



THE HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST.

# Annual 'Ride and Stride' Day

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. 10am-4pm.**

**Calling all churches, particularly those who have benefited from the Trust. We need you to help the good work continue.**

The HCCPT is again asking people and churches to join us in raising money for the trust and **your church**. 2017 & 18 were better years and we want to improve upon them. There are three ways to do this:

- **Participation is all important** by walking, running, cycling, horse riding, driving or even mobility scooting between churches
- **Opening your church** and welcoming 'riders and striders'
- **Running an event** in tandem on this day to encourage visitors and maximise on fund raising. Ideas like a book sale, sale of work, crafts, treasure hunt, art or history exhibition, games afternoon, cake stall, coffee morning, table top or car boot sale and jams and preserves sale. The only way to raise funds is by sponsorship and/ or selling so if you can't Ride and Stride there are other ways of joining in. Other sponsored events can include bell ringing or church sitting or even silences....always good with children! If that particular day is a problem, let us know you would like to hold something on another day and we will advertise it for you. Many churches run this event with their Heritage Day.

Walkers and riders can go between churches of their choice and get sponsored to do so. This is a National Event and participants retain 50% of their money raised to give to the church of their choice, the remaining 50% coming to the trust. Many newspapers and magazines advertise the event and the celebrities that support it. This fund raising is essential to enable the HCCPT to help churches with grants to maintain their buildings and has resulted in over 100 churches in Cheshire receiving aid in the last ten years totalling over £1million. Unless churches are willing to take part in fund raising, the work of the trust will end and some churches would already have been closed but for our support. All participants will be covered by the church insurance but the event must be noted in PCC minutes. No details provided will be shared with any other organisation or party.

Our website [www.hccpt.org](http://www.hccpt.org) has all the information you need with downloads of posters, participation forms and sponsorship forms. Any problems please contact [jh.headon@btinternet.com](mailto:jh.headon@btinternet.com) and we request all sponsorship forms and cheques are returned to : **Mr.Mike Caputo, 2 Hilliards Court, Chester Business Park, Chester, CH4 9PX.**

With our sincere thanks.

Phillip Posnett, Chairman.

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