

MONSTER LOVE!

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A CANCER patient who will learn today if anything more can be done to save his life, was given a surprise when 50 friends and well-wishers turned up at his home in monster trucks and vehicles.

Car enthusiast, Andi Bull, who has been fighting cancer for the past three years, was too ill to attend the Off-road Power event at Santa Pod – so his

friends brought it to him.

The 24-year-old, of Vicarage Farm Road, Wellingborough, was surprised by a convoy of about 20 modified off-roaders and about 50 people who turned up at his house on Saturday to see how he was doing.

The surprise was organised by his friend and leader of elite4x4.com, Garry Anderson, who said: "Andi is one of the modifiers on the site I run and he helped to organise Off-road Power, as well as many other events.

Obviously in his condition he was

unable to attend the event so we thought we would drive over some of the vehicles, but it evolved into something much bigger."

Andi was first diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2006 after a 17cm tumour was discovered in his chest. Over the past three years, he has undergone 16 bouts of chemotherapy, two of intensive chemotherapy and 44 of radiotherapy. He has had a bone marrow transplant which failed, experimental chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant.

He said: "It is hell to be quite honest. To be told you are not allowed to go out with your friends, eat hardly anything, or do what you want. A 21-year-old being told he is not able to

enjoy his life, it is like a death sentence."

Today Andi finds out if any of the treatment he has had has worked.

"Everything is a bit in limbo at the moment," he said. "I have been in hospital because of a virus since the stem cell transplant and two weeks ago they called my parents to come and say goodbye to me. I have to find out if any of it has worked and if it hasn't there is nothing else that can be done."

But despite all that he is going through, with the support of his friends and family, Andi is determined to keep going. He said: "My friends and family have been amazing and as time goes on you move on and you smile because it is the only thing you can do. This has been a huge boost and it makes me think I can get through this."



■ SUPPORT – Andi Bull, also pictured left, is joined by the drivers 220809-km9-07

