



# Dorset Historic Churches Trust

*Conserving the past – enriching the future*

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## ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEW

### *In Memoriam – Peter Hodgkins*

Most of the current work of the Dorset Churches Historic Trust’s Marketing & Communications Committee is built on the foundations laid by Peter Hodgkins, whose sudden and untimely death occurred just before Christmas 2014.

When Peter retired from leading the PR effort for the Wessex branch of the Institute of Directors in 2006, he was persuaded to use his skills for the benefit of the Trust. This he agreed to do in a totally voluntary capacity. Being a professional in the field, he quickly improved the profile and fortunes of the Trust.

His understanding of the workings of the media ensured that they took him and the Trust seriously whenever he wanted a story covered. Apart from developing the marketing function, he edited and was the leading light in the production of *Ages Past - Years to Come*, a publication recording the activities of the Trust during its first fifty years.

Peter stood down after seven years and it proved necessary to replace him with two additional members of the Committee. He stayed on as a Trustee, providing advice from behind the scenes or travelling down from his cherished cottage in North Wales, to which he and Ann had retired only recently, to add his wisdom to Trustees meetings.

*Barry De Morgan*



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### Dorset Historic Churches Trust notecards

£2.50 per pack of five

These attractive cards come in packs of five, featuring five different images of stained glass windows in each pack. In addition, mounted or framed individual pictures up to size A4 are available by special order.

The Trust’s annual calendar, which has run for ten years, will no longer be produced.

All the Trust’s merchandise is available through the website, [www.dhct.org.uk](http://www.dhct.org.uk)

*“For many people the presence of a church in rural England is symbolic of the nation and the rural way of life, and a source of comfort and support even for those who are not regular churchgoers.”*

Rt Hon Canon Sir Tony Baldry MP, Second Church Estates Commissioner



St Mary’s, Tarrant Hinton



St John the Baptist, Buckhorn Weston



Lytchett Minster parish church



## Chairman's Report on 2014

*Simon Pomeroy*

**According to the principal measures of 'a good year', 2014 certainly qualifies. I would go further and say "a very good year"!**

At its start, we were honoured that the incoming Lord-Lieutenant, Angus Campbell, accepted appointment as our President; and here we would like to pay tribute to his predecessor Valerie Pitt-Rivers for her active and generous support of DHCT.

The year's activities got off the ground with a party at Winfrith Newburgh to celebrate the award of the Morshead trophy for 2013 to that parish. Their rider Julian Cherrison is usually at or near the top of the league table of riders and striders in our annual fundraising event. He is also a talented organist and plays regularly for churches in and around Dorchester. As a result of his Ride+Stride achievements over the years, many churches have reason to be grateful to him.

Our three Trustees' meetings in February, June, and November awarded around £100,000 in grants, and we have remained close to the Erskine-Muton Fund (which is administered by the Diocese), so that both we, and that Fund, can be aware of each other's deliberations.

During the summer our Trustees Susan Smith and Tim Connor (fresh from his triumph in bringing out his book on John Hicks, the architect and employer of Thomas Hardy) led a series of Church Crawls. These have been well attended by our Friends and very much enjoyed by all. Indeed the stock question from participants getting into their cars to go home is 'when's the next one?'

Ride+Stride, on 13 September, was a resounding success, as described elsewhere. It raised over £80,000, which is £5,000 more than the previous year. R+S represents DHCT's principal source of funds, and enriches every parish which participates, in that 50% of each parish's achievement is immediately returned to the PCC treasurer. Astonishing though it is to reach that total in a single day, it doesn't happen by accident. Anna Butler, our tireless R+S organiser, gets the ball rolling by running off the R+S documentation from her database. In each of the 200+ participating parishes, there is a hardworking Parish Organiser. His/her role is to distribute the paperwork, to encourage riders and striders, and to ensure that the proceeds are properly accounted for afterwards; never mind the effort put into it on the day by each (st)rider, persuading sponsors to make their pledges, exhausting themselves on the day, and collecting their sponsorship afterwards. Liz Ashmead our Treasurer then sorts out the blizzard of paperwork and cheques, to form the basis of the league table reproduced on pages 10-13. All in all, there is a hundreds-strong network of individuals whose hard work and devotion to Dorset's churches deliver this remarkable result. Our sincere thanks go out to every one of them.

I would add that R+S gives a lot of fun, too. Not just the cheery competitive spirit, but also the pleasure provided in seeing Dorset's beautiful churches, and the pleasure derived by the stewards who enjoy welcoming the (st)riders with refreshments in their churches.

We are very fortunate with the support given to R+S by the Archdeacons in encouraging parishes to participate, and to the considerable number of incumbents who lead from the front on their bicycles! We enormously appreciate the close relationship which we enjoy with all Diocesan personnel.

Turning away for a moment from DHCT's achievements, it has been gratifying to see an increase in the number of Dorset's churches becoming equipped for secular purposes. Growing numbers of grant applications include provision for serveries, WCs, etc in churches. It goes without saying that the primary purpose of our churches is, and remains, worship, and such landmark occasions as christenings, weddings, and funerals. But until the Oxford Movement in the mid-19th century, churches had a much wider range of uses, more akin to a village hall. We hear nowadays of Post Offices or food banks taking up residence in churches, and that can only be a good thing for the communities which they serve.

Instances during 2014 which come to mind include Duncan Honeybourne's piano recital in St Mary's Church Weymouth in mid-June. That was in aid of the appeal to build a memorial to Thomas Buxton, the 19th century MP for Weymouth, and an energetic anti-slavery campaigner. Duncan was in action again a few days later, playing the organ in the church of St Simon & St Jude, Winterborne Monkton, as part of that parish's flower festival.

Also in June was the delightful Cerne Abbas Music Festival, involving several days of music, choral and instrumental, in St Mary's lovely church. This is an annual event each June, and plays to packed houses. That same month, the Barn Choir came to the spectacular little St Michael's Church in Winterbourne Steepleton. This 10-strong choir is led by the distinguished Dorset musician Richard Hall. It has a wide repertoire of ancient and modern music, sung without accompaniment, and charms its audience wherever it goes.

In August I attended a very erudite and witty slide-show about West Dorset's churches, presented by archaeologist Gordon le Pard in Whitchurch Canonorum's remarkable church. All of these events bring in non-churchgoers, and help to keep our lovely churches in the public eye.

