



2025 is open....

February is here, dry January is but a slightly groggy memory and we have opened registration for C2C2C25. Sign up here [RiderHQ - C2C2C 2025](#) and get your fellow rouleurs revved up and ready to start their training programme. See below for ideas.

Amid much talk of DeepSeek, ChatGPT and cloned Nvidia chips, I am reminded of our own early foray into AI in the name pure laziness.

Not being tech geeks we contracted out the work to the accounts team, on the basis of their slightly better Excel skills. We gave them the Dummies Guide to AI and a bag of chips (with scrumps) by way of remuneration. Two weeks and a bottle of Gaviscon later they duly presented Robot Assistant Called Helen to answer all our questions about C2C2C and certain world sportive domination. We probably should have spent a bit more: there follows our early submitted questions and the answers provided by RACHel (from Accounts):

C2C2C: Our overall aim is all about getting people to try their first 100 mile ride in a relaxed and sociable environment. Any suggestions on how we could make it easy for beginners?

RACHel (from Accounts)

We should be all about going further and faster. Growth at all costs

C2C2C That isn't exactly what we had in mind. Won't that put new cyclists off? We want them to take in the nature and beautiful countryside of the Wolds and coastal fens.

RACHel Never mind the bats and the newts. I am not afraid to make tough decisions. You won't see the newts for the wind turbines and electricity pylons anyway.

C2C2C We think we might need some more programming. We are keen on encouraging greener transport as a by product of training for the ride. How else can we make sure our event is environmentally friendly?

RACHel Build an airport at Hemingby, Saltfleet and Walesby so the bananas can be flown in fresh from the Caribbean. Stop winter fuel payments so they cycle to keep warm.

C2C2C Err...that sounds a bit harsh but also expensive...?

RACHel £22 Billion.

C2C2C I don't think we can afford that. We'll need a lot of sponsors. Any other ideas?

RACHel I'll add VAT to the entry fee, levy Inheritance Tax before they are dead, and charge National Insurance on donations.

C2C2C That won't help the ride though. What will the outcome be?

RACHel Net zero!

You can see why we abandoned our RACHel from Accounts programme. We tried to resurrect it last year but discovered that someone had stolen the coding. We never did find out what happened to it, but good luck to whoever took it. We suspect state actors. Never mind we have started work on Total Recall Uber-Mensch Programme 2.0 but initial output is proving equally erratic. The only useful answer so far has been "Grill, baby, grill" so that's the rugby club BBQ sorted then.

Anyway, onward and upward, (if not further and faster). If you haven't seen your bike for a while, you might want to get it out of the shed and get some training in ahead of 26 June. If you crack on now you'll just about get the 20 week training plan in for first-timers so you can "Ride a Hundo!" (me neither). <https://www.bicycling.com/training/a44364663/20-week-century-ride-training-plan/>

There are also 16 week -and 12 week-training plans because we know you won't bother until you've gorged on pancakes and started on the Easter eggs.

What else at this stage? Sign up on your own or set up your team before you forget, think about raising sponsorship either for some of our nominated charities, or your own choice of charity and then sit back with a glass of wine (it is February at last) and dream of summer glory as you cruise through the Wolds, sausage roll in hand, drinking in the sunshine and the awe and wonder of those who always said you wouldn't amount to much. Prove them wrong! Better start training then....

Our route is undergoing a few tweaks and checks and will be published later in the year but follows the usual format of ride / eat / ride / eat /ride/ eat/ ride / drink & eat. The 200Km Appendix route will be making its usual big and beautiful appearance.

We are rounding up sponsors for this year but always grateful for more, so if you are feeling magnanimous and are all-round good -community minded -eggs then get in touch as we'd love to have a chat.

Our chosen *local* charities for 2025 are



Children's Bereavement Centre



Headway Lincolnshire



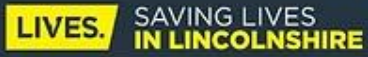
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Lowlands Search & Rescue



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St Andrew's Hospice

2025 Bonded places



Children's Bereavement Centre



Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance



Lowlands Search & Rescue



St Barnabas Hospice

Go on – get signed up whilst places are still available.

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