



WARWICKSHIRE AND COVENTRY  
HISTORIC CHURCHES  
TRUST

# RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

**Dear Rider/Walker**

It's time for the annual Ride and Stride event once again and this year's event takes place on **Saturday 9th September 2017 from 10am to 6pm.**



In 2016 we raised more than £7k for the churches of our county thanks to the support of those, like you, who cycled, walked, ran, jogged and even rode on horseback between as many Warwickshire churches as possible between 10am and 6pm.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.**

Further information on the event is available on the Trust's website. This includes a number of Local Rides, routes covering different parts of the county and a Rider and Stride Information and Forms Pack. All churches within the County can be visited and counted, whether open or not.

Full details of the event are on our website [www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk).

## **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.

<http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk/infoforms.html>. If you have any questions in relation to the risk assessments then please contact me.

Can we ask your help in encouraging your local church to get involved and open for Ride & Stride? It is important to note that all visits to churches can be counted by participants in the event, even those that are closed.

We are sure the day will, as usual, be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to share in and enjoy the wonderful architectural heritage of our Warwickshire churches. It also raises much needed funds to keep our church heritage in good repair for future generations.

We hope you will be able to join us again this year and act as our advocate in encouraging others to do so. Our churches are spaces for communal worship, personal contemplation and community life and we want to celebrate and conserve them.

**What to do now.....**

1. **Download the Riders and Striders Sponsorship Pack on our website**  
[www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk)
2. **Fill in the Registration form** on this document and keep it with your **Sponsorship Form** until you are ready to send them to our treasurer, Godfrey Hill (see details below) after the event.
3. **To help your supporters decide how much to give**, let them have an idea of the number of churches you expect to visit.
4. **Read the Risk Assessment form** which is on our website before you take part in the event.
5. **Use our poster to advertise the Ride and Stride event** in your local church.
6. On the day, make sure you get your **Churches Visited form initialed or stamped at each church visit**, and fill in the attendance sheet at the church (where available).
7. **Send your completed Registration form, Sponsorship Form and Churches Visited, together with all of your sponsorship money, before 31 October 2017 to:**

Mr Godfrey Hill (Ride Treasurer),  
344 Broad Lane, Coventry, CV5 7AT.  
(Tel: 0247 646 4432)

**It is very important that you send the Sponsor Form and Registration document back, including the number of churches you visited, so that we know which church you have ridden for and can keep in touch for next year. We also need to know your details so that we can award prizes for the church and individual who have generated the most sponsorship.**

Half of the sponsorship that you send will then be returned to your nominated church by WCHCT before the end of December 2017.

**Please let us know if there are any special events happening at your local church** for Ride & Stride so that we can let everyone know. Please send an email to: [Sarah.constable@inkwellmedia.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.constable@inkwellmedia.co.uk)

Good luck with the event and we hope you have a lovely day with the weather being fit for a churchyard picnic along the way.

Best wishes  
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PS: We would be very grateful if you could send any photos or stories from the day for our website and newsletter to [Sarah.constable@inkwellmedia.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.constable@inkwellmedia.co.uk) Many thanks.