

Ride & Stride 2009: Saturday 12th September

The Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride is also known as 'Ride & Stride' as it is open to walkers as well as horse riders and cyclists - in fact anyone using a non-mechanised form of transport. It always takes place on the second Saturday of September between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m., and the object is to raise money for the repair and restoration of churches and chapels of any denomination. Half the money raised goes to the church or chapel of the participant's choice, and the other half to a general fund administered by the Buckinghamshire (Bucks.) Historic Churches Trust, to which applications may be made for grants.

Further information is obtainable from your Deanery Organiser, who can also supply details of churches taking part in adjacent counties, as 'Ride and Stride' is a national event. Participants are given lists of churches taking part, which is the vast majority of those in the county, and go from one to another either singly or in groups, having planned their own routes. Many churches are open with someone on duty; otherwise a from will be left on the door for arrivals to enter their details.