

# Operation Grapple Gorazde Memorial Ride 2023

27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

# Fundraiser

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**GCF BOSNIA**  
FOR THE CHILDREN OF GORAŽDE

ARMSTRONG WOLFE

**100kms**  
**1200** Metres Above Sea Level

Sarajevo

Goražde



# Meet The Team – Riders (so far!)



Maurice Evlyn-Buhton



Nick Scott



Chris Severson



Mike Wolff



Malcom Norman



Robert Pardus



Peter O'Kane



Joe Rondinelli



Robert Easter



Olivier Bouteille



John Rosling



Rachel Scandling



Nigel Wilson



Gary Knight



Marcio Moreira  
de Souza



Renata Aguiar de  
Andrade Puertas



Charles Langland  
Pearse



Duncan Bruce

# Meet The Team - Logistics



**Maurice Evlyn-Buften**  
*RGBW Contact and  
Charity Lead*



**Gwen Wilcox**  
*COO, Armstrong Wolfe*



**Theresa Foden**  
*EA, Armstrong Wolfe*



**Nick Scott**  
*Armstrong Wolfe,  
BNY Mellon*



**Mike Wolff**  
*The Duke of Wellington's  
Regiment*



**Muki Tutic**  
*Former BIH Officer  
and friend of the charity*



**Dzenana Bukva**  
*Goradze Primary School,  
English Teacher*



**Helene Bouteille**

# Background

GCF Bosnia was established to honour the soldiers of the British Army that gave their lives on United Nations operational service in 1994, serving in the central Bosnian enclave of Gorazde.

In their memory, the charity was founded to support the children's school in Gorazde.

To date over **£90,000 GBP** has been raised for the school



# Where the money goes...



# We continue to fundraise to provide the school with crucial equipment

## On Europe's doorstep:

*“BiH has one of the lowest levels of access to pre-primary education among its regional peers - only 15% of young children there have access pre-primary education, compared to the EU average of 95%.” (World Bank, 2020)*

Review of Efficiency of Services  
in Pre-University Education

*“There are serious learning and equity gaps in BiH's education systems. The 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) report, 44 published in December 2019, showed that 15-year old students in BiH are on average about three school years behind their peers in OECD countries” (Unicef, Situation Analysis of Children in Bosnia and Herzegovina March 2020)*

Situation Analysis of Children  
in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Whiteboard Computer  
Chairs Tables Printer  
Wooden floor replacement  
Chemistry Equipment  
Wireless Microphones Shelves  
Interactive Boards  
Blackboard LED Touchscreen  
PE Equipment Posters  
Desks Metal locker for teacher  
5 x Classroom Floors  
Asphalt around the tennis courts  
Children's Lockers Smart Board

# Itinerary

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Whilst the principal objectives of the trip are the cycle ride to raise funds for the school, and the opening of a new memorial in memory of the 6 British soldiers who lost their lives, other activities are being organised by the GCF Bosnia charity to provide a fully enriched experience of your time in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This includes a river trip on the Drina and visits to the Cemetery Valley, Samari summit (elevation 639 metres) and Sarajevo Old Town.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>  
April  
**Arrival**

0905 - 1420  
1500 - 2100

Flight Heathrow - Sarajevo  
Arrive in Sarajevo, tour round the old town and early supper  
Pick up the bikes  
Dinner not provided  
Check in to Hotel Europe

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
**Cycle Ride**

0530  
**0700 - 1300**  
1400 - 1600  
1600 - 1800  
1800 - 2000  
2030

Team breakfast  
**Cycle ride Sarajevo to Gorazde**  
Arrive at the primary school - Celebrations  
Excursion: Cemetery Valley and Samari  
Check in to lodge  
Dinner in town with school teachers and local dignitaries

