

COVER LETTER

Stokesley 21st Charity Bike Ride: Sunday 13th May 2018

Hello,
We're approaching that time of year when we start to gear up for the Stokesley Bike Ride and I really hope to see you there! The event is in its 21st year and continues to go from strength to strength with your help.

This letter explains everything about the ride, the charity we're raising money for and how you can get involved.

Our sponsors and supporters

Firstly, I am delighted to announce that RPS Maltby will once again be sponsoring the ride this year. Thank you so much to our sponsors for their great support.

Stokesley Parish Councillors have also agreed to allow us to use the Town Hall and car parking area known as The Plain. Use of the Plain was granted by kind permission of the Manorial Lands Trust.

What we achieved last time

In January this year, we handed over a cheque for £7,600 to the Make-A-Wish-Foundation at our presentation night at The Mill, in Stokesley. Sincere thanks to Alex and his team for their support. A FANTASTIC amount was raised and I THANK YOU ALL so much.

Who we're supporting this year

Save Our Strays is a dog charity in Marske-by-the-Sea and we are delighted to be able to support them this year. Whilst this is a change of direction compared to previous years, it is still in keeping with what the Stokesley Ride is all about – raising much-needed funds for local charities within our areas.

"Dogs are man's best friend. Their love is unconditional, so before buying a dog or puppy please consider adopting a rescue dog that needs a new home. On our website you will find a wide variety of dogs and puppies that need a good loving home. We are a small registered charity in the North East of England that depends completely on public donations to rescue unwanted dogs, mainly from the dog pounds. We are all volunteers who are passionate about rescue dogs and every penny raised goes towards their care."

Please take the time to visit their website to gain an understanding of what they do to help stray dogs find the home they crave: www.saveourstrays.org.uk

How you can take part

The 30-mile ride will take place on Sunday 13th May 2018, from Stokesley Town Hall in the High Street, starting at 10am. There will be basic mechanical support, a back-up vehicle and first aid facilities to assist the riders, along with refreshments i.e. bananas, chocolate bars and water, etc.

The entry fee for the ride will be £10 (£12 on the day). All proceeds go directly to the charity. Entry is free to under-16s.

Please send your entry form and cheque, payable to Save Our Strays, to:

Paul Mackintosh
90 Salutation Road
Darlington
County Durham
DL3 8JW

Please enclose a SAE so I can send your rider number to you (please check that postage is the correct amount!). NB Failure to do so may result in me not receiving your entry.

The closing date for postal entries is Saturday 5th May 2018. If you have any queries, please contact me by mobile on [07801 143942](tel:07801143942) or [e-mail paulmack1@ntlworld.com](mailto:paulmack1@ntlworld.com)