I mustn't forget to express my thanks to all of those who support DHCT's activities by their Friends' subscriptions and the generous donations sent to us. I hope that every donation has been acknowledged with thanks, but occasionally one such donation gets through straight into our bank account, and if we fail to thank for it, I can only offer a sincere apology. I cannot speak too highly of the support given to me by my fellow Trustees. Each and every one of them carries the burden of a part of DHCT's administration, and I would say that we are a very happy team.

The year ended on a sad note: Our Trustee Peter Hodgkins died peacefully, following a major stroke, just before Christmas. Peter was appointed by John Alexander in 2006, to drag our PR activities into the 21st century. This he achieved with great professionalism and flair, and much of our success over these last few years is directly attributable to Peter's input. A more extended tribute appears at the beginning of this Report and we send our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Ann.

## A Year in the Life of a DHCT Secretary

### Hon Secretary's Report 2014

It struck me one beautiful morning in June, admiring the most glorious view from Eggardon Hill, how bare the Dorset countryside would appear without its sprinkling of parish churches.

Each town, village, hamlet or estate has its place of worship and it sometimes takes a moment to consider the enormity of the challenge to keep these crucially important buildings in decent repair.

I have always been interested in architecture, from my formative years sitting with my uncle at his drawing board wondering how one used French curves and perspective. Working with the Trustees of DHCT has really opened my eyes to the magnificent buildings that are a part of our daily lives.

Now not all churches are as obviously rich in fabric as others; but there is most likely something uniquely interesting about each one, and this is what the Trust aims to help to preserve for future generations.

So much is done to support the upkeep of churches by so many people, be they parishioners, churchwardens, Deanery Representatives, clergy or community members who just want to help. The enthusiasm and energy is infectious and I am delighted to be able to work with my fellow Trustees to help to bring about the raising and distribution of funds.

Through the Trust's main fundraising Ride+Stride event each September hundreds of people raise large sums in sponsorship for walking or cycling, usually between churches.

I have been keen to encourage younger people to join in and bring their energy and enthusiasm with them, something that my fellow Trustees have been kind enough to support. My own daughter started Riding+Striding three years ago aged 5, and this year (at the ripe old age of 8) walked 6 miles. She may have helped to inspire our Vicar, and our parish has gone from almost bottom of the 'league table' for fundraising to well inside the top 10, maybe a Champions League spot!

Through that event each year there is the opportunity for her and many others to be inspired and to facilitate the enjoyment of these magnificent churches for many years. It is also great fun to participate.

If more and more people get involved, then we can be confident that those churches will remain magnificent beacons across this spectacular county for many years to come.

*Robert Fox*

**“Since 2010, the Dorset Historic Churches Trust has advised and helped the NCT to deliver £90,000 in grant funding for repairs and restoration to 22 churches. We are delighted to be working in partnership with DHCT which will allow us to provide more support to churches and chapels in the county in the future.”**

**Claire Walker, CEO National Churches Trust.**

*The National Churches Trust is the only national, non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting churches of all Christian denominations in the UK.*



## Dorset Historic Churches Trust

### Who cares about Parish Churches?

*We in DHCT do, obviously.*

But I am glad to say, so do a lot of other people in this country. There is a regular BBC1 TV programme on Sunday mornings called *Sunday Live*. (No, I had never heard of it either!). I was asked to participate in a panel debate in the programme one Sunday in early November. The theme (or one of the sub-themes) appeared to be the question set out above.

On the telephone to the researcher, I broadened the conversation out towards secular uses of churches; I instanced the project to install a servery and WC in Tolpuddle church, and persuaded the researcher that it would make for a better programme if they sent a sound/cameraman down to Dorset rather than hauling me up to London.

So the cameraman recorded interviews with both me and Mrs Philippa Francis, who had been very much involved in planning and funding the Tolpuddle project, and we waited to see how the interviews would be used.

When we turned on our TVs to see the programme on the Sunday following, there was no surprise in the collection of 'controversial' individuals assembled as the panel to watch our footage. The surprise, however, came in the overwhelming support for parish churches, even to the extent of a veteran news reporter declaring that, though he was "not a believer", he felt strongly that the survival of parish churches, for historic and cultural reasons, was absolutely essential.

In my review each year of the mountain of paperwork generated by Ride+Stride, I am always humbled by the sheer number of people in Dorset (and elsewhere) who evidence their 'care for Parish Churches' by signing up to sponsor riders and striders. At a guess, there are many thousands of individuals who have contributed to DHCT's 2014 majestic total of £80,000. Their sponsorship, as well as contributing to that total, is testimony to the public support for our view that churches are special.

I wish that they could have filled the studio at the BBC on that Sunday morning!

*Simon Pomeroy*

**Grants are made three times a year, and this last year we were aware that the wretched weather of the first few months of 2014 might lead to requests for aid which would be as considerable as they were necessary.**

In the event, recent weather was directly responsible for only one of our major grants, to Charminster which had been flooded in February, and where the opportunity was to be taken to carry out a full repair to the floor. The impact of weather over a longer period has been a problem at Marshwood, where its exposed site has led to damage to its windows and surrounding stonework, and we have been glad to help towards repair, which only revealed that the problem was greater than at first thought.

Dorset churches are particularly fortunate in terms of the availability of money for repair and development, and we attempt to fit in with the generous initiatives of national and diocesan charities that come to the rescue of churches in need.

The case of the tower at Mosterton is an example of where major repair work on the 19th century tower was funded by a large grant from English Heritage. We made a contribution, but our main efforts could be directed elsewhere. In four cases we were able to increase our own grant by redirecting a total of £10,000 delegated to us by the National Churches Trust.

Grants need to take account of the changing uses of churches, and so of the need for modern facilities. One way in which churches may reach a wider range of users is by developing as a community centre, sometimes but not always in cases of villages where there is no alternative such as a village hall. A grant was made to the lovely little church at Winterborne Abbas where the fabric needed care right away; but there is also a growing awareness of the possibility of making use of the building for wider purposes. The same is true at Milton on Stour, where energetic local fundraising was assisted by one of our largest grants.

The church of St Mary, Weymouth, presented these problems in a particularly complex way. The church dates from 1815, and had already been 'converted' to take account of its much reduced congregation, so that the old side aisles are now blocked off and treated as separate rooms for a wide variety of functions for the wider community of a holiday town. In order for this to continue, the facilities badly need renewal, and the resources of the congregation cannot be expected to fund these very worthwhile activities.

