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The ride way to raise awareness

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A BT Glasgow customer provision manager is set to bike around Britain on a Harley-Davidson in the battle against breast cancer.

Karina Gallagher will be taking part in the Amazon Heart/Ladies of Harley UK Relay Ride for Breast Cancer - sponsored by Harley-Davidson, which is lending the participants new bikes.

A survivor of breast cancer, Karina will ride with four other women to not only raise cash but increase awareness of the disease.



Karina revs up for her charity efforts

They will start at Oxford and travel via various Harley-Davidson dealerships, with overnight stays in Newcastle, Aviemore and Edinburgh.

On each leg of the trip they will be joined by local women who are members of Harley-Davidson supporters' clubs, attached to each dealership.

This is the second year of the event, which raised around £60,000 for various cancer charities in 2005.

This time the ride is supporting Amazon Heart Trust, which is looking to raise the profile of issues affecting young women living with breast cancer.

It is also backing IBC UK, which is seeking to make the public aware of inflammatory breast cancer, which is a particularly aggressive form of the disease, and fund research into its causes and how it should be treated.

Karina said: "I feel passionate about raising awareness of breast cancer and letting women who have the disease know they are not alone.

"Many feel their lives have come to a halt, especially if, for example, they won't be able to have kids because of the treatment or if they have to put their career on hold while they take time to recover. My message to them is not to let it get you down – you can get out there and do things providing you focus on what is possible.

"The ride will be fantastic and, with Harley-Davidson's help, a high profile way of getting the message out there. The highlight will be the Aviemore stay where we will be coinciding with the annual Thunder in the Glens Rally, which attracts hundreds of riders from across the world."

The ride runs from Friday (25 August) to Monday 28 August, and you can find out more by logging on to the [Amazon Heart website](#).

If you would like to make a donation, contact Karina by [e-mail](#) or visit her [website](#).

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