



Dear Church or Parish Organiser,

March 2018

It's time to plan the annual Ride and Stride event once again and this year's event takes place on Saturday 8th September 2018. We thank you immensely for your involvement in earlier years and for being your churches Ride and Stride contact. This event will, as usual, be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to share. It allows much needed funds to be raised to keep our church heritage in good repair into the future. The sponsored money raised is divided equally between a named church (chosen by the participant) and the County Trust, who are then able to make grants to other needy churches.

In 2017 we raised more than £3,000 for the churches of our county thanks to the support of those who took the time to participate by either walking or cycling. In 2018 we want to increase that amount substantially. We are running the awards again this year with £250 being given to the church and £100 to the individual rider or strider generating the most sponsorship and submitting it by 31st October 2018.

To help raise as much sponsorship as possible for your church, why not find a Parish Champion that can ride or walk? They can be sponsored by the congregation as well as locals in the community. Another idea which enables those that are less able to walk or cycle but would still like to be involved is to consider sponsoring individuals to man the church on the day on an hourly basis. You could even hold an event at your church like a craft fair etc to encourage more people to pop in.

Risk Assessments

Health and safety is of the utmost importance and on the advice of the National Churches Trust we have put on our website a risk assessment that you and your participants must read before starting the event. If you have any questions in relation to the risk assessments then please contact me.

You will find all the documents you will need for this year's event included in this pack or on our new website www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk along with our suggested routes for your riders and striders. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries or if you need forms to be sent by post.

The forms/documents available for downloading on our website are:

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| Poster | Please add your name at the bottom as the contact and put up as soon as possible around your church and on signs out the front. |
| Register of Visitors | Put out at the church on the day. Please return these back to me after the event. From these we have a good indication of who has participated. |
| Sponsor Form | Please make these available to everyone participating. |
| Stickers | These are for use at your church or chapel gate or porch to welcome Riders & Striders. If you need more please let me know and I can send these to you. |

We do hope you all have a really excellent day and please let us know of any stories that you would like us to include on our website and our newsletter.

Best wishes

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Warwickshire & Coventry
Historic Churches Trust

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

**Saturday
8th September 2018**

Why not Walk or Ride for your church this year?

Find out more on www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk

Your Church Coordinator is:

Telephone:

Email :



Registered charity number 508352

Information for Sponsors

Thank you for agreeing to sponsor this event– we are very grateful for your support. The money you pay to the cyclist/walker will be divided equally between the church or chapel chosen by the participant, and the Warwickshire & Coventry Historic Churches Trust. Please make the cyclist's efforts worthwhile; either by basing your sponsorship on the minimum number of churches likely to be visited, or by putting a lump sum in the total column instead. Many thanks.

JustGiving

We are very happy to receive your sponsorship in whichever method is best for you. If you would like to make collecting your sponsorship easier why not set up your own '**JustGiving**' page? In a few simple steps, your online page will be ready to share by email and social media. By choosing this method you will be saving the trust lots of time in gathering and processing all sponsorship monies.

Here's our WCHCT guide on how to set up your JustGiving page:

1. **Go to www.justgiving.com**
2. EITHER: **Log into your JustGiving account** via Facebook or by entering your email
OR: if you haven't set up an account yet, you'll be given the chance to create one after you've entered your email.
3. Once you have an account, search for **Warwickshire and Coventry Historic Churches Trust (WCHCT)**.
4. **Select the way you are going to raise money.** There are four choices – you are taking part in an organised event.
5. You will need to **create your organised event**. Search for Ride and Stride and it will give you an option to create your own event. Name it Ride & Stride 2018.
6. **Finalise your selection** by confirming if you are doing the event in memory of someone, if the charity is contributing to the cost of your fundraising and if you'd like to stay up to date with all your charity's and JustGiving's news.
7. **Choose your JustGiving web address.**
8. Click: **Create your page**
9. **Enjoy your ride safely**

Job done! Your page is set up and ready to accept donations. Now you can start on the fun stuff personalising your page and sharing it with your contacts.

The Trust is a non-denominational, entirely independent, registered charity. Since it was established in 1978 it has made grants available to more than 100 local churches of every sort for restoration and repairs. Further details are available on the Trust's website www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk

Could you or your PCC join us?

WCHCT warmly welcomes new supporters. Please consider joining us by downloading our standing order form on our website: www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk (Event section/Ride & Stride)
Please email admin@warwickshirechurches.org.uk with any queries..

Membership subscriptions:

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| Individuals | £ 20 p.a. |
| Family | £ 35 p.a |
| Churches | £ 25 p.a. |

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