We are increasingly aware also, that modernizing must nowadays include attention to kitchen and toilet facilities. While the former may be relatively straightforward as far as installation is concerned, the latter is more difficult, raising questions as to the best site, whether inside the church or not, as well as problems of plumbing, not to mention considerations of aesthetics. Now that the residence qualifications for marriage in a church have been relaxed, some country churches are likely to be able to gain some much needed extra income from the resulting fees; but visitors coming from long distance will not be familiar with the village facilities in the way that the local congregation takes for granted.



St Peter & St Paul, Cattistock

Nevertheless, before any consideration of developing the use of churches, our primary responsibility must be to help communities to keep them watertight and in good order. The older churches are built of local, traditional materials, and this can mean that the business of repair is very costly. The roof at Warmwell needs repair. It is made of local Purbeck stone (but no doubt from quarries much closer to home), now weathered to the light grey colour characteristic of the area. We were glad to be able to make a contribution towards the estimated cost of £100,000. Considerable work needs to be done to the exterior stonework at Silton, and we were able to help there. And it is not just the oldest materials that need to be refurbished. Electrical fittings deteriorate a good deal more quickly than Purbeck stone, and indeed become a much more dangerous hazard. Some of the wiring at Cattistock was said to be over sixty years old, and we were able to help towards the general rewiring of the church and consequent updating of its lighting system. Between those two extremes—a medieval roof and 1950s wiring—come Victorian churches, all now more or less a hundred and fifty years old. Many of these will in the next few years require major assistance, as for example the replacement of their roofs.

All these are major problems for the local congregations and for the churchwardens who bear responsibility for the church fabric in their hands. We were able to distribute just under £100,000 in this last year, much of which comes from the great efforts of people within the county, through Ride+Stride; the rest is made up of donations from Friends and from our endowment. We helped a total of nineteen churches towards the realization of their projects, with grants ranging from £15,000 to very much smaller amounts: a corbel on the roof of the tiny church at North Poorton had disintegrated, so we gave them £385 with which to replace it.

From now on the process of application for a grant may be carried out online, with the exception of obtaining the incumbent's authorising signature; and we have slightly expanded the types of repair and maintenance that we are willing to assist. For details, please consult the website.

## Grants awarded in 2014

There will now be two types of application forms on our DHCT website. One is a new form to be filled in online and sent through to the Grants Secretary. There is no present way of obtaining the Minister's signature online; so the last part would need printing out and sending as proof that the incumbent knows and agrees with what is planned ahead.

The other downloadable form is used the same way as previously, though it may look a little different with the new logo colour.

Careful thought has gone into what DHCT might be able to help with as many churches are happily now watertight; but other needs, like installing WCs and small kitchens, replacing old rusty boilers etc, have to be met in order to bring churches into the 21st century and make them more useful to the community. There is a new list to look at which is only a guide as we like to look after the most deserving or devastating needs first. <http://dhctnews.wordpress.com/grants> will give you all the information you might need to apply for a grant.

Churches in Bournemouth do not currently qualify for grants from DHCT as a recent defining deed approved by the Charity Commission limits beneficiaries of the Trust to churches that lie within the administrative area of Dorset.



New kitchen at St Mary's, Winterborne Stickland

- **Corfe Castle – St Edward, King and Martyr £5,000**  
Towards repointing of the tower and repairs to the roof
- **Farnham – St Laurence £1,000**  
Towards general repairs
- **Mosterton – St Mary's £2,500**  
Towards general repairs
- **South Perrott – St Mary the Virgin £1,000**  
Towards improvement to the ringing chamber
- **Edmondsham – St Nicholas £1,000**  
Towards further repairs following QQ report
- **Melbury Abbas – St Thomas £1,000**  
Towards forensic archaeological excavations
- **Winterbourne Abbas – St Mary's £4,000**  
Towards repairs to windows and stone masonry
- **Cattistock – St Peter and St Paul £7,000**  
Towards new wiring and lighting
- **Charminster – St Mary £12,500**  
Towards renovation to fabric caused by the floods of 2014
- **Toller Porcorum – St Andrew and St Peter £3,000**  
Towards a new zinc roof
- **Poole – Skinner Street £5,000**  
Towards repairs to the ceiling
- **Warmwell – Holy Trinity £10,000**  
Towards a new roof
- **N. Poorton – St Mary Magdalene £385**  
Towards repairs to stone works
- **Margaret Marsh – St Margaret's £2,000**  
Towards repairs and re-decorating after major electrical works
- **Marshwood – St Mary the Virgin £6,000**  
Towards the cost of repairing windows
- **Milton-on-Stour – St Simon and St Jude £12,500**  
Towards renewing foundations and laying new floors
- **Poole – The Church of the Holy Angels £2,000**  
Towards replacing lead on box gutters
- **Silton – St Nicholas £7,000**  
Towards extensive repairs
- **Weymouth – St Mary's £15,000**  
Towards disabled facilities and updating community rooms

Partnership Grants of £2,500 each from National Churches Trust were as follows:

- **Charminster, Marshwood, Milton-on-Stour and Silton**

## Marketing & Communications Committee Report

Last year we made a brief reference to the appointment of McKenna Townsend, a marketing communications agency based in Ringwood, to support the public relations effort of the Trust.

During 2014 they have provided extensive publicity for our two key activities – fund-raising through Ride+Stride and the handing over of grant cheques. It seems that hardly a week has gone by without a carefully written piece being placed with the relevant local paper or online media, which has kept the profile of the Trust much higher than we would have been able to through our own limited contacts.

They also helped us to inspire a whimsical piece about planning for Ride+Stride by the Daily Telegraph's religious correspondent, Christopher Howse, which we understand led in part to the BBC's Sunday Live coverage of the work at Tolpuddle, described elsewhere (*Who Cares about Parish Churches?*).

However, McKenna Townsend depend on a supply of raw material about the work of the Trust and its many supporters across the County. This year we have been fortunate to receive many more stories and good quality photos from parishes and Deanery Representatives than hitherto. The Trust's PR is only as good as its last story and we are keen to build up a library of photographs and copy on which we can draw when necessary.

We are particularly on the look-out for 'before, during and after' images of repair or re-ordering work being carried out on the churches which the Trust has supported with grant aid. We are also hoping for many more images, with permission to publish, of participants and stories of this year's Ride+Stride.

