



Captain Sir Tom Moore 1920-2021

What is The Captain Tom Foundation?

- The Captain Tom Foundation was set up to inspire and spread a message of hope to people.
- Its aim is to help charities which tackle loneliness, support the NHS and promote equality and education.

Captain Sir Tom Moore, the 100-year-old fundraising Second World War veteran, has died.

He became famous when, last year, he set off to raise £1000 pounds for the NHS by walking laps of his garden.

His efforts caught the attention of the nation and, in the end, helped him raise nearly £33 million!

Writing on social media, his daughters said that the last year “had been nothing short of remarkable for him.”

Captain Tom was born in Keighley, West Yorkshire, on 30th April, 1920.

As a young boy, he enjoyed cooking and baking with his mum and he also loved motorbikes. He bought his first one when he was only 12!

He joined the army during the Second World War and rose to the rank of captain.

Captain Tom made use of his love of motorbikes to train others to ride and fix them. He was also a dispatch rider - using motorbikes to deliver messages to the **front line**.

After the war, he worked in the building industry and also competed in motorcycle races. He was successful and won many races.

Last year, when the coronavirus put the UK into lockdown, Captain Tom decided to do something to help. Setting himself the target to walk 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday, he raised millions of pounds and people’s spirits.

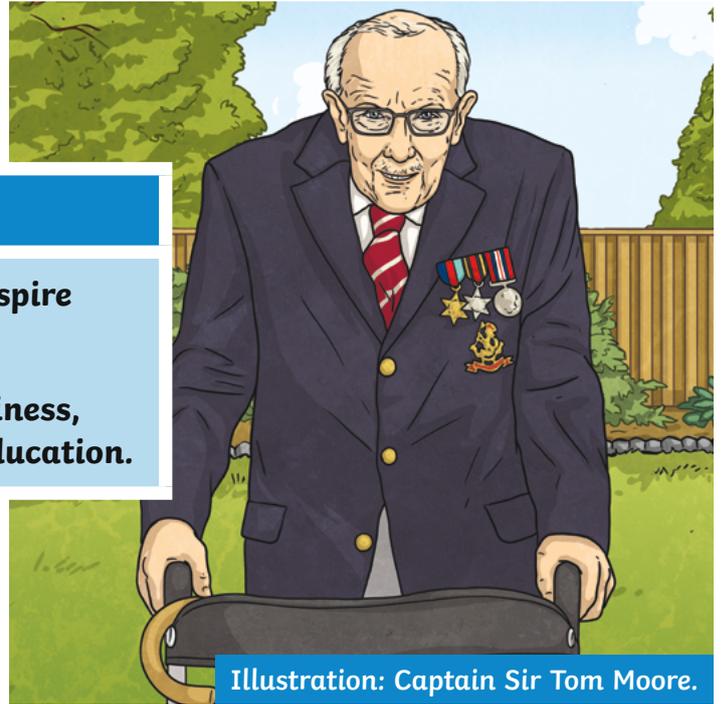


Illustration: Captain Sir Tom Moore.

He also raised money by singing on a song called ‘You’ll Never Walk Alone’. It was successful and he became a record holder as the oldest person to have a number 1 in the UK charts.

People across the world were inspired by him. He was sent more than 150 000 cards to celebrate his 100th birthday and was knighted by The Queen.

After hearing of his passing, many flags across the UK were set at **half mast** and The Queen sent a private message to Captain Tom’s family. A spokesman said, “Her thoughts, and those of the royal family, are with them, **recognising** the inspiration he provided for the whole nation and others across the world.”

Glossary

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| veteran | Someone who used to serve in the armed forces. |
| front line | The part of the armed forces who are closest to the enemy. |
| half mast | When a flag is lowered from its usual position at the top of the mast as a sign of respect. |
| recognising | Identifying or noticing. |

Questions

1. Identify one of The Captain Tom Foundation's aims.

2. Give the meaning of the phrase 'caught the attention' as it is used in this sentence: **His efforts caught the attention of the nation and, in the end, helped him raise nearly £33 million!**

3. Find one piece of evidence from the article which you think gives the impression that Sir Captain Tom Moore liked to help others.

4. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they happened in. One has been done for you.

Tom walked 100 laps of his garden.

Tom joined the Army.

1 Tom bought his first motorbike.

Tom was knighted by The Queen.

5. In the sentence: **A spokesman said, "Her thoughts, and those of the royal family, are with them, recognising the inspiration he provided for the whole nation and others across the world."** Which word gives the impression that The Queen thought Captain Sir Tom Moore made others feel better and want to do something to help? **(tick one)**

spokesman

recognising

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inspiration

6. Summarise the key information in the article using 15 words or fewer.
