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Heroes' welcome for biking bobbies

AN American town pulled out all the stops to welcome four big-hearted bobbies as they ended their gruelling 3,700-mile charity cycle ride across the country.

The Rainbow Riders were given a heroes' welcome as they pedalled their way over the finish line in front of hundreds of well-wishers yesterday.

Their seven-week challenge – which saw them braving sweltering deserts and towering mountain ranges – took them from Portchester to Port Chester in New York State, having flown to San Francisco on September 2.

Play on a neighbouring American football pitch had to be stopped as eight fire engines put on their sirens and a 200-strong crowd cheered the elated but exhausted officers into Port Chester High School's John Ryan Stadium.

The school's 100-piece marching band played Fareham Inspector Simon Wigglesworth, Portchester PC Nick Morgan, Gosport Inspector Paul Rowsell and Portsmouth PC Alan Hockley around a victory lap of the school track.

The foursome hope to raise £25,000 for the Rainbow Centre in Fareham for children with severe learning difficulties.

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