



It's a Wrap

As Hemingby returns to its sleepy self and Walesby is still lying down in a darkened room, our C2C2C gauchos are out rounding up the last of the arrows. A few seem to have made a bid for freedom (one before last Thursday), but if you see any after this weekend, feel free to let us know where they are, or even lock it in your boot and drop it off back at C2C2C HQ.

The cycling caravan has now moved on to the Basque region and France as we hand over the bidon from our traditional Tour de France kick start event. You're welcome, Christophe!

Well, the weather turned out to be near perfect, and better than predicted just a day before. At least the LCC Highways teams had nice weather to work on all the bloody roads we wanted to cycle on. We expect that Hemingby is now completely cut off, but food parcels can be left at Horncastle now that they have eaten the last of the sausage rolls. Expect a DEC appeal by mid-July once the last of the bananas have been eaten and scurvy sets in.



We have never had such a challenging time setting the route with several road closures in the last few days before the event – even on the day we had an unannounced road closure, but this didn't faze the hardy Dora the Explorers of C2C2C, and we accounted for all 594 riders who had set off in the morning. At least we should have ideal roads for next year...



We had a few riders complete the Appendix, particularly discouraging this year starting around 85 miles, and a few made it a 200 mile day -- obviously failed their Scouts map reading badge? A few of you will have seen a dog in a trailer but photographic evidence shows this to have been an external motor being deployed on Fulletby hill. I wouldn't have wanted to come down Belchford Hill with it in tow though.

Talking of photographic evidence, there are a couple of galleries out there on t'interweb where you can buy a photograph of yourself looking magnificent (or your colleague looking awful), and the money eventually makes it way back to our Charities.

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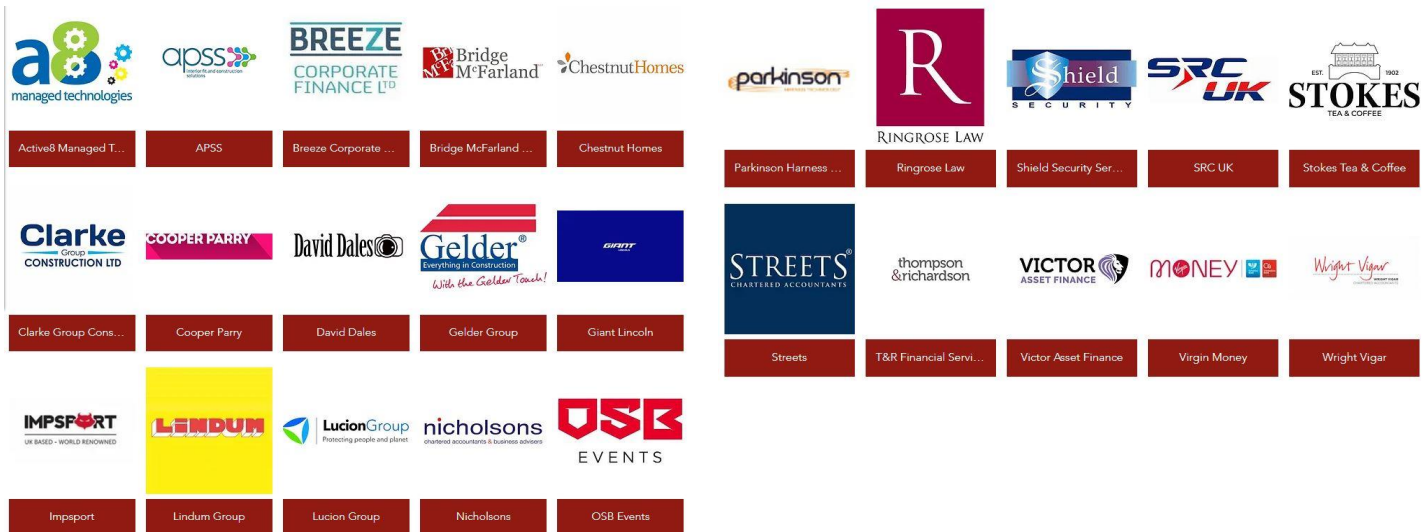
The main point of this email though is to thank *you* for taking part (and helping to raise so much for our chosen charities) and to thank our fantastic volunteers who had L O N G days setting up, marshalling, feeding us, fettling bikes, signing in, welcoming back, car parking and all round happiness. We received some great feedback on the day which reinforces our ride ethos of have fun / eat / smile / avoid busy roads.



We have attached a feedback form to gather your thoughts. Some of you will have ridden many 'normal' sportives and for many this will be your first century, but we do read all responses. Keep it realistic – there are 600+ other riders to cater for!

[C2C23 Feedback Form](#)

Finally, thank you to our sponsors – take 20 seconds to read through the list because these are the businesses who cover the costs of the event so that we can raise over £40,000 for our chosen charities. Hey – even thank them for sponsoring (y)our ride as it helps reinforce the good they are doing.



This year you have raised money for Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, St Barnabas Hospice, Children's Bereavement Centre, East Coast Homeless Outreach, Louth Men's Shed, Lincoln MS Society and Salvation Army.

Next year's ride will be on **27 June 2024**. Registration will open sometime in January 2024 once we pull our finger out after the New Year hangover has subsided. Based on 2023 we expect to sell out early so make a diary note now if you want to ride next year.

Hopefully this year's ride has whetted your appetite for a few rides out into the Wolds over the summer, but you'll have to forage for yourself.

Go ride!

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