

# Worcester and Dudley Historic Churches Trust

## 2015 Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride



*Saturday 12th September*



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Dear Friend

### ***Help:***

We are writing to ask your support for this year's sponsored Ride and Stride on Saturday 12th September. This national event is held each year and the income raised locally, is used by the Trust to provide grants toward building repairs and fabric improvement of Christian churches and chapels (whatever age they may be) in the Worcestershire and Dudley areas.

### ***How:***

Although the event was once limited to cyclists and walkers, you are now encouraged to take part using any form of transport convenient to you. Most participants are sponsored on the basis of the number of churches they visit on the official day, however, it is perfectly permissible to visit on another day although you may find a smaller number of churches open.

Half the sponsorship money will go to the church or chapel nominated by the participant and the other half to the Trust to assist with its grant awards. If you would like to take part, but do not wish to find sponsors, a donation will be welcomed.

### ***Welcome:***

As important as the sponsored travellers, is a greeting at each church which is open to welcome them. Please email the address above to let us know when you are going to be open, and what kind of facilities you can offer (such as loos, refreshments and opening times) and we will post them on our website. If you are unable to be there, leaving a note of welcome in the porch or on the church door is still of great encouragement!

### ***Sponsorship forms etc:***

All the documents you need can be downloaded from the website (address above) via the 'Events' tab. If you have any difficulties downloading them, please email and we will try to help. Hard copies can be sent to you if you need them.

### ***Thanksgiving at Evensong:***

We invite all those involved in the Ride and Stride, to whichever church or chapel they belong (or none) to join us at Evensong in Worcester Cathedral on Monday 5th October to celebrate and give thanks for the work of the Trust. More details and an RSVP invitation will appear on the website in due course.

### ***Thank you:***

If you are already actively involved in supporting the work of the Trust, a big thank you. We have been able to give grants to hundreds of churches in Worcestershire and Dudley over the past 22 years, using money collected largely from the annual Ride and Stride. If you haven't taken part yet, do give it a try; it can be fun!

*Best wishes and thank you for your support*