

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

### *2025 RIDE AND STRIDE*

**13 SEPTEMBER 10am - 6pm**

Although many of you will be disappearing off on holiday and possibly trying not to think about September, I'm afraid it will roll round all too quickly! So please start thinking NOW about how you may be able to support the charitable trust which helps preserve our wonderful historic churches, with grants to help with repairs and improvements to the buildings. Last year, thanks to the participation of the Wardle family and Peter & Hilary Halstead, together with many of you sponsoring them, riding and/or striding, **St Peter's received £595 from the trust**, as half the money raised comes back to the participant's church. The Wardle family are hoping to participate again this year, so there's the evidence that it can be both rewarding and enjoyable to Ride or Stride and visit some lovely churches!

### HOW YOU CAN HELP?

**Could you plan a bicycle ride or walk between churches?** A list of churches open on the day is available from the parish office, church, Rosemary Pestell, or on the website - **[www.nhct.org.uk](http://www.nhct.org.uk)** Many of the churches welcome you with refreshments and you have the opportunity to explore some of their special heritage features.

It is also possible to **Ride in a car!** This is an alternative option for those who don't feel fit enough to contemplate riding a bike or walking far. I also enables you to venture further afield and view interesting churches which are possibly not always open, and in other Deaneries.

You can also seek sponsorship for **sitting in our church for an hour!** This is an essential contribution to the success of the day, as we need people in church to welcome riders and striders to St Peter's, offer them refreshments, point out interesting features (such as the Holman Tapestry in the St Crispin Chapel) - and sign their forms to record their visit. There will be a list at the back of the church for you to **sign up for a slot**. We will need 2 people for each time slot.

There are **sponsorship forms** on which you record your planned route, so that each church visit can be ticked off on the day by those welcoming you into their church. On the back of the form you record who has sponsored you and for how much. You then use this to collect and record the money you have raised. If your sponsors are able to Gift Aid the amount, that adds significantly to the amount.

There are also forms entitled **Advice for Participants**, which you are advised to read.

For further information contact

**the parish office on 787117 or [stpeterswestonfavell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stpeterswestonfavell@yahoo.co.uk),**  
or **Rosemary Pestell on 408712** - or visit the **website** as shown above.

Forms will also be available **in church**.

**Let's see if we can raise even more this year and increase the number of active participants!**