As a little prior planning is required to ensure that a capable photographer and a person with a notebook is in the right place at the right time, we are asking all readers of this report to help us raise our profile even further in 2015.

The main effort in early 2015 has been the re-working of the Trust's website under Mike Crossley's expert guidance. Designed to be state-of-the-art many years ago, it had become difficult and time-consuming to maintain and update. So we have taken the opportunity during a complete technical upgrade to bring its appearance into line with the new Trust image and colour scheme, with which you will all now be familiar; and to ensure that the site can be accessed by tablets and other hand-held devices as well as conventional PCs and laptops.

New features include maps, allowing users to locate any of our Churches, a newsletter to keep our Friends and supporters abreast of our activities, a news section which offers readers a full compendium of press items about the work of the Trust, and lastly a private section to provide office and communications assistance for those who work so tirelessly on behalf of the Trust.

*Jeremy Selfe*



## Annual Friends event at Christchurch Priory

**Christchurch Priory with its wonderful Romanesque columns and 15th century stone reredos was a perfect venue for the Friends Annual event on 29 October 2014.**

The tour began with a talk by Jolyon Goodman, Steward and Guide. He gave a fascinating presentation on the history of the Priory from the time of Ranulph Flambard in 1094 to the present day. Jolyon explained how the last Prior, John Draper, had saved the church from destruction in 1539 by persuading Henry VIII to give the church and the surrounding land to the citizens of Christchurch in perpetuity.

A delicious lunch was served to the Friends in the Lady Chapel where they could sit, chat and absorb the beauty of the stained glass window by O'Connor that celebrates the life of the Virgin Mary.

After lunch we were treated to an organ recital by David Bruce-Payne. The organ console was moved into the nave which enabled us to watch David's skilful playing, not least to realise how active an organ player's feet are! David had been a chorister at King's College, Cambridge, and studied the organ at the Royal College of Music. He became Assistant Organist at Westminster Abbey and in 1974 was appointed organist and Master of the Choristers at Birmingham Cathedral.

The varied programme included music by Francis Jackson, Anton Bruckner, J S Bach, J A Behnke, Marcel Fournier and finally *Intrada*, a piece composed by David himself.

Groups of Friends then toured the Priory, several venturing into the roof space over the nave and others either taking a general guided tour or looking at the stained glass windows under the guidance of Susan Smith. A gentle cup of tea in the café completed a delightful occasion and further added to our appreciation of the kindness and generosity of our hosts.

*Susan Smith*

## The 2014 Church Crawls

The four Church Crawls and the visit to the Salisbury Stained Glass Workshop that were organised during the summer months of 2014 for Friends of DHCT were well supported and, I think, enjoyed by everyone.

At each church we visited, Tim Connor held us spellbound, eloquently explaining the history and architecture of the churches, and Sue Smith was on hand to talk about the details of the stained glass in the windows. We were also delighted on occasions to enter the church and find Sue Bruce-Payne, a Trustee and wife of David, was playing the organ for us – a lovely addition to the day. It was also interesting for the Friends to visit Churches that had received Grants from the Trust during the previous year.

In May we visited four of the Purbeck Churches: first, St Edward the Martyr in Corfe, St James, Kingston, and St Nicholas of Myra at Worth Matravers – one of our Dorset churches that had received an emergency grant in 2013. After lunch in Worth Matravers we went to St Mary at Wareham. Some of us missed out on the tea in the Trinity Rooms in favour of a brief visit to St Martin's Church with its Anglo-Saxon origins at the northern end of the town.

Having realised how much time had been spent at lunch in Worth Matravers with everybody choosing and ordering their own mini feast, in June we pre-booked a sandwich lunch in the Fox and Hounds at Cattistock to be enjoyed after visiting St Peter and St Paul. The next port of call was St Mary's Frampton where we were greeted by a welcome note and a tray of refreshments. We then visited Sydling St Nicholas and finished the day in Cerne Abbas; after exploring the church we enjoyed a delightful tea in the garden of the Abbey Tea Rooms.

The month of July took us to the seaside where we visited Burton Bradstock, Bothenhampton and the church of St Nicholas at Abbotsbury where we lunched in the garden of the Abbey House hotel. After visiting Upwey church we finished the day with tea at the Wishing Well Tea Rooms.



In September Sue Smith arranged a visit to the Salisbury Stained Glass Workshop, where Sam Kelly carefully and entertainingly explained the important renovation work that is carried out in his workshop. Sue also took groups round Salisbury Cathedral explaining the stained glass and Brian Woodruffe very kindly organised for us to visit Sarum College chapel. We finished the day with a memorable visit to see the new Tom Denny window in Middle Woodford, just a few miles into Wiltshire.

The last of our 2014 Church Crawls was in October where we met at Woolland. Tim Connor's knowledge of the history of the church and local families was particularly fascinating. Okeford Fitzpaine gave us lunch in the Royal Oak and beautiful stained glass in the church of St Andrew. We finished the Crawl in Sturminster Newton and enjoyed the stunning stained glass window by Harry Clarke. Two of the notecards the Friends have produced carry details of this beautiful window.

We have set the dates for four Church Crawls in 2015. These will be held on : 14 May, 17 June, 15 July and 16 September 2015. I do hope you will join us exploring our lovely churches and meeting new friends.

*Susan Smith*



## John Hicks, Architect

by Dr. Tim Connor

The 19th century saw a massive renewal of the fabric of Dorset's churches. This created so much work for architects that some appear to have made a living almost entirely from designs for churches and related buildings.

A Dorset example was John Hicks, who came to Dorchester from Bristol in 1850 and before his early death in 1869 had worked on thirty-four churches, eight parsonages and seven schools, almost all within about twenty miles of the county town.

He worked in the gothic style, adapting it to the scale of his commissions, which were usually small and in poor, rural parishes. If he is remembered it is because of his famous pupil, Thomas Hardy, who met his future wife while working on Hicks's only church in Cornwall. His own contribution to Dorset's architecture is discussed in this booklet, written by Dr. Tim Connor, a Trustee of DHCT; copies are for sale at the County Museum.



### One man's journey...

**Richard Campbell, winner of this year's Morshead Trophy for Evershot, by raising nearly £2,800, recounts his inspiring and impressive Ride+Stride experience, making light of his disability**

The tricycle I use (a Kett-Wiesel) is well travelled. It was the back third of the three-person recumbent five-wheeled cycle our children used to cross USA in 2001, covering 3,500 miles in the process and raising money for charities. I had tried riding a bicycle and promptly fell off, gouging a hole in my ankle. My main problem is neuropathic pain. Standing hurts; walking less so. I have no ankle control and little real foot feeling. My feet were prone to fall off the pedals and I didn't know until it happened: a nuisance going uphill since momentum was lost.

