

The Man Who Cycled the World Takes to the Air

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Round the world cyclist Mark Beaumont traded in pedal-power for something a bit more high tech when he joined a CHC Helicopter crew to travel to a North Sea oil and gas platform this week.

The Scottish adventurer flew in a Eurocopter EC225 from CHC's heliport in Aberdeen to TOTAL E&P UK's Alwyn North platform on Tuesday, Sept. 7 to meet, encourage and inspire the crew participating in a charity cycle challenge for Cornerstone Community Care.

Alwyn North has participated in the challenge every year since the charity event began. In addition to the money raised by individuals offshore, the company donates £1,000 in support of each platform taking part.

This year, crews onboard Dunbar and Elgin/Franklin will also join in the challenge.

CHC, the leading offshore helicopter services provider in the North Sea, has held the contract with Total to support its North Sea operations since the early nineties.

"It's not every day we get a record-breaking cyclist as a passenger so we are pleased to be able to facilitate this visit and hope that hearing about Mark's achievements will inspire the offshore crews to raise a significant amount for charity," said Tilmann Gabriel, President of CHC European Operations.

Mark is the current world record holder of the fastest circumnavigation of the world by bicycle—18,296 miles in 194 days 17 hours, beating the previous record by an astonishing 81 days.
