charity song, with singer Michael Ball and the NHS Voices of Care Choir, which became the highest selling single of 2020 in the UK. He is the oldest person ever to have a song at number one in the charts.

The money raised will go towards helping care for people who have been discharged from hospital as well as **toiletries** and food for NHS staff.

### Did You Know...?



- Captain Tom completed his 100 laps two weeks before his birthday, so decided to increase the number of laps he walked to 200.
- The Royal Mail stamped every item posted during the week of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, with a special postmark with a message for Captain Tom.
- People have been inspired by his story and have sent him birthday cards. He had so many cards, they had to be stored in the local school hall.
- Captain Tom completed his laps, while wearing his three army medals.
- A television **documentary** is being made about his life as a soldier.

### Glossary

<b>veteran</b>	An ex-member of the armed forces.
<b>toiletries</b>	Items for personal care, e.g. soap, shampoo and toothpaste.
<b>documentary</b>	A factual television programme.