



**Letter to send to schools or local groups**

**Adapt the following letter to send to your local primary schools, Guides, Brownies, Rainbow & Scout groups.**

**Ride and Stride - 9th September 2023**

Dear [**Insert headteacher name**],

As a **church-affiliated/local school/church-affiliated organisation**, I wonder if you have heard of Ride+Stride?

Traditionally on Ride+Stride Day sponsored individuals, families and friend groups walk or cycle (or horse ride and other more exotic means of transportation) between churches and the majority of churches of all Christian denominations throughout England are open.

Half the proceeds from sponsorship go to the County's Historic Churches Trust and half to the sponsor's own church. Mindful of the constant need for fund-raising in schools and other groups, would you be interested in getting involved in a way that also raises funds for your **school/Guide/Brownies/Scout/Rainbow group**?

An alternative activity might be to arrange a cycle ride around your **playground/local area** or a sponsored activity where your children play games and arrange through your local church coordinator to share the funds you raise between your **school/Guide/Brownies/Scout/Rainbow group**, your church and OHCT.

We would be delighted if you would like to join one of the groups of riders or arrange your own activity. If you would like to find out more, in the first instance please either contact me, as local Ride+Stride Coordinator – (insert your name/tel nos or email) or our County Organiser, Hilary CakebreadHall – [rideandstrideoxon@ohct.org.uk](mailto:rideandstrideoxon@ohct.org.uk) or 07831 690524.

Yours, [**Insert name**]