

## Call for Cathedral Cycle Champions (CCC)

### The Cathedrals Cycle Route 'Cycling with Purpose'



#### What is a Cathedral Cycle Champion (CCC)?

A CCC is essentially an individual responsible for promoting cycling to and from the cathedral, including the Cathedrals Cycle Route. They will champion the cathedral's welcome to cyclists.

#### Who can become a CCC?

The cathedral may make any member of the cathedral or local community – lay staff, clergy, volunteers or congregation members – a CCC. A cathedral may have more than one CCC, for example a team consisting of a public-facing champion, an admin champion and a publicity champion. They do not all need to be active cyclists, but should be enthusiasts for the project.

#### What is expected of a CCC?

It is not expected that a great deal of resource will be required to undertake the role. Enthusiasm for cycling and sustainability is the key requirement. Their purpose is to:

- Help ensure the cathedral provides a warm welcome to cyclists. We see welcome and local knowledge as even more important than the route.
- Help put in place a 'reward' for cyclists riding the CCR. This may be providing a stamp in a 'passport' and possibly other 'rewards' such as discounts at the cathedral café.
- Help connect the route to significant buildings and spiritual landscape along the way.
- Help add local knowledge to the routes, providing cyclists with flexibility.
- Help support CCR initiatives such as the 'Cycling with Purpose' Relay event (see below).
- Engage with local cyclists and local media to gain publicity for the CCR and their cathedral's involvement with it.

#### What support will be available to the CCCs?

The aim is to build a structure to support and reward those wanting to cycling from cathedral to cathedral. This will include a website with route downloads, and unique cathedral stamps, along with a host of marketing initiatives that will both encourage and reward cyclists. There will be opportunities for online discussion with project partners such as Sustrans, Cycling UK and the British Pilgrimage Trust, and updates on the Cathedrals Cycle Route through monthly drop-in sessions.

### **Does the CCC have a budget?**

At this stage no direct funding is available for the CCCs, although the team is hoping in time to gain funding for the initiative.

### **About the Cathedrals Cycle Route (CCR)**

“The CCR is about connecting our historic cathedrals and enjoying the spaces between them...about strengthening the cultural and heritage links between these important and historic buildings. About ‘Cycling with purpose’ and raising funds for good causes”

The CCR is open to all, whatever your beliefs, background or age.

### **Primary Objectives of the CCR**

- To strengthen the physical and cultural heritage links between England’s cathedrals.
- To increase cycling to and between England’s Historic cathedrals.
- To double the average visitors arriving at cathedrals by bike (currently circa 5%).
- To establish or support charitable cycle events taking place between England's cathedrals.
- To improve the cycle-readiness and the welcome to cyclists across England’s cathedrals.
- To support the collective national responsibility of leading a healthy lifestyle.
- To support the mission of England’s cathedrals through wellbeing and heritage.



### **The concept**

England's cathedrals are on a mission to get as many people as possible cycling Cathedral to Cathedral, spreading hope and supporting each other in raising funds for those impacted by Covid-19. A specially 'artist commissioned' baton will set off from Newcastle (the most northerly diocese of the Anglican Church in England) on the 30 May (at the start of Cycling UK's Bike Week), and after 2,000 miles and 42 Cathedrals it will return, having raised money for a Well-being/Covid Recovery Fund\* and raised awareness of the CCR cycle route. Subject to COVID restrictions, it is envisaged that cyclists will be able to join the ride for as little or as long as they like. This is intended to become an annual event.

### **How can the CCC help?**

Cathedral Cycle Champions can help make this event a success by assembling a local team for the individual sections of the ride, organising publicity, encouraging the cathedral community to sponsor the riders and ensuring a warm welcome is given to the arriving baton holders. CCCs are encouraged to look at ways less experienced cyclists can participate, for example in joining the first few miles of a stage between cathedrals, or taking part in a relay arrangement.

Further information on the event will follow, but subject to COVID-19 restrictions

- The event will take place during June and July 2021.
- Starting in Bike Week (30th May - 5th June), and supported by Cycling UK
- Dates to be confirmed. The concept is 42 Cathedrals in 42 Days, but weather and logistics may mean some days are not consecutive, with some days combining visits to several cathedrals.

Planning for the event is proceeding under the assumption that COVID-19 restrictions will be relaxed. The event will operate within UK COVID-19 guidelines at the time. If these remain too restrictive the event will be postponed, apart from possibly a small number of riders trailblazing the route.

\* Fund(s) supported TBC. Individual cathedrals may alternatively wish to nominate a local wellbeing/COVID recovery-related project to support. Participants will be encouraged to obtain sponsorship and CCCs will be asked to report on total funding raised.

