

## Jack Chisholm (2002 - 2023)



### *A letter from Jack's parents, Tania & Martin Chisholm*

Our dear Jack, who brought such joy to so many of us, never returned from his latest adventure to a giant tortoise conservation farm in Florida. On arrival, he could not believe his luck that he would be spending four magical weeks in paradise looking after these majestic creatures, experiencing this eccentric paradise with wonderful company and even being paid for what was looking like possibly the best holiday of his life.

As we now know, the siren call of the shaded pool in the Florida midday heat was to become the place where he drew his last breath. As far as certainty can be possible, it seems he simply hit his head, was stunned and breathed in a lungful of water. The medical report indicates he would probably have had no awareness of what was happening to him, which provides some comfort amongst the terrible sense of loss and pain.

We would welcome your financial support for Jack's brother Harry and Louis Giffard-Moore who have enlisted to participate in the **Mongol Rally 2024** in memory of Jack and to raise funds for **#JackTheLad Foundation** and the official rally charity, **Cool Earth**. As parents, what were we thinking to have agreed to this but, let's face it, legally they're adults, it will be great fun, but perhaps more of a logistical challenge than we imagine they realise; they will learn some hopefully useful skills and do some growing up, make some fantastic friends, and know that Jack is absolutely with them in spirit every mile of the way.

Funding support falls into two categories. First, sponsorship for set up costs - so if you have a company whose reputation will not face ridicule or ruin by associating with such an endeavour please consider this. Second, and most importantly, the fundraising effort for the two charities - so if you can contribute financially, Jack might put in a good word for you at the pearly gates!

**For rally sponsorship, charitable donations and information please go to:**

[Jack Chisholm GoFundMe page](#)

[Instagram - LadsforJack](#)

We want to highlight the **#JackTheLad charity** because they were a great support to us in the first terrible days and weeks, guiding us with navigating what to do when a loved one dies overseas. #JackTheLad was set up after their son Jack died following a harrowing quad bike accident in Greece. Their focus is to raise awareness of holiday safety, and adequate insurance provision, highlight poor regulation and irresponsible practices, and help with funding repatriation costs. We thankfully didn't need assistance with funding as Jack was still well insured as part of our household travel policy and he wasn't engaging in risky activity or under the influence of any substances, either of which could have voided his cover. Our kids are still young and many of them will seek adventure and take risks but they are also very likely to save a few pounds on insurance cover if booking a holiday themselves. Have fun but be smart!

[\*\*jackthelad.org.uk\*\*](http://jackthelad.org.uk)

We look forward to sharing some wonderful memories and seeing as many of you who are able to join us for the memorial service at Radley College at 3pm on Friday 22 September, 2023, details of which can be [found here](#).

**Tania & Martin**