I started at 10am, signing in at Evershot church, through Melbury Park to Melbury House and its church, Melbury Sampford. Cattle grids had to be negotiated carefully. Then a lovely, gentle, mostly downhill run through the park to Melbury Osmund, a sharp uphill half mile to finish, half-peddalling, half-towing (attaching my tricycle to my belt so I could still use my two sticks). There was quite a welcoming committee of friends and the Rector turned up on his bike while I was there.

Then what I fear is a slight cheat, though I am assured it is allowed: we put the trike in our Land Rover and came home, where I had a cheese sandwich and a cup of tea. After this brief rest I started again towards Cattistock, a nice gently undulating but nearly flat road. I got up over the railway and half way up the hill before pedalling stopped in favour of towing. The design is such that if I press very hard on the pedal when travelling slowly, the front wheel lifts off the ground and I have no steering. With only the right rear wheel driven, I go round in circles, or into the hedge!

Downhill into Cattistock and again a welcoming group; so a drink of water and short rest was good before some stiff bits to Chilfrome, one of those tiny but beautiful Dorset Churches.

From there I used small lanes, and along parallel with the river, to Frome Vauchurch. Then a short run back to Maiden Newton Church and Pippin with the Land Rover.

I had covered ten miles and visited seven churches, about double what I had hoped for. After the journey, I had a long hot shower, then slept for three hours before going out to supper with friends.

A huge THANK YOU to all those who so kindly sponsored me on the Ride+Stride.

*Richard Campbell*







## One couple's journey...

### Trevor and Irene Selway tell the story of their day.

We set off from Longburton church at 10.20am having put my bike back together. Trevor had to take it apart to fit it in the car! In the car park we met a large group called the Longburton Ramblers, plus two ladies about to set off blackberry picking. They assured us that the private drive ahead was OK to go along to get to the village of Folke; so we had a pleasant ride and found Folke church easily.

Another cyclist was there, plus a lovely lady doing a two-hour slot to welcome people and do the church cleaning at the same time. She directed us how to get to our next church, up to the main road and along to Caundle Marsh where the church was tucked away off a farm track.

We then returned to the main road and a rather tricky ride, up and down and around bends, with busy traffic, until we came to the church at Bishops Caundle. Another nice lady was there to greet us and chat. Then we breathed a sigh of relief as most of the rest of our ride would be on quiet back roads.

We had an enjoyable ride to Stourton Caundle, a very pretty village and the church grounds were abounding in roses. By this time our Ordinance Survey map had been folded and unfolded several times as we scrutinised it to find our way. We carried on cycling to Purse Caundle where we found a seat by the church and had our lunch. The day had started a bit fresh and windy but by now it was warm and pleasant sitting there.

After this our route to Sherborne with its four churches was unclear. I had picked a route that, from the map, looked to be a pleasant ride along a farm track and through a forest; then a quiet road coming out at Castleton in Sherborne.

At this point, as we were about to fold up the map (again!) and set off, two men appeared as if from nowhere. They were also taking part in the Ride+Stride. They came from Templecombe and knew the area like the back of their hand. They said we needed to go to Goathill, and although we said it wasn't on our list of churches, they said it did have a church because one of them who is a Vicar had preached there recently. It is the only church in Dorset that is in the Bath & Wells diocese. After that they said we should go north to Milborne Port which was not on our list either as it's in Somerset, but is OK to visit. They advised us not to go the way we had planned as it is always very boggy. The road is through a private estate and would more than likely be locked. They also told us that after that we should not go on the main A30 to Sherborne as there was a dangerous point called Crackmore Rocks, but to go via Osborne instead. As we went on our way we knew we had had a 'God-incidence'. It seemed as if we had met angels.

We duly arrived at Goathill church and met a very kind gentleman doing some gardening in the grounds. On chatting to him he repeated what the other two had told us about not going on the A30 but to go to Milborne Port, then north to Osborne.

He had nearly finished his work and amazingly we met him again at Milborne Port church. He offered to show us the best and safest way by driving and we would follow on our bikes. This he did, patiently waiting every so often for us to catch up as it was quite challenging on bikes, being mostly uphill. When we got to a certain point on the road he showed us a steep downhill track to reach Osborne church on the lower road. That was a far better route than Crackmore Rocks, he told us. He had attended a fatality there involving a motor cyclist a few years ago in his days as a policeman. As we walked down that steep track we both agreed God had sent us another angel. What an amazing ride it had turned out to be with God protecting and directing us.

Osborne church was lovely with beautiful music coming out as we approached. A lady was practising for tomorrow's service; so we even had heavenly music too to spur us on!

The final stretch took us to Castleton church by Sherborne Old Castle, a Methodist church in town, and finally the grand Sherborne Abbey where a huge wedding was taking place.

Before the ride this year we must admit we were thinking we would make it our last time as we have done rides or walks for a great many years. Although we have always had a really enjoyable day out, often taking part with friends, we are discouraged by the lack of interest in our own church. However, our experience on Saturday has greatly encouraged us and given us a revitalised spirit for next time. We are of course grateful to all those who have sponsored us and encouraged us beforehand. We hope our testimony will also encourage those who read this in their own Christian journey.