## The CCR Relay Route: Circa 2000 Miles. 1 Baton. 42 Cathedrals. 42 Days



**The 42 English Anglican Cathedrals** (1) Newcastle Cathedral - (2) Durham Cathedral - (3) Ripon - (4) York Minster - (5) Bradford - (6) Wakefield - (7) Sheffield - (8) Lincoln - (9) Southwell - (10) Derby - (11) Leicester - (12) Peterborough - (13) Ely - (14) Norwich - (15) St Edmundsbury - (16) Chelmsford - (17) St Albans - (18) St Pauls Cathedral - (19) Southwark - (20) Rochester - (21) Canterbury - (22) Guildford - (23) Chichester - (24) Portsmouth - (25) Winchester - (26) Salisbury - (27) Exeter - (28) Truro - (29) Wells - (30) Bristol - (31) Oxford - (32) Gloucester - (33) Hereford - (34) Worcester - (35) Coventry - (36) Birmingham - (37) Lichfield - (38) Chester - (39) Liverpool - (40) Manchester - (41) Blackburn - (42) Carlisle

## Relay Schedule. 42 Cathedrals 42 Days. Cycling with Purpose

Note 1. 42 Days. Weather and logistics may mean that these days are not consecutive

Note 2. Each Cathedral will be asked to nominate a baton holder

Note 3. A support van may be required for sections

Note 4. Insurance provided by Cycling UK. Safe Cycling Video to be shown to all cyclists.

Indicative schedule, exact dates TBC – some days may link several cathedrals to allow for rest days/contingency.

Distances approximate. based on existing cycle route and quiet roads.

Day	Approx. Date	Start	End	Distance	Cum. Dist.	Splits	CCC
Day 1	Sun, 30 May 2021	Newcastle	Durham	15	15		
Day 2	Mon, 31 May 2021	Durham	Ripon	55	70		
Day 3	Tue, 1 Jun 2021	Ripon	York	35	105		
Day 4	Wed, 2 Jun 2021	York	Bradford	35	140		
Day 5	Thu, 3 Jun 2021	Bradford	Wakefield	20	160		
Day 6	Fri, 4 Jun 2021	Wakefield	Sheffield	29	189		
Day 7	Sat, 5 Jun 2021	Sheffield	Lincoln	49	238		
Day 8	Sun, 6 Jun 2021	Lincoln	Southwell	28	266		
Day 9	Mon, 7 Jun 2021	Southwell	Derby	33	299		
Day 10	Tue, 8 Jun 2021	Derby	Leicester	30	329		
Day 11	Wed, 9 Jun 2021	Leicester	Peterborough	50	379		
Day 12	Thu, 10 Jun 2021	Peterborough	Ely	30	409		
Day 13	Fri, 11 Jun 2021	Ely	Norwich	54	463		
Day 14	Sat, 12 Jun 2021	Norwich	St Edmundsbury	42	505		
Day 15	Sun, 13 Jun 2021	St Edmundsbury	Chelmsford	51	556		
Day 16	Mon, 14 Jun 2021	Chelmsford	St Albans	48	604		
Day 17	Tue, 15 Jun 2021	St Albans	St.Pauls	23	627		
Day 18	Wed, 16 Jun 2021	St Pauls	Southwark	1	628		
Day 19	Thu, 17 Jun 2021	Southwark	Rochester	32	660		
Day 20	Fri, 18 Jun 2021	Rochester	Canterbury	29	689		
Day 21	Sat, 19 Jun 2021	Canterbury	Guildford	92	781		
Day 22	Sun, 20 Jun 2021	Guildford	Chichester	36	817		

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Day 23	Mon, 21 Jun 2021	Chichester	Portsmouth	19	836		
Day 24	Tue, 22 Jun 2021	Portsmouth	Winchester	29	865		
Day 25	Wed, 23 Jun 2021	Winchester	Salisbury	28	893		
Day 26	Thu, 24 Jun 2021	Salisbury	Exeter	97	990		
Day 27	Fri, 25 Jun 2021	Exeter	Truro	90	1080		
Day 28	Sat, 26 Jun 2021	Truro	Wells	151	1231		
Day 29	Sun, 27 Jun 2021	Wells	Bristol	20	1251		
Day 30	Mon, 28 Jun 2021	Bristol	Oxford	87	1338		
Day 31	Tue, 29 Jun 2021	Oxford	Gloucester	54	1392		
Day 32	Wed, 30 Jun 2021	Gloucester	Hereford	29	1421		
Day 33	Thu, 1 Jul 2021	Hereford	Worcester	31	1452		
Day 34	Fri, 2 Jul 2021	Worcester	Coventry	47	1499		
Day 35	Sat, 3 Jul 2021	Coventry	Birmingham	22	1521		
Day 36	Sun, 4 Jul 2021	Birmingham	Lichfield	19	1540		
Day 37	Mon, 5 Jul 2021	Lichfield	Chester	69	1609		
Day 38	Tue, 6 Jul 2021	Chester	Liverpool	20	1629		
Day 39	Wed, 7 Jul 2021	Liverpool	Manchester	36	1665		
Day 40	Thu, 8 Jul 2021	Manchester	Blackburn	23	1688		
Day 41	Fri, 9 Jul 2021	Blackburn	Carlisle	107	1795		
Day 42	Sat, 10 Jul 2021	Carlisle	Newcastle	68	1863		