

C2C2C

Ride date: 25 June 2026

Venue: Lincoln Rugby Club, Nettleham

Website: www.lincsc2c2c.co.uk

Registration link: <https://www.riderhq.com/events/p/tuse2bv6/f/c2c2c26>

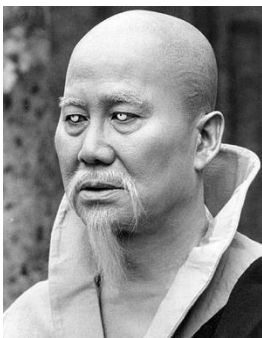
Finding Joy

Not a missing rider from 2025, but as the great philosophers, and founders of the telephone company, once said: “Life’s What You Make It”.

There are a great many joys to be had from cycling and it behoves (behoofs?) us to actively seek them out in order to live a fulfilling and satisfied life. (The same can be said of crisps, incidentally.)

The joy might be reaping the benefits of an active lifestyle – improved health, lower heart rate (atrial fibrillationists excepted), more pep in one’s step, and cutting a dashing figure, even if seeing oneself in the mirror when wearing Lycra quickly bursts that bubble. A slice of cake with your coffee when out for a ride is virtually impossible to refuse, and so we can forgive ourselves for looking the other way when passing a mirror. Lycra may allegedly have compression benefits but mine long gave up the ghost on bib shorts in the midriff department. The feed stations of the C2C2C will also do their best to challenge the elasticity before the arrival of the bar at Nettleham delivers the final blow and all hope is lost.

There is joy to be had when maintaining your bike, when one enters a state of ‘flow’, lost



in the mechanical fettling and tweaking and the satisfaction when you put it all back together and there *aren't* any spare allen bolts or bits lying on the workbench. Zen and the Art of Bicycle Maintenance might just be a future bestseller, but I am more Grasshopper than Master Po in that regard (Kids — look it up on YouTube before they ban you from social media), but my vocabulary has expanded exponentially when trying to fit a new tubeless tyre.

Joy can be found, lost in the constant rotation of the pedals as you climb that steady, easy gradient for an hour or more. Clearly, there's no climbing for an hour in the rolling hills of the Lincolnshire Wolds, but one can dream of long 5% hills snaking up into the distance as you heave yourself up The Rasper at Stainton Le Vale.



NOT the Lincolnshire Wolds, even on a good day

Sometimes the joy comes from the simple act of getting off the bike at the end of 75/100/125 miles in late June and heading for food van / showers / bar. After an hour or two though you are already considering the 2027 ride.

With less than two weeks to go until C2C2C26 its time to get your head into it and making sure you are ready for the day. Tyres pumped, chain oiled, brakes checked, lucky socks washed and favourite snacks at the ready.

Time to Eat

Talking of food (when aren't we?!), make sure you check the timings for the feed stations: the plucky *volunteers* who set up early and ensure you get your fill of sausage rolls, jelly babies and other essential vitamins are already there long enough witnessing the parade of finely tuned athletes excitedly stuff their faces and so the least you can do is aim to turn up when the food is ready and the volunteers are still willing. With the advent of the new 75 mile (ish) route we have had to extend the timings that the feed stations are open for consumption, but don't take the mickey.

Tetford (100/125 mile routes only) - **8.30am - 12pm**

Fulstow (all routes) Hot food from **10:00 until 2.30pm**

Walesby (all routes) - **11am - 4.30pm**

Nettleham finish - **1:00 until 6.30pm**

The aim, as always, is to finish between 4:00 and 6:00 back at the rugby club at Nettleham for the craic.

Decisions, decisions

One key point on the route will be at the top of Nob Hill (the climb after Donington on Bain): at the top of that hill when you reach Bluestone Heath Road you can either TURN LEFT for the 75 mile route, heading along the Wolds towards an early lunch at Fulstow, or TURN RIGHT for the 100 mile route heading towards Tetford for your first feed station (and the *option* of 125 miles if you're feeling up to it when you get to Binbrook). Don't worry, there will be clear signage at the junction, just pay attention to it, or not...

Start With Why

Ok, it's the end, but we have been fortunate with your help to have raised over £338,000 to date directly for local charities, plus the additional funds that individual riders have

raised in personal sponsorship on top of that and we are looking forward to increasing that total again this year. This year's chosen charities are listed below, along with the generous, noble and valiant sponsors who have dug deep to keep this show on the road. A very heartfelt thank you to all of them, past and present, who keep this ride going.

2026 Charities

		
Buddies Dementia Cafe	Children's Bereavement Centre	East Marsh United
		
ECHO	Lincoln City Foundation	Lincolnshire Down's Syndrom...
		
Lincolnshire Rural Support Ne...	Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance	Lowlands Search & Rescue
		
MS Society	Patch, Men's Shed, Bucknall	RAF Benevolent Fund

2026 Bonded places

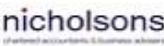
		
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St Barnabas Hospice

To nominate a charity for future rides

If you would like your charity to be considered in the future, please email a brief description of how you would use the donation to torie.wilkinson@wrightvigar.co.uk

2026 Sponsors

					
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