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NEW WORLD RECORD

On Sunday 22nd
September at 11.45 am
James Ketchell touched
down at Popham
Airfield to make a claim
on a new world record

The first person ever to circumnavigate the globe in an open cockpit gyrocopter in one continuous journey - well done James. Of course, this global adventurer is not new to firsts, in 2014 he became the only person at that time to have rowed the Atlantic Ocean unsupported, climbed Mount Everest and then cycled around the world, again unsupported. His story captured in his book *The Ultimate Triathlon* published in 2015 and available through his website.

The world record attempt has been in the planning stages for over two years; James sought the advice of a small number of experts including Eddie Gould from General Aviation Services Egypt (G.A.S.E.), who guided him on route planning and logistics. The detail was meticulous, as one of the big

issues is that you cannot carry too much fuel in the aircraft so you need to know where the re-fill stops are. Originally James was planning a route similar to the cycle ride, that is through Europe and the Middle East and then onto India via Pakistan, but if you recall, earlier in the year tension between the two countries heightened and the 'air-space' was closed. James and Eddie needed a Plan B.

The new route saw James take off from Popham Airfield in Hampshire on Sunday 31st March 2019, fly through Europe as planned, but head for Western Russia. James then flew the width of Russia before flying across the Bering Strait into Alaska. On entering the continent of North America, he decided he would fly through each mainland US state.

95% *of all victims trafficked experience physical or sexual violence.*

\$100bn *Estimated Human Trafficking Trade per annum*

161 *Countries effected by the abhorrent crime of human trafficking*

The most difficult part of the journey was yet to come. James was holed up in Eastern Canada for a number of days due to bad weather, before setting off for Greenland. Having completed the challenging 650km journey across Baffin Bay, his next stop would be Iceland. After a few days rest in Greenland James set off across the Denmark Strait in good weather, but half way across the 1200km journey, the weather unexpectedly turned. The wind and the rain buffeted the aircraft, but thankfully James made it safely, he decided to stay for a few days on the ground to recover. The final leg of the journey saw James fly to the Faroe Islands, then across to the UK mainland, with final touchdown in Popham Airfield where it all started nearly six months ago.

As you will know from our previous newsletter James named his gyrocopter 'Kindled Spirit' so our name too may end up in the history books. James also nominated Kindled Spirit as one of two charities that he was supporting. We are truly grateful to him, as are the girls and staff at Kshamata.

If you wish to donate, please go to www.jamesketchell.net and click on Donate Now.

Thank you, James.



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JAMES KETCHELL

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CHASING EXTREMES

HEAR JAMES SPEAK ON HIS NATIONWIDE SPEAKING TOUR

2nd – 17th NOVEMBER 2019

In November, James is embarking on a 13-date nationwide tour of the UK arranged by Speakers from The Edge. Hear his adventures of the Atlantic row, Everest and the global cycle-ride, combined with his recent successful world record gyro challenge.

THE DATES ARE:

Saturday 2nd	Leamington Spa
Sunday 3rd	Guildford
Monday 4th	Cheltenham
Tuesday 5th	Malvern
Wednesday 6th	Andover
Thursday 7th	Truro
Saturday 9th	Newtown
Monday 11th	Caernarfon
Wednesday 13th	Penrith
Thursday 14th	Gateshead
Friday 15th	Glasgow
Saturday 16th	Aberdeen
Sunday 17th	Inverness



Further details and bookings can be made at:

www.speakersfromtheedge.com/theatre-tours/james-ketchell-chasing-extremes