

Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleway Rides

Sunday 11th June 2017



This event, established in 1986, challenges you to cycle 100 miles around the rolling Cheshire countryside. It is not a race or a Sportive. For those that would like a more sociable pace, there is also a shorter 50 mile route.

Start/finish at Waverton Institute, Village Road Waverton near Chester, CH3 7QN. There is ample free parking at this location.

We welcome cyclists of all ages and abilities. You do not have to be a member of Cycling UK (formerly CTC) although we encourage you to join our national organisation Cycling UK. You can ride on racing bikes if you wish, without mudguards or saddle bags! The route is all on road, not closed ones but do take the time to enjoy this tour of our wonderful Cheshire lanes and views.

Please note that when you enter you will receive an email confirmation, but the route details and joining instructions will not be emailed to you until approximately 7 days before the event. I am unable to post information out.

Our events are organised by unpaid volunteers; we are not a company. All volunteers are local cyclists, so we know the area well, and can offer advice and a friendly chat! There is a facebook page where you can see photos and information about the route and rides; feel free to comment, ask questions or post your photos from the day!

This year you have the opportunity to buy a copy of The Link, our local magazine written by local cyclists for cyclists; usual subscription is £10 for three copies per year but today you can have a copy of the latest edition for just £2.50, saving 80p. If you like it, you can join our subscription list. Tick the box on the entry form and the amount will be automatically added to your total, you can collect your copy on the day of the ride.

50 miles: The entry fee is £10, held again this year. Under 18's (members) ride for FREE when accompanied by a paying adult but parents should still register them and sign the consent.

For this you get:

- Plenty of free car parking at HQ
- Electronic timing
- Route sheet in paper form or for GPS devices
- Danish pastries and refreshments at 13 miles
- Beans on Toast and refreshments at 25 miles
- Tea and coffee at start and finish
- Support vehicle for emergencies

Starting from 10:00am in Waverton, the course takes you over to Delamere Forest and then loops back towards Vale Royal. You will pass Oulton Park race track on your way to Eaton, after which the familiar sight of Beeston Castle will lead you home. There is no time you need to finish, although you should be back by 16:00.

100 miles: The entry fee is £15, held for this year. Under 18's (members) ride for FREE when accompanied by a paying adult but parents should still register them and sign the consent. There is a trophy for the youngest rider to complete the 100 miles! (held for one year)

For that you get:

- [Plenty of free car parking at HQ](#)
- [Electronic timing](#)
- [Route sheet in paper form or for GPS devices](#)
- [Refreshments at Great Budworth Ice Cream Farm](#)
- [More sustenance in the form of bacon or egg baps and drinks at Bollington](#)
- [Pop up support vehicle at Hassell Green, near Crewe, with snack bars and juice](#)
- [Final pit stop at Eaton for tea or coffee and cakes](#)
- [Tea and coffee at start and finish](#)
- [Support vehicle for emergencies](#)

Starting from 8:30am in Waverton, the course takes you over to Delamere Forest where you pick up the Cheshire Cycleway, and then continues into Vale Royal, crossing the Weaver at Acton Bridge. You continue following Cheshire Cyclway signs to Great Budworth, where there is your first refreshment stop. After this you head further East to skirt Knustford and climb the Old Wizard. By now you are heading for the hills beyond Macclesfield, on the edge of the Peak District. You will get fantastic views across Cheshire from Kerridge Ridge, before dropping down onto the Cheshire Plain. You will cross the River Weaver again at Church Minshull as you head to Eaton, after which the familiar sight of Beeston Castle will lead you home.

You need to aim to complete the ride in 12 hours, but it is not a race. Checkpoints should not be missed, so we know you are all safe!

Entries are non-refundable and non-transferable and must be received before 31st May 2017

Riders will be set off in small groups of no more than 8-10 riders; please let the organiser know if you would like to ride with family, friends or club mates.

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Online entries if possible please at <https://www.entrycentral.com/cheshirecycleway> as this makes life infinitely easier for me. You can pay on line or with a cheque. Paper entries accepted if received by 31st May, see Chester & North Wales Website <http://www.ctchesterandnwales.org.uk/events2017.html>

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