



Notes for Riders and Striders 2017

Thank you for volunteering to raise money for Wiltshire's Churches by visiting churches or chapels around the county. Half of what you collect goes to your chosen parish and half to the Trust, to enable it to make grants for the upkeep of churches and chapels.

Before the event

- Fill in the first section of the sponsorship form.
- Find sponsors!
- Encourage them, if they are UK tax-payers, to tick the Gift Aid box. In order to be able to claim the 25% tax refund, we need to have their Name, Initials, Home Address and Post Code written legibly.
- You can use the JustGiving web-site to widen your appeal for sponsorship. (See below).
- Plan your route. You can get suggestions for cycle routes and church trails at <http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/things-to-do/activities/cycling> and <http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/our-churches/>. You can of course visit churches in other counties.
- If you are under 18, please make sure your parent signs the consent box on the form. If you are under 13, you must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult.
- Cyclists – make sure your bike is in good roadworthy condition.

JustGiving

- JustGiving is a simple, quick and secure way for people to sponsor you online. The money is paid directly into the Trust's account, with Gift Aid added, thus saving you the bother of having to collect it.
- It is easy to set up your own JustGiving page by going to www.justgiving.com/wiltshirerideandstride. Click on "Fundraise for us", then "Organised Event". In the "Story" section of your page, please make sure you include the name of your church. You can then contact potential sponsors by email.

On the day

- Listen to the weather forecast and dress appropriately. Cyclists are encouraged to wear bright clothes and helmets.
- Be **safety** conscious all the way. Best not to cycle in large groups.
- Observe the Countryside Code.
- Churches may be visited between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
- At each church get your sponsorship form initialled and/or stamped, with the time of arrival, and sign the register of visitors. If there is no steward there, sign your own form or use the church's rubber stamp.
- Enjoy your day!

Prizes

- The event is not a competition, but there are cash prizes for the most churches visited and the most money raised, for cyclists in three age categories (16 and under, over 16, and over 65) and for the most successful walker.
- In addition, there are **two cups**: the **Brooke Cup** (plus **£500**, and runner-up prizes of £100 and £50) awarded to the best all-round parish, and the **Junior Group Cup** (plus **£100**, with £50 for the runner-up), also generously donated by Lord Brooke, for the parish with the most successful group of Under-18s.

After the event

- Collect money from your sponsors and fill in the amounts on the sponsorship form. If they have ticked the Gift Aid box, please ensure that their name, initials, home address and post code are clearly legible.
- Cheques should be made payable to Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.
- Pass your form and sponsorship money to your Parish Organiser by **Sunday 8th October**.
- Your parish's half share of the money raised will be sent to your Parish Organiser in November. If you wish to divide the money between different churches, please make this clear on your sponsorship form.

Disclaimer

It is a condition of participation in Ride and Stride that, save to the extent required by law, the Trustees of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust accept no liability in respect of injury or death sustained by any participant.

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