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Birmingham City goalkeeper Joe Hart is supporting the brother of one of his close friends who is set to embark on a 25,000k cycle to help raise funds for Brain Tumour Research.

The 22-year-old World Cup hopeful has pledged his help

to the charity after his close pal Jack Brydon was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2003. Jack's brother, Henry, is now taking on the adventure of a life-time in April as he bids to raise £25,000 for the cause.

At the time of Jack's diagnosis, the young stopper was plying his trade with Shrewsbury Town – the start venue of the bike ride which ends in Sydney, Australia.

"I was really shocked when I learned that Jack had a brain tumour," said Joe.

"Many people don't realise that brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and people under the age of 40.

"Please sponsor Henry to help raise much-needed funds for brain tumour research."

Jack suffered a seizure while on a cricket tour, aged just 17, and after having an MRI scan at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham it was revealed that he had a brain tumour. Fortunately a neurosurgeon successfully removed most of the tumour and Jack is one of the lucky few to live to tell the tale.

Henry is determined to give something back to the charity that helped save his brother and has set the long-distance, self-supported bike ride as the challenge. Starting in Shrewsbury, the route will take him east through Europe to Istanbul.

From there, Henry will head into the Middle East, then through China and Thailand

before finally arriving at Sydney.

Henry said: "This is a cause I feel really passionate about, not least because we know we are so lucky still to have my brother Jack around.

"Please sponsor me and help me reach my target and bring hope, rather than despair, to the thousands of patients diagnosed each year with a brain tumour".

* To sponsor Henry visit: www.justgiving.com/HenryBrydon

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