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Manchester's Kirsty Barker is heading for the open road to raise breast cancer awareness and much-needed cash

"Hi, I'm Kirsty Barker and I am a Purser at Manchester. This year I am thrilled to be taking part in the Amazon Heart Thunder motorcycle adventure for breast cancer survivors!

"The challenging 1,000-mile ride on a brand new Harley-Davidson from Aviemore in Scotland to London starts on August 26th and finishes on September 1st. During this unique event I will join 20 other women who each have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2003 at the age of 33. I went on to have a Lumpectomy and further surgery to remove my lymph nodes, then chemotherapy for six months, followed by a mastectomy and reconstruction and have now been taking the drug Tamoxifen for five years.

"The Amazon Heart Thunder Ride will be a great challenge for me, especially as I have never ridden a motorbike and don't have my bike licence! However, I'm in the process of taking all the courses and have so far passed my CBT and theory test and am having lessons, so I have a busy few months ahead of me to get me ready for the ride in August.

"As well as gearing up for the challenge I am also seeking support from other people to reach my fundraising goal of £2,500. The money raised will support the work of the Helen Rollason Heal Cancer Charity and Amazon Heart Trust UK. Harley-Davidson is generously loaning brand new motorcycles to all the women taking part in this amazing adventure.

"For more information on the ride, go to www.amazonheartthunder.org or if you'd like to donate online, visit my fundraising page www.justgiving.com/AHTUKkirstybarker.

"Statistics show that in the UK, one in nine women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lives. 40,000 women were diagnosed in the UK last year, 8,000 of whom were young women. Your donation to support my participation in Amazon Heart Thunder will help the thousands of women diagnosed with breast cancer each year access the support they need.

"Thank you for your generosity!"