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HOW THE SPONSORED BIKE RIDE & WALK WORKS

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RIDERS and WALKERS – THANK YOU FOR AGREEING TO RIDE OR WALK

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- Tell your Local Organiser you are taking part.
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- Plan your route, making use of the list of *Churches and Chapels in Essex and East London,* obtainable from your Local Organiser.

ALWAYS REMEMBER : SAFETY FIRST
- ENSURE YOUR BICYCLE IS ROADWORTHY, PARTICULARLY THE BRAKES.
- WEAR THE OFFICIAL BIKE RIDE STICKER AND 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.

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 & WALK
- **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.**
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VARIATIONS
- Walking and other forms of unmotorised transport are acceptable, including exercise bikes and even sailing.
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Charity Reg. No. 236033

Sponsorship Form

Saturday 12th September, 2009

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