



# GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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## Suggested item for inclusion in Parish and Church Magazines/Newsletters

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### **RIDE AND STRIDE ON SEPTEMBER 11 – A DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHURCH**

**Ride and Stride**, run by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, is a great way to support this church and churches across the county when they most need help. It's an annual sponsored walk, bike or horse ride which happens on the second Saturday of September. That makes September 11th a date for the diary in 2010.

Walkers and riders turn out to follow their chosen route between churches which open for the day. Many of them serve refreshments as well as checking you in and providing a friendly welcome, directions and moral support. Whether you prefer a solitary expedition, or to go with family or a group of friends, you know that you're joining thousands of people countrywide to raise money for an important cause. As Ian Hislop said recently, 'In the old days the churches used to worry about saving us. Now we have to worry about saving them.'

#### **What's in it for you, this church and the county's churches?**

- a perfect motivation to get out, explore and enjoy yourself;
- the satisfaction of raising money and taking part in a nationwide initiative;
- 50% of the money you raise goes to the church of your choice;
- the chance to see inside some historic gems which cannot always be open for visits;
- the chance for the church you nominate to apply for a grant;

Even if you are unable to ride or stride, you can ask people to sponsor you to man your church or to carry out specific tasks while you are there.

Further information, together with sponsorship forms, is available from your Local Organiser on the contact details below.

For information about the Trust's work and how to support it please look at the website [www.ghct.org.uk](http://www.ghct.org.uk)

The Local Organiser for your church is .....

Contact details .....

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County Ride and Stride Organiser can be contacted on [rideandstride@ghct.org.uk](mailto:rideandstride@ghct.org.uk)