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>  
April  
**Memorial**

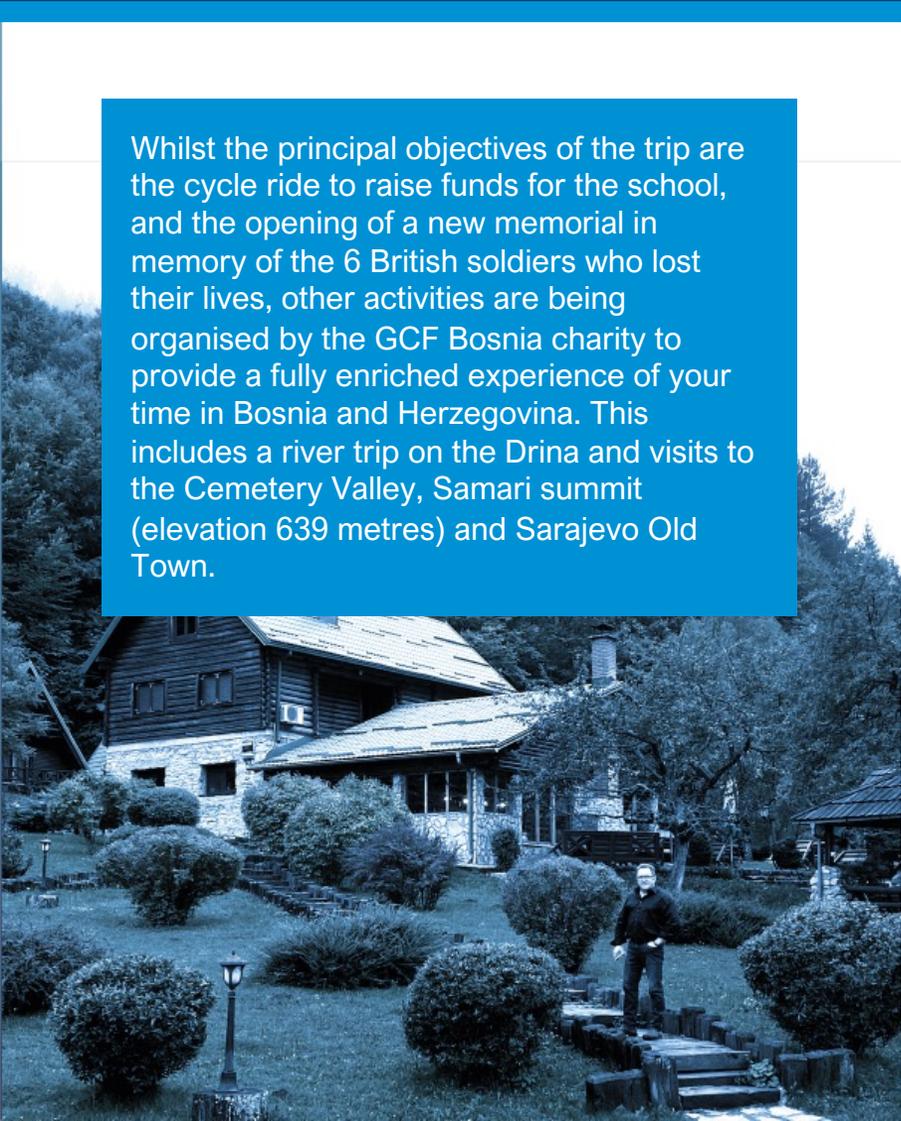
0830  
**1000 - 1100**  
1100 - 1230  
1400 - 1600  
1600  
1800  
1900

Team breakfast  
**Memorial Service**  
Coffee and post memorial drinks at the lodge  
Excursion: Drina River journey  
Depart Gorazde  
Check in to Sarajevo hotel (same as day 1)  
Dinner in Sarajevo old town

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>  
April  
**Return**

Various, AM

**Visit to the 1984 Winter Olympic Village**  
Transfer to airport  
Transport provided



# 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## The Arrival

### Itinerary for the day:

- Flight Heathrow – Sarajevo
- Arrive in Sarajevo, tour around the Old Town and early supper
- Pick up the bikes
- Check in to Hotel Europe



# 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

# The Cycle

At sunrise on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023, GCF Bosnia will bring together a team of up to 50 committed to complete a 100km charity ride between the cities of Sarajevo and Gorazde. The ride will take the cyclists through the fields and valleys of Bosnia, rising into its mountains and dropping down into the city, finishing at the school, to be welcomed by its children.

Brand new bicycles will be provided at a significant discount by the leading cycle shop chain in Bosnia. The group will ride these to Gorazde, where they will be presented to the school, to initiate and establish a cycle club that will serve to promote exercise and healthier living in the area.

## Itinerary for the day:

- Team breakfast
- **Cycle ride Sarajevo to Gorazde**
- Arrive at primary school – celebrations
- Excursion: Cemetery Valley and Samari
- Check in to lodge
- Dinner in town with school teachers and local dignitaries

# 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## The Memorial

### Itinerary for the day:

- Team breakfast
- **Memorial Service**
- Coffee and post memorial drinks at the lodge
- Excursion: Drina River journey
- Depart Gorazde
- Hotel check in (same as night 1)
- Team outing, drinks and dinner in the Old Town



# Honour

# The Memorial (Current)

On Saturday April 29th, the day after the cycle ride and having stayed in mountain lodges above the city the night before, a new memorial will be opened in honour of the 6 British soldiers that gave their lives on United Nations duty in 1994.

The chosen memorial site will be co-located with an established memorial for one of the soldiers that died – Private Ben Hinton. A new viewing platform, with benches, a memorial plaque and a panorama map will be dedicated, with the townsfolk, local dignitaries, and representation from the U.K. Bosnian Embassy, U.K. Armed Forces, in attendance. A proportion of funds raised will be allocated to this memorial.

