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UK NEWS



Some of the riders in London

WEEK-LONG CHARITY RIDE

Fifteen women bikers have set off on a week-long road trip to raise tens of thousands of pounds for a breast cancer charity.

The group, 12 of whom have survived the disease themselves, will cover almost 1,000 miles on their ride from London to Edinburgh.

They hope to raise £60,000 for the Lavender Trust, at Breast Cancer Care, as they travel through the Cotswolds, the Peak District, the Yorkshire Dales, the Lake District and Northumberland.

The Lavender Trust is the only fund in Britain dedicated to offering support to sufferers from the disease who are under 50.

The riders, who hail from the UK, the US and Australia, started their journey from the Ace Cafe in North London.

The Changing Gears Bike Challenge follows a similar ride in America last year from San Diego to San Francisco.

It will be followed in September by another ride in the US and one in Australia in October.

Organiser Megan Dwyer, 38, from California, said the trip was all about sharing experiences and enjoying life.

"Breast cancer survivors come together and share their experiences with people who understand what they've been through, and they're doing something really fun," she said.

"A big part of this for us is about celebrating life, and showing that life goes on and can be a heck of a lot of fun once you're through that treatment."

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