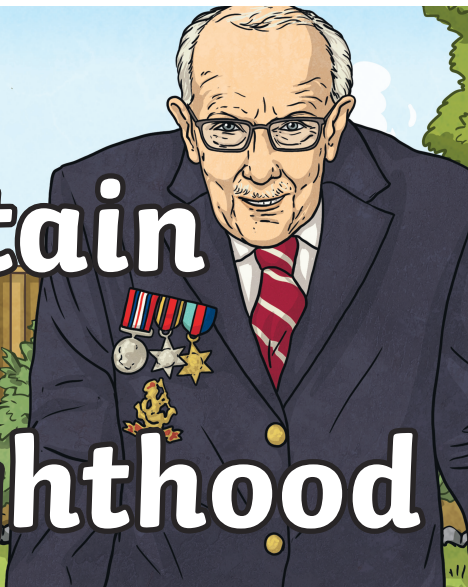




## Captain Tom Knighthood



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Illustration: Captain Tom Moore will be knighted.

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Captain Tom, the 100-year-old Second World War **veteran**, is to receive a knighthood for his **fundraising** for the **NHS**. The Queen said that he would get the **honour** on Tuesday. Once he is knighted he will be known as **Captain Sir Tom Moore**.

Captain Tom said in a message on social media, "I am absolutely overwhelmed. Never for one moment could I have imagined I would be awarded with such a great honour."

Members of the royal family have praised Captain Tom. Prince William and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, said he was a "one-man fundraising machine".

But what is a knighthood? A knighthood is given by The Queen to people who have made exceptional contributions to society.

During a special ceremony, The Queen touches the shoulders of a person with a sword. After being knighted, the titles 'Sir' and 'Dame' may be used.

Famous knights and dames include Sir Andy Murray, a tennis player, and Dame Emma Thompson, an actor and creator of Nanny McPhee.

Captain Tom first became famous when he completed 100 laps of his garden to raise money for the NHS Charities Together. He wanted to finish the challenge before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Captain Tom wanted to show support for NHS workers as they help those affected by COVID-19.

At first, Captain Tom set himself the target of raising £1000. However, he inspired so many people that this target was soon overtaken! He has now raised almost £33 million for NHS Charities Together.

### Glossary

**veteran** An ex-member of the armed forces.

**fundraising** Raise money for charity.

**NHS** The National Health Service is responsible for healthcare in the UK.

**honour** A special title that people receive, such as 'Sir'.

# Questions

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Dame: \_\_\_\_\_

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Captain Tom completed 100 laps of his garden.		
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**Accept an answer which refers to the following and is 20 words or fewer in length, e.g. Captain Tom, the 100-year-old Second World War veteran, is to receive a knighthood for his fundraising for the NHS.**