

FROM CTC'S CHIEF EXEC

# JUSTICE FOR MICK

*Cyclist Michael Mason died after being hit by a car whose driver wasn't charged. Paul Tuohy appeals for your help to challenge this in court*



**CTC'S CYCLISTS' Defence Fund (CDF)** needs your support to help a bereaved family get justice for the loss of their loved one. Seventy-year-old Michael Mason, known as Mick, was a retired teacher who loved cycling and photography.

One evening in February 2014, Mick was riding home along London's brightly-lit Regent Street when he was hit from behind by a car. He died 17 days later without regaining consciousness. The driver said she did not see Mick before the collision but failed to explain why. The police did not charge her.

Mick's family were let down by the police at every stage of the investigation. The police said they would pass the case to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), only to reverse this decision a few days later. This U-turn wasn't communicated to Mick's family by the police but was played out in the media instead.

Mick's family is determined that a jury should have a chance to decide what caused his death. CTC's Cyclists' Defence Fund is helping them by launching a private prosecution of the driver involved.

People like you have already given over £27,000 to ensure the prosecution goes ahead. This is enough to get the prosecution started but not for a whole trial. If we don't raise enough money, the case might have to be turned over to the CPS, who could drop it. We need to raise another £50,000 to make sure CDF can fight this case to the end. Please give generously to help CDF win justice for Mick, his family, and others like him.

Mick's daughter Anna and her family have offered to match all donations received before Christmas up to a total value of £9,000. This means if you donate now your donation will be worth twice as much.

## DONATE TO THE APPEAL

**ONLINE:** Donating online is quick and easy – visit [justgiving.com/justiceformichael](http://justgiving.com/justiceformichael)

**BY POST:** Send a cheque to 'Cyclists' Defence Fund' to Justice for Mick, c/o CTC, Parklands, Railton Road, Guildford, GU2 9JX. Please write 'Justice for Mick' on the back of your cheque. If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim Gift Aid on your donation. This means we get an extra 25p for every £1 you give. Please cut out and fill in the Gift Aid form on this page and send it with your cheque. (Alternatively, you can download this form from [cyclistsdefencefund.org.uk/donate-cdf/](http://cyclistsdefencefund.org.uk/donate-cdf/))

**BY MOBILE PHONE:** Send a text with the code 'CDF570', followed by the amount you want to give, to 70070. The message should look something like this 'CDF570 £10'. You can donate £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 by text. You will not be charged for sending the text.

**FUNDRAISE:** If you're thinking of fundraising to support the appeal, please contact Rhia Favero, the CDF coordinator: email [info@cyclistsdefencefund.org.uk](mailto:info@cyclistsdefencefund.org.uk); Facebook /CyclistsDefenceFund; Twitter @CyclistsDefence; or write to CDF, c/o CTC, Parklands, Railton Road, Guildford, GU2 9JX. For advice by phone on fundraising, call 0844 736 8450 or 01483 238300.

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