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**BIG CHALLENGE AHEAD:** Ivan Hollingsworth gets in some training to run the 145-mile coast to coast cycle route in aid of the Freeman Hospital

## Dad's £100,000 run

**THE parents of a 16-month-old baby have paid tribute to the North East doctors who saved their son's life.**

Sebastian Hollingsworth, who was born with three heart defects, was treated by experts at Newcastle's Freeman Hospital.

Now his family, who were told Sebastian was suffering from congenital heart defect Tetralogy of Fallot when he was just 15 hours old, are showing their thanks by trying to raise £100,000 for the Freeman's Children's Heart Unit.

Grateful parents Ivan and Nadine have also enlisted some celebrity help from family friend and GMTV presenter Ben Shephard, who has agreed to take part in a charity run. Nadine said: "It's hard to describe the shock you feel when a consultant comes into the room and tells you that your baby has a life-threatening condition."

Medics initially thought that Sebastian would have to undergo his surgery at between nine and 12 months, but at just 16 weeks the baby took a turn for the worse and had to have emergency surgery.

Nadine, 33, a business consultant, and Ivan, a 35-year-old pharmaceutical rep, of Whitley Bay, were so impressed with the hospital staff they have now set themselves an ambitious target of raising £100,000 for the Freeman's Children's Heart Unit.

The first major fundraising event towards the £100,000 target will involve Ivan completing the coast to coast cycle route. But, instead of completing the 145-mile trip from Whitehaven to Tynemouth on two wheels, Ivan will be running.



**SHOCK DIAGNOSIS:** Nadine and Ivan with their son Sebastian

Ivan and Ben will run from July 31 with friend Andrew Roberts, whose son has cystic fibrosis. All money raised on the run will be split between the Children's Heart Unit and the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

To sponsor or join them on a section of the run, visit [www.seb4chuf.org.uk](http://www.seb4chuf.org.uk)

# Pensioner's life is ruined by burglars

## WOMAN FORCED FROM HER HOME

By **SOPHIE DOUGHTY**

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**THEY** left an elderly widow so terrified that she was forced to leave her home of more than 20 years.

Now it is burglars Jason Cape and Trevor Sewell who will be waking up in unfamiliar surroundings after a judge jailed them for six years.

The career burglars chose to target the home of the vulnerable 80-year-old overnight on September 21.

The pensioner, who lived alone at the house in Kenton Bar, Newcastle, was asleep when the pair struck, sneaking into her home through a back window.

When she awoke, she found her collection of valuable Lladro ornaments, which she had treasured for a number of years, were gone.

Newcastle Crown Court heard the frail pensioner had been left so traumatised by the burglary she no longer felt safe in the house where she had lived for 23 years and had since moved into a care home.

Robert Spragg, prosecuting, read a victim impact statement Mrs Reid made after the raid, in which she said she had been left frightened to live alone and worried about what might have happened if she had confronted the burglars in her property.

It said: "She used to describe



**RAIDERS:** Jason Cape, left, and Trevor Sewell

herself as a 'young old woman' but is now a shadow of her former self.

"She felt she had to give her ornaments away to friends after the burglary. She's found trouble sleeping and is jumping with every noise.

"And in February she had to move into sheltered accommodation as she had been living as a prisoner in her own home."

Cape and Sewell struck sometime after Mrs Reid went to bed early on September 21.

The widow awoke at 7.45am the next day and after using her stairlift to get downstairs she noticed her ornaments were missing, along with other items and two bags.

Noticing the kitchen window was opened she realised she had been burgled and called police.

Cape was arrested within hours of the break-in after a police officer noticed the collection of figurines looking conspicuously out of place at his home.

Mr Spragg added: "Following the burglary, at 8.30am police went to Cape's house for an unre-

lated matter and Sewell was also there. A sharp-eyed officer noticed the ornaments and when he heard a burglary had taken place he went back and the victim was able to identify the ornaments as hers."

A footprint found at the home also matched that of shoes seized from Cape's bedroom

Cape, 39, and Sewell, 32, both denied the burglary when they were arrested. But they were convicted by a jury on April 30 and returned to court for sentencing.

Judge Michael Cartledge heard how both had a string of previous convictions.

Cape, of Horning Court, Blakelaw, started offending as a juvenile in 1985 and was convicted of his first burglary 20 years ago. He has since racked-up 24 convictions.

Sewell, of Wingrove Gardens, Fenham, also has more than 20 convictions for burglary collected during a crime career that began in 1995.

Cape was also sentenced to a 12-month concurrent sentence for an unrelated offence of fraud by false representation in which he used a stolen credit card to buy more than £1,000 of clothes and other items at the Metro-centre.

Det Cons Grant Falconer, who led the investigation, said: "This case shows we'll always do everything we can to take action against offenders who target vulnerable members of our community. It was clear this was an elderly person's home."

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