

FALCON AND SWIMS LIKE A SEAL FOR KIDS' TV SHOW

FOCUSED
Preparing for another challenge



LIVE AND LET DIVE
Andy drops through sky and, right, going under ice



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to show amazing adrenaline junkie

do by making yourself as big and un-aerodynamic as possible.

"If I had tried to pull my parachute open when I was going too fast, then it would just have ripped and probably killed me.

"But we had tested everything as much as possible and gone through all the scenarios of what could go wrong, so I felt confident what I was doing was safe."

One of Andy's favourite challenges was filmed in Alaska, where they cut two holes in the ice, 50m apart, and he had to dive like a seal.

He said: "I've been free diving for years but never under ice or in a water temperature of minus 28 degrees.

"For a challenge like that, you have to sit down beforehand, empty your mind and just concentrate on slowing your heart and breathing rate down.

"It's the very opposite of what you have to do for something like racing an ostrich."

While Andy loves filming nature programmes, he won't allow himself to be compared in any way to Sir David Attenborough.

He said: "Everyone is always on the lookout for the next David Attenborough but that is never going to happen - and we will never see another presenter like him.

"I have enjoyed making this new series, especially because it's aimed at children, although it works just as well for all the family.

"It hasn't been the cheapest of shows to shoot, we've travelled around the world and the stunts we have carried out have been pretty big, but the response so far has been overwhelming.

"For too long there has been an attitude that children's television is the poor sibling of adult television when it comes to spending money but this show turns that around and the end result is that the show appeals to all.

"It's about adventure but it's also about science - and for every hour I've spent in the gym getting ready to film these challenges, I've spent two doing my research and reading up on the science and technology side of things.

"Hopefully I can help inspire an interest in science and technology in those who watch the show."

Beyond Bionic is on Tuesdays at 4.30pm on CBBC.