**2015 Ride+Stride takes place on Saturday 12 September**

## Ride+Stride and PCC results 2014

Parish	Church	Deanery	Donations from PCC	Ride+Stride	Total
Sherborne	Sherborne Abbey	Sherborne	£350	£2,488	£2,838
Evershot	St Osmund	Sherborne		£2,797	£2,797
Christchurch	The Priory Church of the Holy Trinity	Christchurch		£2,001	£2,001
Dewlish	All Saints	Dorchester		£1,935	£1,935
Bloxworth	St Andrew	Milton & Blandford	£1,000	£800	£1,800
Chettle	St Mary	Milton & Blandford		£1,720	£1,720
Winfrith Newburgh	St Christopher	Purbeck		£1,560	£1,560
Fontmell Magna	St Andrew	Milton & Blandford	£100	£1,285	£1,385
Maiden Newton	St Mary	Sherborne		£1,363	£1,363
Littlebredy	St Michael and All Angels	Lyme Bay		£1,351	£1,351
Spetisbury	St John the Baptist	Milton & Blandford		£1,148	£1,148
Hooke	St Giles	Lyme Bay		£1,110	£1,110
Shapwick	St Bartholomew	Wimborne	£200	£795	£995
Chideock	St Giles	Lyme Bay		£952	£952
Motcombe	St Mary	Blackmore Vale		£950	£950
Melbury Abbas	St Thomas	Blackmore Vale		£857	£857
Long Bredy	St Peter	Lyme Bay		£814	£814
Symondsburry	St John the Baptist	Lyme Bay		£800	£800
Powerstock	St Mary	Lyme Bay	£100	£689	£789
Cranborne	Quintet Group	Wimborne		£776	£776
Silton	St Nicholas	Blackmore Vale	£75	£700	£775
Sturminster Newton	St Mary	Blackmore Vale		£755	£755
Piddlehinton	St Mary the Virgin	Dorchester	£50	£700	£750
Frome St Quintin	St Mary	Sherborne		£689	£689
Hazelbury Bryan	St Mary & St James	Blackmore Vale	£20	£650	£670
Uploders	Uploders Methodist Church	Lyme Bay	£25	£637	£662
Beaminster	St Mary	Lyme Bay		£660	£660
Osborne	St Cuthbert	Sherborne		£660	£660
Athelhampton	St Edward	Dorchester		£642	£642
Sixpenny Handley	St Mary	Milton & Blandford	£100	£542	£642
Tarrant Gunville	St Mary	Milton & Blandford	£50	£590	£640
Lytchett Minster	Lytchett Minster	Poole		£630	£630
Upwey	St Laurence	Weymouth		£620	£620
Litton Cheney	St Mary	Lyme Bay		£620	£620
Winterborne Houghton	St Andrew	Milton & Blandford		£619	£619
Thornford	St Mary	Sherborne		£614	£614
Fordington St George	St George	Dorchester		£585	£585
Charminster	St Mary the Virgin	Dorchester		£576	£576
Tolpuddle	St John the Evangelist	Dorchester		£569	£569
Owermoigne	St Michael	Dorchester		£561	£561
Yetminster	St Andrew	Sherborne		£560	£560
Mappowder	St Peter and St Paul	Blackmore Vale		£552	£552
Warmwell	Holy Trinity	Dorchester	£50	£500	£550
Blandford RC	Blandford RC	Milton & Blandford		£537	£537
Charlton Marshall	St Mary the Virgin	Milton & Blandford		£536	£536
Oakdale St George	St George	Poole		£525	£525
Wimborne St John	St John	Wimborne		£525	£525

Parish	Church	Deanery	Donations from PCC	Ride+Stride	Total
Bridport	St Mary	Lyme Bay	£150	£360	£510
Alton Pancras	St Pancras	Dorchester	£30	£450	£480
Wool	Holy Rood	Purbeck		£473	£473
Sydling St Nicholas	St Nicholas	Dorchester	£120	£350	£470
Sturminster Marshall	St Mary	Wimborne		£469	£469
Pimperne	St Peter	Milton & Blandford	£50	£417	£467
Kimmeridge	St Nicholas	Purbeck		£465	£465
Shipton Gorge	St Martin	Lyme Bay		£460	£460
Portland	St John	Weymouth		£451	£451
Puddletown	St Mary	Dorchester		£445	£445
Tarrant Hinton	St Mary	Milton & Blandford	£35	£410	£445
Winterbourne Steepleton	St Michael	Dorchester		£445	£445
Iwerne Minster	St Mary	Milton & Blandford		£439	£439
West Stafford	St Andrew	Dorchester	£100	£338	£438
Marnhull	Marnhull RC	Blackmore Vale		£415	£415
Leigh	St Andrew	Sherborne		£410	£410
Bridport URC	Bridport URC	Lyme Bay		£405	£405
Radipole and Melcombe Regis	St Mary	Weymouth		£403	£403
Shaftesbury	St Peter	Blackmore Vale		£401	£401
Dorchester St Mary	St Mary	Dorchester		£401	£401
Corfe Castle	St Edward the Martyr	Purbeck	£50	£340	£390
Blandford St Mary	St Mary	Milton & Blandford		£386	£386
Church Knowle	St Peter	Purbeck	£50	£325	£375
Ashmore	St Nicholas	Milton & Blandford		£370	£370
Sandford Orcas	St Nicholas	Sherborne	£156	£213	£369
Godmanstone	Holy Trinity	Dorchester	£100	£265	£365
Canford Magna	Canford Magna Parish Church	Wimborne		£360	£360
Marshwood	St Mary	Lyme Bay		£360	£360
Poyntington	All Saints	Sherborne		£355	£355
Burton Bradstock	St Mary	Lyme Bay		£353	£353
Dorchester	St Peter	Dorchester		£352	£352
Hilfield church and friary	St Nicholas	Sherborne		£340	£340
Buckhorn Weston	St John the Baptist	Blackmore Vale		£333	£333
Trent	St Andrew	Sherborne	£40	£290	£330
Kingston Lacy	St Stephen	Wimborne		£330	£330
Puncknowle	St Mary the Blessed Virgin	Lyme Bay		£324	£324
Weymouth	St Paul	Weymouth		£315	£315
Gussage All Saints	All Saints	Milton & Blandford		£305	£305
Stourpaine	Holy Trinity	Milton & Blandford		£300	£300
Worth Matravers	St Nicholas	Purbeck		£300	£300
Wareham Lady St Mary	Lady St Mary	Purbeck		£296	£296
Chideock RC	Our Lady & St Ignatius	Lyme Bay		£294	£294
Tollard Royal	St Peter ad Vincula	Milton & Blandford		£290	£290
West Knighton	St Peter	Dorchester		£290	£290
Marnhull	St Gregory	Blackmore Vale		£282	£282
Bothenhampton	Holy Trinity	Lyme Bay	£30	£251	£281
Winterborne Kingston	St Nicholas	Milton & Blandford		£281	£281
West Lulworth	Holy Trinity	Lyme Bay		£275	£275
Walditch	St Mary	Lyme Bay		£270	£270