**All riders will be expected to attend and give their support for this key event.**



# Honour

# The Memorial (New)

Memorial Inspired by Gary Breeze – renowned English Sculptor



Looking out from the viewing point (above):

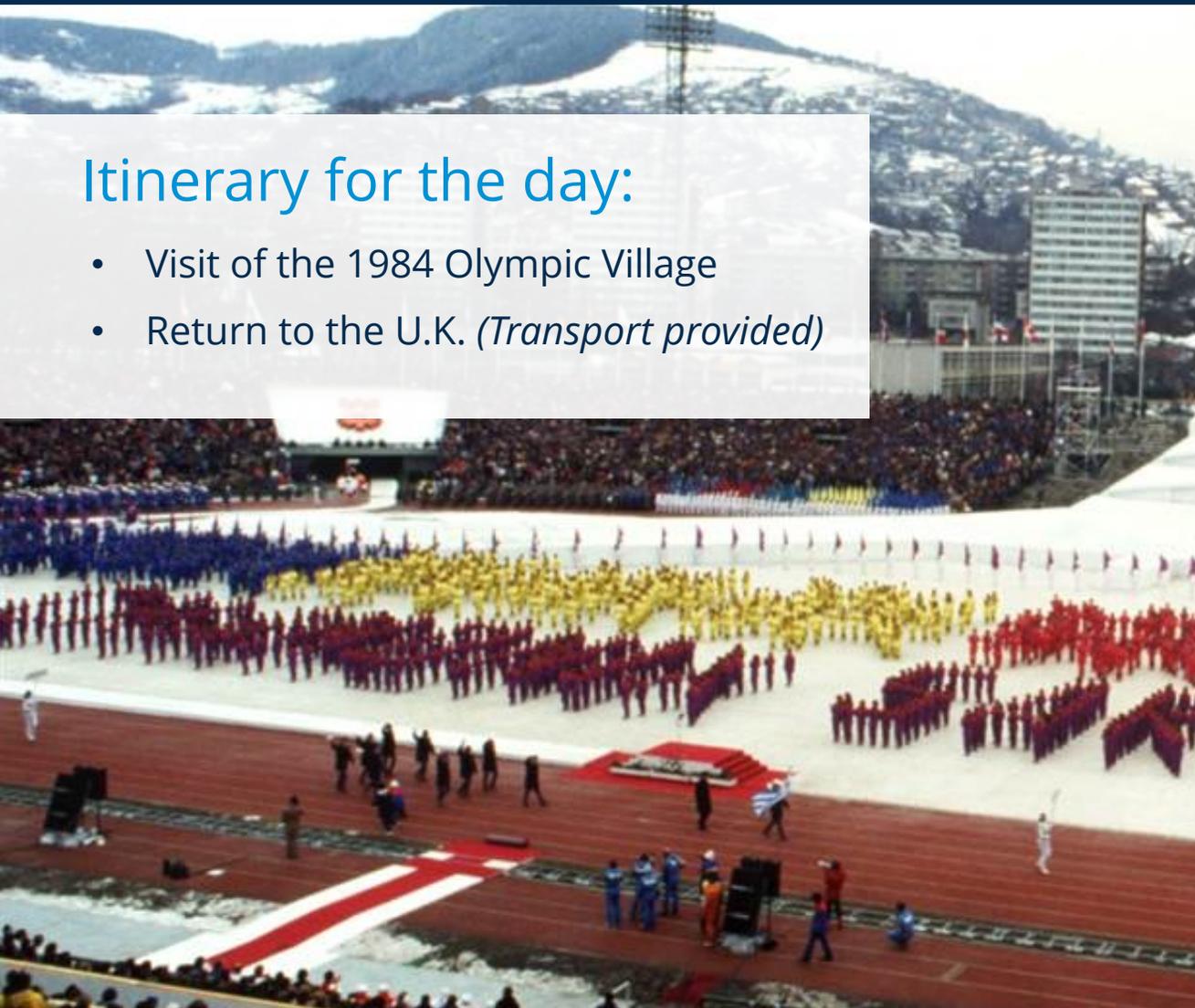


# 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

# The Return

## Itinerary for the day:

- Visit of the 1984 Olympic Village
- Return to the U.K. (*Transport provided*)



# Entry Requirements

**£895**

Individual  
cost of entry if  
cycling



**The team fundraising target is £75,000**

£895 to cover

- 3 days accommodation (bed/breakfast)
- Transport / minibus
- Subsistence (snacks/lunch)
- Bike

£415 Logistics Support for those wishing to attend and support the cycle team

- 3 days accommodation (bed/breakfast)
- Transport / minibus
- Subsistence (snacks/lunch)

£295 Ex-Service Personnel

- 3 days accommodation (bed/breakfast)
- Transfers

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# How will the money be used?

