



Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride

Saturday
13 September
2025

Parish and Local Organisers' Information

The purpose of the Ride and Stride is to raise money for Lincolnshire Churches. The **money will be divided** equally between Churches nominated by participants and Lincolnshire Churches via grants awarded by the Trust.

Participants will be sponsored for each Church or Chapel visited. The more participants there are and the more Churches and Chapels that are open and manned on the day, the more money will be raised.

It is hoped that this will be a fun day out for participants and their families. Many counties will be holding events on the same day. The Bishop of Lincoln fully supports the event because of its financial benefits and the opportunity it presents to encourage community spirit and wider interest in the ancient churches which are part of the great spiritual and architectural heritage of the diocese.

Points to Remember

1. Read through this information and the Sponsor Form and ask any questions you may have.
2. Seek the support of your own and other local denominations. It is hoped you can arrange for your Churches and Chapels of all denominations to be open and manned on the appointed day between 10.00am and 6.00pm.
3. Put a notice NOW in your parish magazine with your name and telephone number.
4. Please see that whoever is organizing the Church Rota has a copy of this form.
5. Please inform the police of any large group cycling together and emphasise the need for road safety. Cyclists should ride in single file and walkers should walk on the right.
6. Ensure that all participants receive Sponsor Forms, a list of churches and a badge, if requested. Explain to them how to complete the Sponsor Form. Encourage them to ask sponsors to Gift Aid their sponsorship. To claim Gift Aid, we need the sponsor's initials, name, house number, postcode and a Yes in the column. We also need the rider's/walker's, name, house number and postcode.
7. After the event participants should be asked to collect sponsorship money by 10. October. When you receive the money, complete the form overleaf and forward it to LCT by 31 October.
8. The money granted to the churches and returned to them by the Agents can be used at the discretion of the PCC for any purpose within the objects of the Trust. Ensure that all PCCs and authorities from other chapels are aware of this. Tax reclaimed via Gift Aid is done by the Trust for allocation as grants.
9. Ring your deanery organizer at once if you need any more forms or any other help. We also welcome suggestions for improving the event in the future.

Publicity Ideas

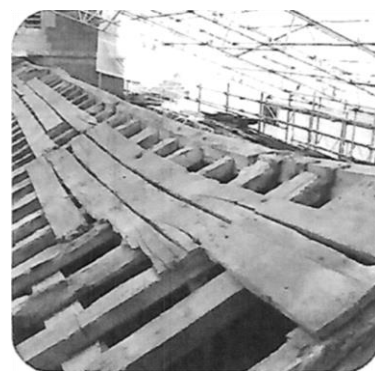
1. Use your parish magazine.
2. Arrange for the display of full colour posters as soon as possible and some lists of visitable churches too.
3. Organise people to find willing Riders and Striders. Give them a Sponsor Form and list of visitable churches so they may plan their route in advance.
4. Identify suitable places to leave Sponsor Forms such as churches, public buildings, shops, garages and schools etc.

Church and Chapel Manning

1. Place a poster prominently outside the church.
2. Please open 10.00am-6.00pm. If this is not possible, please leave a slip for participants to pick up as evidence of their visit.
3. Keep a supply of Sponsor Forms and Lists of Visitable Churches available.
4. Make sure that the name of the Church, your initials and the time are added to the Sponsor Form for all participants visiting your Church.
5. Participants will appreciate refreshments if possible. If unmanned, please leave it on the porch or just outside the door.
6. Make the event a success it is important to make participants feel welcome.

Thank you..

The Trustees
would like to
thank all those
who, so very
generously, give
their time and
help to organize
this event.



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Parish Organiser's Payment Form



1. Please emphasise to Riders and Striders the importance of collecting their sponsor money early. and to RETURN THEIR MONEY AND SPONSOR FORM TO YOU as soon as possible and by Friday 31 October at the latest.
2. Sponsor forms are needed for confirmation, claiming of gift aid, and to ensure correct allocation of monies to the relevant parishes Please ensure they are completed fully to enable gift aid to be reclaimed - the Trust will reclaim all the gift aid which will be used as grants for church repairs.
3. Using your capacity as Agent for the Trust. please give a grant of half of the money received on behalf of the Trust to the Church and along with the receipt below to the Parish Church.
4. Send the other half to the Lincolnshire Churches Trust. Cheques should be made out to 'LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCHES TRUST' and sent to your Deanery Organiser.
5. Please complete the form below giving the top half to the Church to sign and sending both slips with the cheque and ALL SPONSOR FORMS to the Trust.

RECEIPT FROM CHURCH

A grant of £ has been received by the Parish Church of from Lincolnshire Churches Trust on (Date)

Signature

Name and Email address:

Please detach along this line and send the bottom half to the *Lincolnshire Churches Trust along with the signed slip above, via your Deanery Organiser.*

Sender's Name:

Address:

Telephone No.:

Email address:

A	For the Parish Church of.	£
	The full amount from all riders and striders was (INSERT FULL AMOUNT)	£ ...
B	For other churches nominated by Riders/Striders	
	To receive their sponsor money (INSERT FULL AMOUNT)	
1		
2		£ ...
	TOTAL RAISED	£ .
	Cheque enclosed from	for HALF ONLY £ ..

Please ask riders and walkers to encourage sponsors to tick the Gift Aid column.