

# HOLLYBUDGE

ADVENTURER | CONSERVATIONIST | SPEAKER

British adventurer, conservationist and motivational speaker, Holly Budge, was quite literally on top of the world when she summited Mount Everest. Her adventurous pursuits, including becoming the first woman to skydive Everest, provide a platform to raise valuable funds for her 'How Many Elephants' Campaign. To date, she has raised over £300k for various charities.

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ON TOP OF THE WORLD:  
Holly summited Mount Everest to raise  
valuable funds for How Many Elephants  
and support anti-poaching projects in  
Africa. #EverestEveryday.  
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“Bloody brilliant!”

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- Everest Summiteer
- First Woman to Skydive Mount Everest
- Raced 1000kms across Mongolia on horseback in 9 days
- First Ascent of Mount Zuchi in the Altai Mountains
- Double World Record Holder
- Himalayan Expedition Leader

Holly's passion for adventure is evident with two world records under her belt so far, including being the first woman to skydive Everest and racing semi-wild horses 1000 kms across Mongolia in just 9 days. She works as a big mountain expedition leader and has successfully led a team on the technical Ama Dablam (6812m) in Nepal. Other climbing achievements include summiting Mount Everest (8848m), Cho-Oyu (8201m), Baruntse (7129m) and snowboarding from the summit of Mera Peak (6476m). More recently, she made a successful first ascent in the Altai Mountains. Holly has helped raise over £300k for a diverse range of charities through her adventures, including for her own award-winning charity 'How Many Elephants'.

Holly feels strongly about the capability, yet lack of women in the mountains and is passionate about championing the potential of all women. Through the lens of adventure, her vision is to empower others to become strong, independent individuals who live with purpose and confidence, who embrace fear in order to overcome obstacles and to encourage the role of leadership. A fundamental aspect of managing barriers is having role models who can actively demonstrate that barriers can be overcome. Holly is testament to this.



“Holly is an engaging, thought provoking, challenging and inspirational key note event speaker.

Matthew Sellens.  
St. James's Place.

- Holly is an energetic and engaging motivational speaker who talks passionately about her diverse achievements in the outdoors. Her message is simple: **Think Big. Dream Bigger.**

From basecamp to the boardroom, Holly's inspiring speeches and workshops draw on the experience she has gained as an expedition leader, a world record holding adventurer and a conservationist. Holly engenders a strong relationship with her audiences. She recently spoke at a TEDx conference to over 1500 and the following day to an intimate group of 8. Her talk is flexible and adaptable to suit her audience.

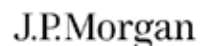
Holly's tales of adventure are told with passion, humour and humility. She has first-hand experience of testing her limits and overcoming challenges with flexibility of thought, lateral thinking, skill, confidence and good judgement. Even in times of great adversity, she reinforces the importance of having a positive mindset.

Her themes include:

- Self-belief and determination
- Nurturing passion
- Positive active thinking
- Good decision making
- Dreams are real
- Pushing your limits
- Postive role-models

Holly can put emphasis on any of the above themes. Her presentations incorporate a powerful collection of physical artefacts, photographs and inspiring video from her expeditions.

Holly has spoken for:





“Holly is an inspiration and a great ambassador for meaningful change.”

Dr Tom Ainsworth  
University of Brighton

- Holly is not limited to adventure, she is also an acclaimed artist and conservationist. She is the founder of ‘How Many Elephants’, an award winning campaign, inspiring and educating a global audience about the devastating impacts of the elephant ivory trade.

Few people know that 96 African elephants are poached each day for their ivory. At this astonishing rate they will be extinct in the wild in the next decade. Holly is using design to bridge the gap between scientific data and human connection.

Holly has weaved complex data into her craft to close the gap between scientific information and human connection. Her multi award-winning exhibition displays 35,040 elephants in a striking 18-metre long infographic display, using a monochrome palette to reflect the indifference of these animals in their fate. Holly says “part of the originality of this exhibition is in my approach to avoid gruesome and shocking imagery to portray the facts. It is not about scaring people, it’s about sharing the enormity of the poaching crisis.”

She was quite literally on top of the world when she summited Mount Everest last year to raise awareness and funds for anti-poaching projects. To date, she has helped raise over £300k for a diverse range of charities through her adventures and charity work.

Holly supports three direct action initiatives working on the front line of conservation in Africa. These include the Black Mambas, South Africa’s all female anti poaching team. Recently Holly immersed herself with the Black Mambas to intimately learn what drives and motivates these pioneering women to pursue their multifaceted roles as protectors, educators and beacons of hope.

[www.howmanyelephants.com](http://www.howmanyelephants.com)

“My vision is to inspire others to daydream, meander, run, climb and jump into their own adventure of self-discovery, and in doing so, learn that with self-belief, determination and resilience, even the biggest of challenges can be overcome.”



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