Parish	Church	Deanery	Donations from PCC	Ride+Stride	Total
Dorchester Baptist	Dorchester Baptist	Dorchester		£264	£264
Branksome	St Aldhelm	Poole		£263	£263
Winterborne Zelston	St Mary	Milton & Blandford		£252	£252
Sutton Waldron	St Bartholomew	Milton & Blandford		£250	£250
Fifehead Magdalen	St Mary Magdalene	Blackmore Vale		£250	£250
Skinner Street	Skinner Street URC	Poole		£250	£250
Chetnole	St Peter	Sherborne		£240	£240
Radipole and Melcombe Regis	St Ann and St Aldhelms	Weymouth		£240	£240
Swyre	Holy Trinity	Lyme Bay		£240	£240
West Parley	All Saints & St Mark	Wimborne		£240	£240
Steeple	St Michael and All Angels	Purbeck	£5	£232	£237
East Stour	Christ Church	Blackmore Vale		£230	£230
Milton-on-Stour	St Simon and St Jude	Blackmore Vale		£230	£230
Weymouth	Holy Trinity	Weymouth		£226	£226
Colehill	St Michael and All Angels	Wimborne		£223	£223
Shillingstone	Holy Rood	Blackmore Vale		£220	£220
Farnham	St Laurence	Milton & Blandford		£215	£215
Longburton	St James	Sherborne		£205	£205
Chaldon Herring	St Nicholas	Purbeck		£200	£200
Littlemoor	St Francis of Assisi	Weymouth		£200	£200
Sutton Poyntz	St Andrew	Weymouth	£200		£200
Gillingahm	All churches	Blackmore Vale	£200		£200
Blandford	St Peter and St Paul	Milton & Blandford		£193	£193
Toller Porcorum	St Andrew and St Peter	Lyme Bay	£50	£140	£190
West Stour	St Mary	Blackmore Vale		£190	£190
Lytchett Matravers	St Mary the Virgin	Milton & Blandford		£180	£180
Ibberton	St Eustace	Blackmore Vale		£175	£175
Pilsdon Community Church	St Mary	Lyme Bay		£171	£171
Wyke Regis	St Edmunds	Weymouth		£170	£170
Wareham	St Martin on Wall	Purbeck		£166	£166
Milborne St Andrew	St Andrew	Dorchester		£162	£162
Salway Ash	Holy Trinity	Lyme Bay		£160	£160
Loders	St Mary Magdalene	Lyme Bay		£159	£159
North Poorton	St Mary	Lyme Bay	£50	£106	£156
Winterborne Whitechurch	St Mary	Milton & Blandford		£154	£154
Hamworthy	St Michael	Poole		£150	£150
Ryme Intrinseca	St Hippolytus	Sherborne		£150	£150
Wareham Methodist	Wareham Methodist	Purbeck		£150	£150
Bradford Abbas	St Mary	Sherborne		£145	£145
Langton Matravers	St George	Purbeck		£145	£145
Lillington	St Martin	Sherborne		£145	£145
Broadmayne	St Martin	Dorchester		£140	£140
Affpuddle	St Laurence	Purbeck		£135	£135
Milton Abbas	St James	Milton & Blandford		£132	£132
Buckland Newton	Holy Rood	Dorchester		£130	£130
Frampton	St Mary	Dorchester		£128	£128
Canford Heath	St Paul	Poole		£123	£123
Parkstone	St Peter	Poole		£123	£123
Dorchester	United Church	Dorchester		£114	£114

Parish	Church	Deanery	Donations from PCC	Ride+Stride	Total
Herston	St Mark	Purbeck		£110	£110
Stourton Caundle	St Peter	Blackmore Vale		£110	£110
Cheselbourne	St Martin	Dorchester		£108	£108
Glanvilles Wootton	St Mary	Sherborne	£50	£55	£105
Batcombe	St Mary Magdalene	Sherborne	£50	£50	£100
East Lulworth	St Andrew	Purbeck		£100	£100
Langton Long	All Saints	Milton & Blandford		£100	£100
Mosterton	St Mary	Lyme Bay		£100	£100
Preston	St Andrew	Weymouth		£100	£100
South Perrott and Chedington	St Mary	Lyme Bay		£100	£100
Southbourne	St Katharine	Bournemouth		£100	£100
Tarrant Rushton with Tarrant Rawston	St Mary	Milton & Blandford		£100	£100
Abbotsbury	St Nicholas	Weymouth		£95	£95
Woolland	Dedication unknown	Blackmore Vale	£25	£68	£93
Blandford Methodist	Blandford Methodist	Milton & Blandford		£90	£90
Durweston	St Nicholas	Milton & Blandford		£90	£90
Tarrant Keynston	All Saints	Milton & Blandford		£90	£90
Beer Hackett	St Michael	Sherborne		£85	£85
Folke	St Laurence	Sherborne		£75	£75
Okeford Fitzpaine	St Andrew	Milton & Blandford	£75		£75
Parkstone	St Clements	Poole		£72	£72
Alderholt	St James	Wimborne		£70	£70
Lytchett Minster	URC	Poole		£70	£70
Pulham	St Thomas a Beckett	Sherborne		£60	£60
Osmington with Poxwell	St Osmund	Weymouth		£53	£53
Canford Cliffs and Sandbanks	Church of the Transfiguration	Poole		£50	£50
Kingston	St James	Purbeck		£50	£50
Lyme Regis	St Michael the Archangel	Lyme Bay		£50	£50
West Chelborough	St Andrew	Sherborne		£50	£50
Wootton Fitzpaine	St Paul	Lyme Bay		£50	£50
Cattistock	St Peter and St Paul	Sherborne	£50		£50
Chickerell	St Mary	Weymouth	£50		£50
Chilfrome	Holy Trinity	Sherborne	£50		£50
Halstock	St Juthware and St Mary	Sherborne	£50		£50
Holwell	St Laurence	Sherborne	£50		£50
Richmond Hill	St Andrews URC	Bournemouth	£50		£50
Tinleton	St John the Evangelist	Dorchester		£40	£40
Seaborough	St John	Lyme Bay	£40		£40
Melbury Bubb	St Mary	Sherborne		£27	£27
Bere Regis	St John the Baptist	Purbeck	£25		£25
Tarrant Monkton with Tarrant Rushton	All Saints	Milton & Blandford		£22	£22
Fifehead Neville	All Saints	Blackmore Vale		£20	£20
Stour Provost	St Michael and All Angels	Blackmore Vale		£15	£15
East Chelborough	St James	Sherborne		£10	£10
Dorchester RC	Roman Catholic Church	Dorchester	£10		£10
Whitchurch Canonicorum	St Candida and Holy Cross	Lyme Bay	£10		£10
Bradford Peverell	Church of the Assumption	Dorchester	£3		£3
Gift aid 2014			-	£9,894	£9,894
<b>Totals</b>			<b>£4,124</b>	<b>£81,025</b>	<b>£85,150</b>

**It seems that all my reports since becoming Treasurer have started with 'another record year for Ride+Stride', and so it was again this year.**

An astonishing £81,025 was raised (the 2013 total was £75,193). This is a superb achievement; if the same rate of increase is applied to future years, then we would reach £100,000 by 2018 – a good target to aim for I think.

