



Captain Tom

What is Captain Tom doing?

- Captain Tom Moore, 99, is raising money for the NHS.
- He has completed 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday.

Illustration: Captain Tom has raised money for the NHS.

Captain Tom Raises Millions

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, wanted to do 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday.

Captain Tom wanted to show support for NHS workers as they help people in need. For over a week, he's done ten laps a day of his garden every day.

At first, Captain Tom wanted to raise £1000. But, people heard about what he was doing and started giving money. The money kept increasing. When it reached £2.5 million, Tom said, "Never in my wildest imagination did I think this would be possible."

On Wednesday evening, he'd raised £4 million. A message said, "WOW!... cannot wait to tell Tom the news in the morning."

Captain Tom wanted to finish the challenge on 30th April. But, he finished earlier than expected on 16th April. 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 support for each other. In the UK, every Thursday at 8 p.m., people have gone to their windows to clap NHS workers.

Children have been painting pictures of rainbows and putting teddy bears in windows to spread joy. 750 000 adults in the UK have become NHS **volunteers**, who will help **vulnerable** people with different 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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- ☐ over £1 million
☐ over £3 million
☐ over £7 million
☐ over £12 million

2. Compare and contrast what Tom wanted to raise at the start with what he had raised by Thursday morning.

3. Put a tick in the box to show whether the statements are true or false.

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Captain Tom fought in the Second World War.		
Captain Tom has completed 100 laps of his garden.		
Captain Tom wasn't surprised when he raised £2.5 million		

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☐ someone thought Tom didn't need to know straight away.
☐ Tom doesn't know how much he's raised.
☐ Tom is going to stop.

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1. _____
2. _____

6. Tick the headline that best summarises the story.

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☐ 90-Year-Old Raises Money for Charity
☐ Captain Tom Raises Money for NHS by Doing Laps of Garden
☐ Captain Tom Doing 90 Laps of Garden

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