

**THE FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES TRUST - SUPPORTING CHURCHES IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON**

The Friends of Essex Churches Trust, founded in 1951, makes grants to historic churches and chapels of all Christian denominations towards repair and restoration costs.

**HOW THE SPONSORED BIKE RIDE & STRIDE WORKS**

Riders and walkers are invited to find sponsors who will pay an agreed sum for each church/chapel visited on Saturday 8th September 2018 between 9am and 5pm (or such other times as they wish). The money raised by each participant will be shared equally between FECT and the church/chapel nominated by the participant. This is a national event, so you can cross into neighbouring counties and get your form signed in the same way.



**RIDE + STRIDE**  
**Sponsorship Form**



**Saturday 8th September 2018**

**BEFORE THE DAY, PLEASE**

- Complete Section A on the front of this form.
- Tell your Local Organiser you are taking part.
- Find your sponsors and encourage all tax paying sponsors to contribute further by ticking the Gift Aid column.
- Plan your route, making use of the list of *Churches and Chapels in Essex and East London*, obtainable from your Local Organiser.
- Create an online fundraising page at [www.justgiving.com/foect](http://www.justgiving.com/foect).

**AT EACH CHURCH OR CHAPEL VISITED**

- Get a steward (if available) to sign Section B on the front of this form.
- If the building is not open or is unmanned, record its name, the time and ‘*Not open*’, then continue.
- Your visit counts even if the building is not open.

**AFTER THE RIDE & STRIDE**

- YOU MUST HAND IN THIS FORM TO YOUR LOCAL ORGANISER. FECT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CLAIM TAX BACK ON GIFT AID CONTRIBUTIONS WITHOUT THIS SPONSORSHIP FORM.
- Cheques should be made payable to *Friends of Essex Churches Trust*.
- We are grateful to receive your sponsorship forms and money at any time, but it would be very helpful to us if they could be handed to your Local Organiser as soon as possible.

**VARIATIONS**

- Walking and other forms of unmotorised transport are acceptable, including exercise bikes and even sailing.
- MOTOR TRANSPORT IS BANNED except to get participants to a starting point or to collect them later. Horse riding is not covered by the event’s insurance.
- If you cannot take part on the day, or between 9-5, you can choose other times, provided your sponsors agree.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER : SAFETY FIRST**

- ENSURE YOUR BICYCLE IS ROADWORTHY, PARTICULARLY THE BRAKES.
- WEAR A SAFETY HELMET.
- CONCENTRATE ON SAFETY, NOT SPEED – DO NOT RACE.
- RIDE IN SINGLE FILE, NOT IN LARGE GROUPS.
- OBSERVE THE CYCLING SECTION IN THE HIGHWAY CODE.
- WALK WHEREVER CYCLING IS DIFFICULT OR DANGEROUS.

**A Please complete before you start**

Your name and address:

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of Local Organiser, to whom this form and all money should be returned as soon as possible (Cheques made payable to Friends of Essex Churches Trust)

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Name and address of church/chapel to receive half of the sponsorship money you raise:

**B Please ask the Steward to complete this section**

Church/Chapel	Time	Initial	Church/Chapel	Time	Initial

PLEASE NOTE that it is a condition of participation that, save to the extent required by law, the Council of The Friends of Essex Churches Trust accept no liability in respect of death or injury sustained or caused by any participant in the Ride & Stride.

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