What, in the majority of towns and villages, is the most impressive building? You’ve guessed it: the church! And Wiltshire, as much as any county, has a rich variety of styles of architecture and historical features to explore.

**Ride+Stride** provides an ideal opportunity to visit some of our county’s beautiful churches. Most will be open on Ride+Stride Day, **Saturday 8th September**, and many will have someone to welcome you with refreshments. If you can at the same time get friends, family, church members to sponsor you, you can make a valuable contribution to church funds. Half of the money raised also goes to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, enabling it to give grants for the upkeep and enhancement of churches and chapels around the county.

Participants can take part on a bike, on foot or on horseback. Last year the ages of those taking part ranged from 2 to 86, and over £55,000 was raised. One cyclist wrote: *“We cycled 37 miles to 20 lovely churches through beautiful countryside. Glorious sunshine all day and a total soaking in the last 5 minutes.”*

There is no enrolment fee – just get a sponsorship form and instructions you’re your Parish Organiser or from the website (see below), and then plan your own route. Whether you simply walk from one local church to another or more ambitiously aim to cycle to fifty churches, you are a welcome participant. There are also prizes for the most successful individuals and parishes.

For more information contact , email ctg100@hotmail.com or visit <https://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk>.