



**Saturday 11th
September 2021
10am - 6pm**

June 2021

Be Part of a National Event with a Big Local Impact.

Last year the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust supported repair projects at 19 churches across the county. Without events like Ride and Stride this just wouldn't be possible.

Like many charities, churches have been affected by the pandemic, particularly through the loss of local fundraising activities and a decrease in grants for major repairs. Help us support this unique heritage by taking part in Ride and Stride this September.

There are numerous ways you can do this:

- Bike, walk or ride around the beautiful Cambridgeshire countryside, stopping off at as many churches and chapels as you can along the way.
- Be a virtual visitor – if you aren't able to physically visit churches, try using the National Churches Trust's explorer website to visit some virtually <https://www.explorechurches.org/>. You could set yourself a challenge, for instance, 10 minutes to visit as many different dedications (church names) as possible.
- If Covid-19 restrictions allow, be a 'church welcomer'

Be sponsored for your visits or time spent volunteering, or simply make a donation to the Trust.

We hope that this year all churches will be open to visitors, but don't worry if for any reason you cannot open your doors. You could, instead, place displays of some kind to welcome people to your churchyard, or just put up a Ride and Stride poster promoting the event. Whilst our aim is to have churches open and accessible, people will stop to look at the exterior of your building and take photographs, so you can still support the event.

We are aiming to produce a list of churches which will be open on the day. If your church will be open please complete the relevant form or contact Holly Isted, Historic Church Buildings Support Officer at the Diocese of Ely (holly.isted@elydiocese.org). For details about specific churches we recommend these two websites:

A Church Near You - <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

Explore Churches - <https://www.explorechurches.org/>

All the information and paperwork you need can be downloaded from our new-look website. We are still happy to provide paper copies if required - please contact:

The Revd Tim Thompson

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Our website now features the option for online registration, and we would be very happy to hear about your experience using this function.

If you decided to seek sponsorship "virtually" instead of using paper forms, please record whether each sponsor wishes for their contribution to attract Gift Aid.

We realise that these are still difficult times but hope that you will be able to support this event in whatever ways possible. This is an opportunity to celebrate the contribution our amazing historic churches make to society and to get out and explore the local area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Pritchard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Vice-Chair

Please note:

We regard individual fundraising volunteers as doing so “in aid of” Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust.

We are sure that churches and individual fundraising volunteers will behave sensibly and responsibly at all times. They are responsible for their own health and safety. The fundraising activities which take place on the annual Ride and Stride event are outside the control of Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust; we cannot accept any liability as a result of the activities outside our control.

We ask for names, addresses and email addresses to the extent necessary for the administration of the fundraising event. We need to complete this data for six complete tax years to support Gift Aid claims. Other administrative hard-copy data will be destroyed after three years.