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# Ludgershall Students Walking Home for Christmas

**Brother and sister, Scarlett and Ciaran Smith students at The Wellington Academy have taken part in a 245-mile charity walk over 36 hours. Robert Wood, Headteacher at The Wellington Academy had been in talks with the student's mum to organise a non-school uniform day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, in a bid to raise more money for their chosen charity, Walking with the Wounded.**

The event was run by Royal British Legion Tidworth Football team with teams of 4 attempting their 245 miles within the 36-hour time frame, starting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 8am and finishing 15<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm, completing laps around the Tidworth Oval. The miles mark the distance from the football clubs base to Freilinghien France, where the Truce football match was played during WW1 in 1914.

Ciaran and Scarlett completed an incredible 106 laps with 26.3 miles completed. Scarlett went on to say "It was my Dad who inspired me to take part as he has done the event before, and I wanted to raise money for a good cause."

Robert Wood commented "As a school with a high intake of service families, I was honoured to be asked to help Scarlett and Ciaran raise money for a veteran charity. We are extremely proud of them both and hope we can help the students reach their donation targets with our non-school uniform day."



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