

On 27 Jul 2010, at 20:42, ANDY CRINSON wrote:

Just a short email to thank you for 2 days that quite possibly were the best 2 days of my life.

Whilst I am not sure of the exact definition of a hero my own interpretation was of someone who I always aspired to be like and watching a certain Nigel Mansell extract 110% out of a racing car during qualification or race day made me sit on the edge of my chair thinking I wish I was Nigel Mansell!! I do also read that its dangerous to meet your hero in case they don't live up to your expectation however I have just spent 2 days in the company of my hero and guess what...he is even better in real life.

I competed in the Nigel Mansell Cycle Challenge for many reasons, some personal to challenge myself, some for professional reasons as a team building exercise for 5 staff members however most of all for the chance that by raising a significant amount in sponsorship for UK Youth I might just make a difference to someone else.

To ride with Nigel and Magnus and the rest of the Mansell family and cycle team was unbelievable, from the professional advice given on diet and hydration, cycle techniques from Magnus through to the sheer joy of riding through towns and villages with motorcycle outriders pretending I was some great cyclist will live with me forever.

The guys at UK Youth never fail to make you feel part of the gang and again reinforces my belief that as my chosen charity to support I could not have made a better choice.

Whilst 75% of me wishes I could have continued the ride the sensible 25% of me realises that this challenge is beyond mere mortals like myself and is best left for those god like characters who can get on a cycle at 7am and at 1730hrs still be signing autographs and smiling for pictures and never short of encouraging words for those around him.

Nigel Mansell you are truly inspirational and if sponsorship equalled effort then you would raise considerably more than the £1 million I know you will achieve during this challenge.

If anyone out there ever gets the chance to participate in a similar event to this I would recommend that you get in early because we will be entering again as will most of the people I have already bored with my tales of the last 2 days.

Wishing you all the luck in the world for the rest of the challenge and will be great to see you arrive safely in London next week!

Best Wishes

**Andy,Jo,Lauren Crinson and the rest of the Ai Serious Cyclists!!!!!!!!!!!!**