



WARWICKSHIRE AND COVENTRY  
HISTORIC CHURCHES  
TRUST



## Ride and Stride 2009

Saturday 12 September 2009  
10.00 am - 6.00 pm

Dear Parish Ride organiser,

July 2009

Following my recent letter, I am now enclosing the usual pack of documents for the Ride and Stride 2009. This contains 2 posters for you to display locally to encourage cyclists and walkers to take part, and four sets of information for handing to those who agree to take part. **You will need to add your name and contact details to the posters before you put them up.** Cyclists and walkers should be encouraged to sign your church visitors' book to record their visit. Thank you very much for being the named point of contact for the annual Ride and for ensuring that access can be obtained to your church for those taking part.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries or need more sets by post for the riders/ walkers. All the forms and further information are now available on our new website at [www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk).

Once again the Ride coincides with the national Heritage Open Weekend and many churches are taking advantage of this to arrange something extra to attract their visitors, by putting on special displays, exhibitions, refreshments and other activities.

This day 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. All monies 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.

This year we aim to keep the established Local Rides (South Warwickshire Seven, Stour Valley, Stourdene and George Eliot) and to develop Planned Rides (Shipston, Warwick/Leamington, and Dassett Hills). We also hope to set up Proposed Rides (Shakespeare, Coventry, Salford Five Alive and Studley). Full details of these Local Rides and of the churches that are participating are, or will be, available on our website at [www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk).

We hope you all have an excellent day!

*Will Hawkes*

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