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MY STAR!

Injured war hero asks sweetheart to marry him under a moonlit sky

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THIS is the moment a former soldier, who was nearly killed in Afghanistan, asked his girlfriend to marry him as they gazed up at the stars - including one he had specially named after her.

Jason Goucher asked Shelley Beet to be his wife at Sherwood Observatory last night, underneath the twinkling night sky.

It was a poignant moment for the couple, as just four years ago, Jason was seriously injured by

an IED explosion in Afghanistan's Helmand Province.

The corporal with the Grenadier Guards was left with injuries including two fractured vertebrae and two broken kneecaps and he may yet have to have his left leg amputated.

Shelley gave up her job as a carer at Mansfield's Portland College to look after her man.

But yesterday was a chance to forget the months of heartache for the pair, as Jason gave Shelley, 25, the surprise of her life - and she said yes.



Jason, 26, from Mansfield's Ladybrook Estate, said: "I'm over the moon. I'm not very good at keeping surprises but I managed to pull this one off."

"I've been planning it

since December - I'm glad it's all over now!

"I don't usually get nervous but I was trying to pick the right time. She's amazing."

The pair have been together for 18 months but

have known each other since they were six, at Mansfield's Broomhill Primary School.

They are both keen astronomers and, at Christ-

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