



NORSACA
quality of life for people with autism

Intrepid drivers to drive a £50 car all the way to Italy to raise funds for pupils with autism.

Intrepid drivers Derek Howarth (51) of Hucknall, and father and son Richard (57) and Gregg Stanley (30) of Ilkeston will be driving from Nottingham to Rimini on the Adriatic coast of Italy between the 15th and 20th September in a car purchased for just £50 to raise funds for local autism charity NORSACA.

The car has been decorated as the Sherriff of Nottingham's car. Sponsors of the car include Hucknall Town Football Club, Notts County Football Club, Jigsaw, Hucknall Van Hire, Paddle Art, Pump and Gas Boiler Services, Creative Care and 24th Nottingham (Cavendish) Scout Group.

The team choose to raise funds for NORSACA as Derek's son, Dan, attends Sutherland House School for children with autism, which is run by the charity. Derek said *"Dan's been at Sutherland House for the last 4 years and in that time he's gained so much confidence and been able to try so many different activities. Raising money like this is our way of saying thank you to the staff at Sutherland House School for their fantastic support and hard work."*

Sutherland House School is a school for up to 94 pupils with autism based on five sites in and around Nottingham.

Derek, Richard and Stanley have started a blog to keep people updated on their progress, please visit <http://nottm-italy.blogspot.com/> for more information.

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Note to Editors:

NORSACA (Nottingham Regional Society for Adults and Children with Autism) is a registered charity (No. 517954) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 2053860). The Society was started on the initiative of a group of parents in 1968 and today is still led by the parents and friends of people with autism.

Autism is a complex, life-long disability which affects the development of communication, social and life skills.

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