

Swiss woman reaches Britain on epic horse ride - 21 Aug 2007

An adventurous Swiss rider has made it to England in her attempt to ride from Switzerland, round the UK and Ireland and back home again.

The epic 7,000km journey will take Jessica Bigler and her eight-year-old French Trotter, Gitan, from their home Palezieux in Switzerland to Land's End, Holyhead, Dublin, John O'Groats and then back to Dover and through France before to get home.



The ride, which will take around a year and a half, is a lifetime dream of Ms Bigler, who has left her job as a policewoman to complete the ride to raise money for charity.

Ms Bigler has had a good ride so far, encountering very few obstacles on the 1,200km she has covered so far.

She said on the website of the Long Riders Guild: "I've been riding in England for a week and a half now, and I must admit that people here are really friendly and helpful!

"They seem more interested in what I am doing than the French were...they keep asking me loads of questions and even stop their car to talk to me!

"Even more enjoyable, the sun has been with me since the first day!"