

## **MRF Media contact BRAUNTON, Devon**

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### **Braunton parents' warning: Babies under one hit hardest by meningitis and septicaemia.**

Jodie and Tony Cross

Daughters Mille and Lydia suffered from pneumococcal and Hib meningitis (respectively) within two weeks of each other. Millie recovered and just after she returned from hospital, Lydia became ill. Lydia had both legs amputated below the knee but has recovered and is a happy little girl.

Read more at MRF's online Book of Experience: <http://meningitis.org/book-of-experience/cross-family-26071>

Said Jodie: "Our daughters Millie and Lydia both suffered from meningitis within two weeks of each other. Millie was just seven and a half months old and Lydia was two and a half years. Thankfully they both recovered, but Lydia lost both her legs to the disease. Be aware of the symptoms of meningitis, especially in babies and infants as they're 38 times more likely to suffer from the disease than older children and adults, and two babies will die each week from the diseases. Awareness can save lives, that's why I'm supporting MRF's meningitis awareness week."

Willing to do: Press, Radio, TV

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