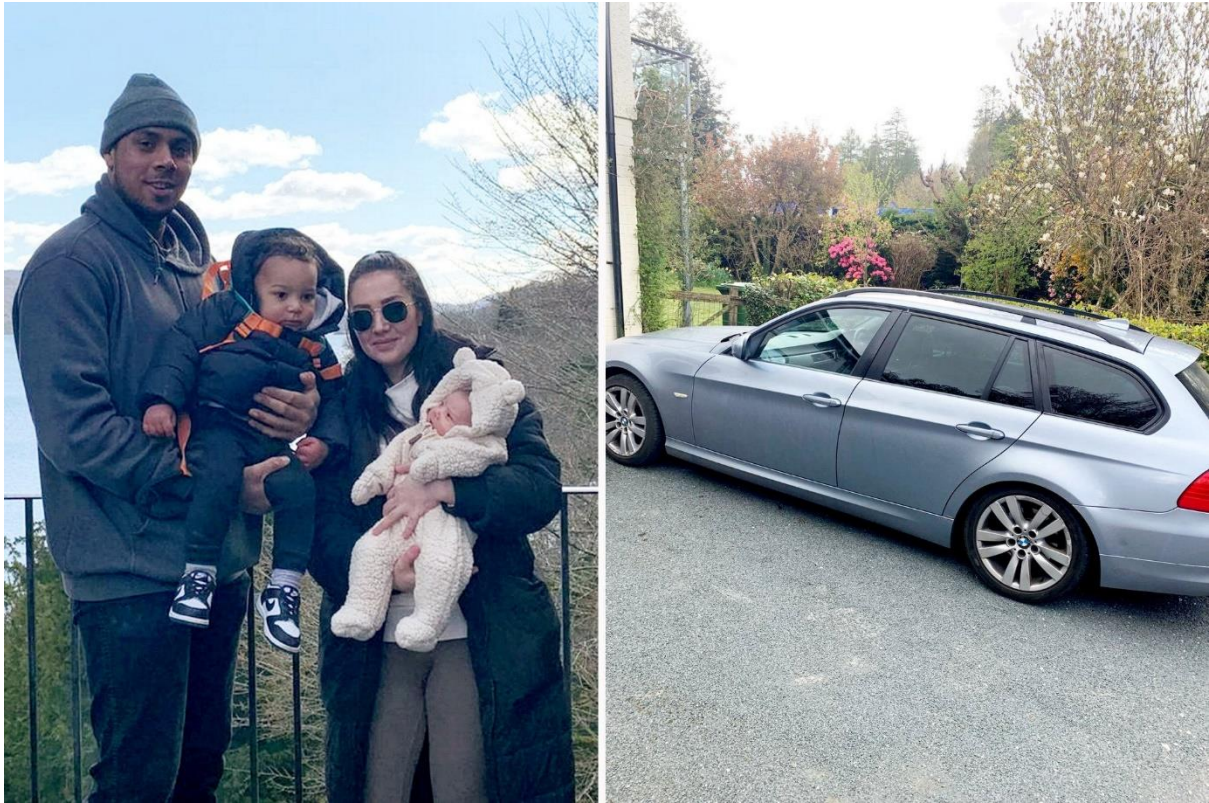


# Woman **delivered** her own baby in car travelling at **60mph**



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A woman gave birth **to** her daughter at 60mph as her partner **sped** through **flooded** roads trying to reach a hospital in Cumbria.

Chiara Musetti, **28**, was just minutes away from Furness General Hospital when baby

Siena “popped out” as her partner, James Spence, 32, rounded a roundabout.

An 80-year-old man.

Throughout the 45-minute journey from their home in Windermere, the couple had to repeatedly stop their car to check that they could make it through the flooded roads.

“We were about 10 minutes from the hospital when my waters broke, then I knew the birth was going to happen pretty quickly. About five minutes later her head started coming out,” she said.

“We’d been trying to stay calm through the journey but when she started coming out we were screaming.

“When we got to the hospital my partner ran out without any shoes or socks because he’d taken them off to test the floodwaters.

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“He told them what **had happened**, then the **midwives** ran out to me. They couldn’t believe I’d **given birth** in the moving car.”

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Ms Musetti was then taken into the hospital where she was kept **for** twelve hours **of** **observation** before being **discharged**.

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“Siena is **doing really well** now and is the most **chilled out** baby, which is **shocking** **considering** her **entrance**,” Ms Musetti said.

