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'Let's go gum ball'

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Four students in one car, covering 6,000 miles through eight countries in six days - all the while dressed as Mexicans. That's what Benjamin Williams and friends had in their sights as they set off to tackle this year's Student Gumball Rally. The rally, which kicked off from Dover on Sunday, takes in Germany, Holland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Croatia. Ben, who lives in Charlton Kings, said: "It is something I have always been interested in." "I don't really know where the inspiration for dressing as Mexicans came from, but it should be a good laugh." The Plymouth University student and his three companions are raising money for St Luke's Hospice in Plymouth. They raised more than £800 before they set off. They've been supplied with a new Volkswagen Passat by Kellogg's - which has promised to double all donations they receive up to £1,000. Gloucester-based Stephen Limbrick Limited, where architecture student Benjamin has been doing work experience, is also throwing its support behind them.