

## Squash will get honour for epic mountain glide

AN ADVENTURER from Derbyshire will receive an award for being the first British woman to paraglide from the summit of Mont Blanc.

Squash Falconer rode 900 miles on a motorbike to France, before climbing the highest mountain in the Alps and jumping off the top.

She was given a special light-weight paraglide – a fraction of the weight of a normal one – so that she could carry it on her back during the journey.

The Derby Telegraph reported that the 28-year-old, of Thulston, completed the feat in September.

She has since found out that she is the only woman from Britain ever to do so, and will now be honoured with a certificate by the British Hang Gliding and Parachute Association at its annual general meeting in Nottingham tomorrow.

“I had no idea,” said Squash. “I am really excited about getting the certificate, it is such an achievement.”

Squash, who runs her own coaching company called Sanity Management, rode on a BMW motorbike, donated by Pidcock Motorcycles of Long Eaton.

Her real name is Samantha, but she is known by her childhood nickname Squash by friends and family.

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Squash Falconer is to be honoured.

