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I'm going back to basics after brush with TV fame

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ELECTRIC violinist Alexandra Parker is set to return to her roots for a five-day busking challenge across the north of England.

Alexandra, of Belton, appeared on Britain's Got Talent in 2011 and saw her career take off as a result.

The 25-year-old started out as a musician by busking on Scunthorpe High Street.

After appearing on the ITV talent contest, she now performs at weddings, funerals and corporate events, but wants to go back to basics to test her skills.

Alexandra's challenge will see her leave her home in Belton with nothing more than a

tank of petrol and her violin.

Accompanied by her father Don Parker, she will then have to survive for five days on whatever cash she makes from busking.

She said: "I started my career busking in Scunthorpe.

"I never get to do it any more and I really do miss it.

"The idea is to set off with nothing but a tank of fuel and see if I can survive by busking.

"I will be starting at home in Belton before travelling to Leeds for my first stop.

"If we don't get enough for a hotel we'll sleep in the van, and won't be able to buy food unless people help us."

Alexandra will travel to Leeds and Harrogate on her first day, Middlesbrough and Newcastle on her second day and Carlisle on



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her third day.

She will then visit Manchester and Sheffield on the fourth day and Barnsley and Doncaster on the final day.

Alexandra said: "I know lots of people who do this for a living and I want a taste of what it is like.

"It could stop at any time if I can't get money for petrol. I will just have to busk as long as I need to in order to raise money.

"This is just a bit of a challenge and a bit of excitement.

"I want people to come and say hello, take pictures and show their support."

Any money left over from Alexandra's challenge will be split between Cancer Research UK and the Hilton in the Community Fund.

She will start her challenge on Sunday, July 21 and finish on Thursday, July 25.



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