There are many stories that can be highlighted. The Morshead trophy goes to Evershot, their splendid total of £2,797 being raised by one man, Richard Campbell. His story is told elsewhere in this Report. Suffice it to say here that Richard overcame disability and the vagaries of his tri-cycle, which threatened to leave him in the hedge at several points, to raise this total. Sherborne Abbey came a very close second, raising £2,488. This was Tony Fry's last year as Deanery Representative in Sherborne, and he has been instrumental in Sherborne's achievements over a number of years. He will be sorely missed.

Other achievements were no less noteworthy-

- **Julian Cherryson once again raised a magnificent total of £1,560 for Winfrith Newburgh and £264 for Dorchester Baptist church, visiting 36 churches**
- **In Sutton Waldron we had a four-year-old sponsor, and eight-year-old Amy Fox strode again for Maiden Newton**
- **Reverend Joe Edwards, Vicar of Spetisbury, rode from London to Paris raising money both for DHCT and for a Rwanda cricket pitch**
- **Mr and Mrs Kenward, combined ages 175, strode for Fordington**
- **One parish got Messrs Griffin the builder to chip in as sponsor**
- **The irrepressible Jim Burg at Dewlish had no fewer than 145 sponsors. His name and that of Reuben Moss of West Knighton seem to recur as visitors EVERYWHERE!**
- **At West Chelborough six 80-year-olds, plus dogs, walked across the fields to the pub, raised £50, enjoyed it a lot, and plan to do it again next year, with more people, if they are spared**

Such achievements are the result of much hard work by many, and our grateful thanks go to Anna Butler, Ride+Stride Organiser; to the Deanery Representatives; to Parish Organisers and of course the participants themselves and their generous sponsors.

The good results enabled the Trust to approve grants during 2014 of £97,385: another year in which, intentionally, we have awarded grants in excess of our income, so spending some of our reserves.

Grants totalling £67,226 have been paid in the year as well as £34,852, being the 50% return cheques from Ride+Stride. Some parishes donate 100% of their funds raised, for which we are very grateful.

Overall income was down on the previous year, but 2013 had benefited from a large bequest of £23,000; so if that is removed, then the two years are very similar.

Ride+Stride is by far the most important constituent of our income, but our grateful thanks also go to the Friends, individuals and trusts, and to the PCCs for their generous contributions. The Trust strives very hard to keep administrative costs to a minimum. Net movement in funds was -£3,651 (2013 £28,826). With the effects of the bequest removed the figures would be -£6,210 in 2014 (2013 £5,826). The drop in income is largely caused by a drop in the unrealised gain in our investments amounting to £11,698.

So in conclusion, another excellent year. It is amazing to think how many small donations add up to such an impressive total.

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2014

	2014	2013
<b>Fixed assets:</b>		
Investments	£520,115	£493,037
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Gift Aid due back	£10,169	£9,680
Loans to churches	–	£7,000
Prepayments	£155	£1,074
Cash at bank and in hand	£69,669	£65,378
	<b>£79,993</b>	<b>£83,132</b>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Grants approved and not disbursed in year	£104,000	£75,841
Accruals and deferred income	£1,472	£2,041
	<b>(£105,472)</b>	<b>(77,882)</b>
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>	<b>(£25,479)</b>	<b>£5,250</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£494,636</b>	<b>£498,287</b>
<b>Funds:</b>		
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>	<b>£494,636</b>	<b>£498,287</b>

*"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."*

Edward Everett Hale

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2014

	2014	2013
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Bequest from a Friend	£2,559	£23,000
Friends, individuals and trusts	£8,421	£12,717
Parochial Church Councils	£4,125	£4,428
District Council	£100	£100
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	<b>£15,205</b>	<b>£40,245</b>
Ride & Stride	£81,025	£75,193
Talks, crawls and concerts	£313	£1,252
Friends' event	£810	£1,103
Sponsorship and donations towards events	£854	£914
Sale of calendars, books and notecards	£2,560	£2,495
	<b>£85,562</b>	<b>£80,957</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Income from investments	£19,514	£20,607
	<b>£19,514</b>	<b>£20,607</b>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>£120,281</b>	<b>£141,809</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>		
<b>Ride &amp; Stride</b>		
50% return to churches 2014	£34,852	£32,217
Honoraria	£1,950	£1,950
Printing	£1,945	£1,240
T-shirts	£854	£864
Administration	£467	£451
	<b>£40,068</b>	<b>£36,722</b>
<b>Friends, calendars and books</b>		
Brochures, publicity and Friends' annual event	£3,228	£1,465
Printing of calendars	£5,000	£4,763
Printing of notecards	£1,002	-
Write off of book stock		£2,093
<b>Total friends, calendars and books</b>	<b>£9,230</b>	<b>£8,321</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants approved in year net of any write backs	£97,385	£101,500
	<b>£97,385</b>	<b>£101,500</b>
<b>Support costs</b>		
Annual Report	£1,738	£1,226
Postage, stationery and travel	£703	£1,349
Marketing and website	£58	£771
Insurance	£253	£252
Bank charges	£525	£508
	<b>£3,277</b>	<b>£4,106</b>
<b>Governance</b>		
Independent examiner's fees	£1,050	£1,110
	<b>£1,050</b>	<b>£1,110</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>£151,010</b>	<b>£151,759</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before other recognised gains and losses</b>	<b>(£30,729)</b>	<b>(£9,950)</b>
Unrealised gains on investments	£27,078	£38,776
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(£3,651)</b>	<b>£28,826</b>
<b>Balance brought forward at start of year</b>	<b>£498,287</b>	<b>£469,461</b>
<b>Balance brought forward at end of year</b>	<b>£494,636</b>	<b>£498,287</b>

## Ride+Stride 2014



# Directory 2015

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(through whom all applications for grants and loans should be made)

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