

Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust

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(Affiliated to the Historic Churches Preservation Trust)

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Dear Church Organiser,

RUTLAND RIDE AND STRIDE. SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2021

We are very grateful to you for offering to act as church organiser for your church for this year's Ride and Stride. As in 2019, we are primarily using the internet to distribute information and paper forms. So I am e-mailing this letter to you with the necessary attachments. The most important of these for you at this stage is the Brief for Church Organisers. This contains all the information that you need. We have continued to split their usual participant forms into two parts, a "Record of Churches Visited" to be carried by participants on their ride/walk and a "Sponsors' Form" to be attached to the Record only after the ride/walk is completed. Otherwise, we have tried to reduce the number of forms to simplify things as you will see below.

The other attachments are guidance notes and sponsorship forms for the participants and these are also available on our website www.RutlandRideAndStride.org.uk. It is our hope that you will be able to print off the notes and forms in the quantities that you need in your parish but please remember to add your name to the sponsorship form where indicated so that participants know to whom to return the forms later. Hopefully, there will be participants in your parish who will be willing to print off for themselves, at home, the forms that they need. If you are unable to do this then please contact me and I will print for you the forms that you need; or contact Richard Foulkes on 01572 722192 or rffoulkes@gmail.com and he, as county co-ordinator, could also arrange this for you.

We decided to produce the advertising material centrally to ensure colour and quality control so I will send this separately by mail or hand very soon: specifically, a supply of posters to display in your church porch, village shop or other prominent places advertising the event; and a supply of individual leaflets to place where you think they will have most impact. These are for people to take home. If you need more posters or flyers please contact me or Richard.

An increasing number of participants use the internet for fundraising and this has the great advantage to you and us of collecting sponsorship money directly including the GiftAid rebate. So please encourage this where appropriate. More details are on our website or from www.justgiving.com/rhcpt. Where people give directly to the participant please remind these latter **if they wish to pay by cheque** to make sure their name, address and postcode is included on the form and the GiftAid box ticked so that we can reclaim tax.

We are extremely grateful to Hanson Cement, Ketton and to Barnsdale Lodge Hotel for their support.

With many thanks for your help and support.

Rutland Ride + Stride Special Trustee Co-ordinator