

Great Weston Ride - Terms and Conditions of Entry

Participants acknowledge and accept that this is a non-competitive event and NOT a race, and they will participate accordingly at all times.

The event takes place on open public roads and riders must obey all Highway Code Rules. Riders participate entirely at their own risk, they must rely on their own ability in dealing with all hazards, and they must ride in a manner which is safe to themselves and to others at all times.

All riders who are under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult during the Ride.

Riders are requested to ride in single file where appropriate and no more than two abreast at any time. Riders are reminded to be aware of, and considerate towards, other cyclists and other traffic (including horses), and to please indicate their intention to stop or change direction at all times.

Participants are responsible for the roadworthiness of their own cycle and are strongly advised to check this in advance of the Ride.

The use of triathlon handlebars or other bar extensions is discouraged for safety reasons. However, where riders do have them fitted, they MUST NOT be used when riding in a group and riders must allow for a gap to the rider(s) in front that allows time to reach for their brakes if necessary.

It is strongly recommended that all participants wear a safety-approved cycling helmet (conforming to CE Standards EN1078). This is mandatory for all riders under the age of 18. Cycling shoes, shorts and jerseys are also recommended.

Riders must not use mobile phones while riding and must stop at the side of the road if they need to make or receive a call. The use of earphones (eg ipods, MP3 players, etc) when riding is also discouraged on the grounds of safety (especially when riding in a group).

There will be no timing facilities provided (nor list of riders by finishing times or finishing order) and riders are not required to maintain a 'minimum average speed' during the Ride, although they must use all reasonable endeavours to complete the Ride before the advertised finish time.

In the event that a rider (or group of riders) decides to abandon the route for whatever reason before the finish he/she/they must inform the Organiser of their decision via the contact number provided.

It is each participant's responsibility to follow the correct course, and riders are advised to pay attention to and follow the route signage (black arrow on yellow background) at all times. Direction arrows will bear the Ride logo, which should be normally legible at all times (ie. horizontal, reading from left to right). If the logo is not in this position then the sign may have been tampered with and riders are advised to adjust the sign and continue according to the direction indicated with the logo in the correct position.

Participants acknowledge that marshals do not have the authority to stop motorists. They are there for the riders' safety and for the safety of other road users. It is the responsibility of each participant at all times to determine if a movement is safe during the Ride.

All riders are recommended to carry two drinks bottles if possible, energy bar(s) or similar snack(s), a spare inner tube (or two), a working pump, a multi-tool or similar, and suitable clothing according to prevailing and/or anticipated weather conditions. Riders are also advised to carry some form of identification and a small amount of money.

No participant (other than those on tandems) may take food or drink from anyone whilst on the move. If riders need food or drink, they must stop to receive it.

Mobile support vehicles in the form of cars or motorbikes are strictly forbidden. Riders may, however, receive outside support from a stationary vehicle. Any such vehicle must not interfere with the progress of the riders.

The Ride will take place regardless of bad weather and will only be cancelled, re-routed or stopped for reasons of safety. Entry fees, however, are not refundable.

The Organisers reserve the right at all times to terminate an individual's ride on health and safety grounds.

Rider numbers, issued at signing-on, must be clearly displayed on the front of the bike for identification, and only riders displaying a valid rider number will be entitled to use the Ride support services.

In the event that large numbers of riders wish to start at the same time, they will be set off in small groups of 30 or so at 1-2 minute intervals.