Overall target:  
**£75,000**

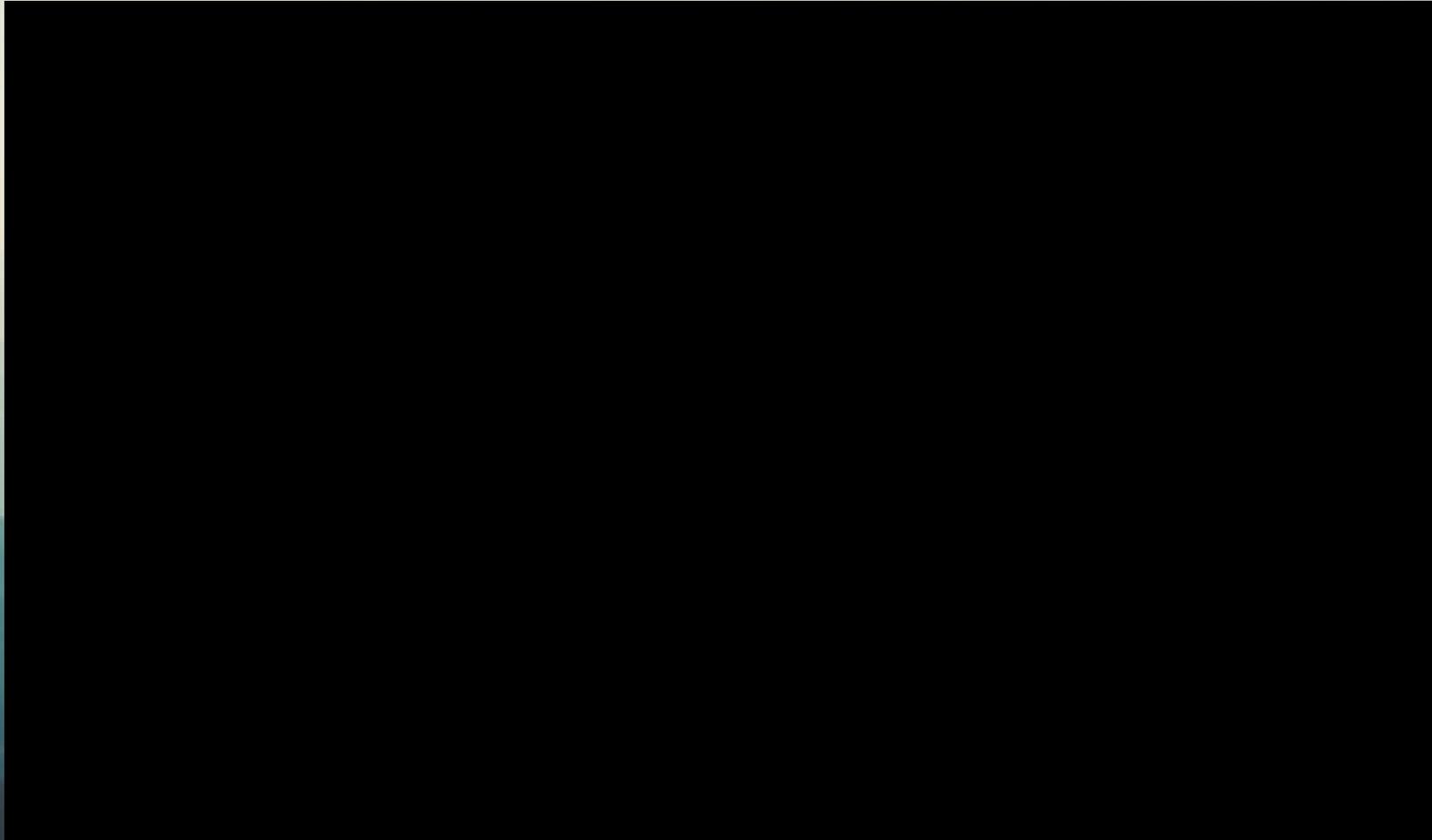
## £75,000 will cover:

- The Cost of the new Memorial
- Resurfacing of the playground
- Renovation of the gymnasium which will be named the Queen Elizabeth II Sports Hall
- PE equipment

*Note: costs associated in the running, administration and marketing of GCF Bosnia, including the coordination of the annual fund raising event(s), are carried by Armstrong Wolfe as an on-going contribution to the charity's efforts.*

# 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

# Recce-Video



Filmed 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Support GCF Bosnia by donating or by joining us in  
September 2022 on a thrilling bike ride to remember

Contact us [charityridebosnia2022@armstrongwolfe.com](mailto:charityridebosnia2022@armstrongwolfe.com)

Visit [www.gcfbosnia.org](http://www.gcfbosnia.org)



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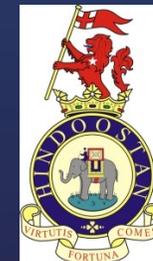
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