



CLARENCE HOUSE

I am delighted to lend my support to The Great North Ride, which will raise money for two important charities – the Light Dragoons Colonel's Appeal Fund and Combat Stress, the latter of which I have the great privilege to be patron. Both of these charities provide vital support to service personnel who are suffering from physical and psychological injuries which have resulted from military service.

This challenge requires horse and rider to travel approximately 100 miles a day, for four days. Much of the difficulty faced by the team concerns the selection of a route, which must be as direct as possible yet avoids major transport arteries and, crucially, provides a good surface upon which horse and rider can make steady progress. This is one of those rare challenges that with the advance of time and technology has not become any easier – and nor, I doubt, has the potential problem of saddle sores...

I do hope you can support this unusual endeavour, which is raising money for such a worthy cause.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.