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Jump from mountain earns gliding award

AN adventurer from Derbyshire has been presented with an award after she became the first woman to paraglide from the summit of Mont Blanc.

Squash Falconer was invited to Nottingham to be honoured by the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association on Saturday.

It comes after she 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 since found out that she is the only woman from Britain ever to do so.

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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