

# Help needed in 4x4 refit for sick Andi

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**FRIENDS of a Scout being treated for cancer want to transform his battered old Land Rover into a mean machine so he can drive off from hospital in style.**

While 22-year-old Andi Bull undergoes a stem cell transplant in the next few days, his friends and family have rallied round to soup-up his car as a surprise.

Inspired by MTV's hit show, Pimp My Ride, where cars that have seen better days are restored and customised, they are appealing for help to make Andi's dream come true.

Andi, who was given a top Scouting award last year, was first diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2006 after a 17cm tumour was discovered in his chest.

He has already undergone intensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy but was admitted to Leicester Royal Infirmary on Wednesday in preparation for the stem cell transplant.

He could be in hospital for between three and six weeks and his friends would love to have the car ready and waiting in the hospital car park when he is discharged.

Andi, of Vicarage Farm Road in Wellingborough, was given a form to fill out by Willow Foundation, a charity which provides days out for young adults who are seriously ill, to see if there was anything special he wanted to do.

When his request to modify his car was turned down, his friends began planning ways to transform the 39-year-old vehicle – and they are calling on the help of anyone in the bodywork industry.

Friend Mark Langley, of Rockingham Road in Kettering, is calling for help to re-spray the Land Rover black, put in some new wheels and generally improve its running.

He said: "We're asking for anyone who might be able to help to get in touch and make Andi's dream come true.

"He would love to have it sprayed black but we would appreciate anything that people can do."

Anyone who would like to help transform Andi's vehicle should call Mark Langley on 07857 207634.

His dad Bob added: "Andi went into hospital on Wednesday and he was very, very nervous – he was quite upset. He got the Land Rover as a project to work on to take his mind off his illness.

"He also got it so he can get all his Scouting equipment in."



■ **HELPING ANDI** – Chris and Bob Bull and Mark Langley need help to work on Andi's Land Rover; Andi is pictured right with his Scouting award

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## Funds raised for trip to France

FUNDRAISING by Scouts over Christmas raised nearly £2,000 for the group. Finedon Scouts held a number of events including a Christmas post, an auction and a Christmas quiz and raffle, the funds from which will help pay for a trip to France this summer. Scouts delivered more than 2,600 cards, raising £394 and a Christmas raffle at the Conservative Club raised £234. A music-based auction raised £1,200.

Patsy Coles, assistant county commissioner for the Beaver Scouts, said: "We want to give our grateful thanks to everyone who helped, including Steve Walker, the two Daves and the shops and newsagents which supported the Christmas Post appeal.

"We are collecting used clothing, curtains and blankets to be recycled, and are recycling printer cartridges, toners, mobile phones and chargers to subsidise the trip, so if anyone can help please get in touch."

Anyone interested in joining the group or helping them fundraise can contact Patsy on 01933 680680.

## Reel practice

IN PREPARATION for a Burns Night celebration in Harringworth later this month, a highland reel practice will be held in the village hall on Sunday from 3pm to 5pm.

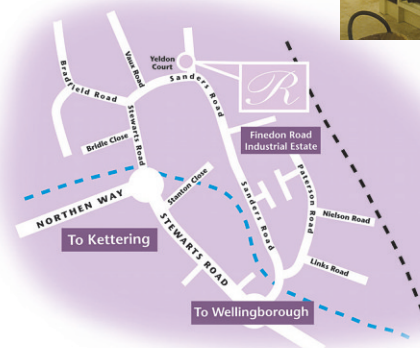


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