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RIDELONDON COMING TO ESSEX FOR FIRST TIME FROM FRIDAY 27 TO SUNDAY 29 MAY

- **County preparing to welcome world's greatest festival of cycling**
- **Event includes races for best female riders on the planet and inspiration rides that raise millions of pounds for charity**
- **People urged to visit ridelondon.co.uk to plan ahead as travel will be impacted over event weekend**

RideLondon, the world's greatest festival of cycling, is coming to Essex from Friday 27 to Sunday 29 May, thanks to a new partnership with Essex County Council.

The event is a celebration of cycling, with thousands of people taking part in a variety of rides in London and Essex over the RideLondon weekend.

Millions of pounds will be raised by charity cyclists taking part in the mass participation rides held on traffic-free roads on Sunday 29 May, while Essex will be treated to the world's best female riders racing through the county in the RideLondon Classique on Friday 27 May and Saturday 28 May.

Residents and businesses are being encouraged to come out to support the event as it passes through their communities, with fun activation zones being set up in areas along the routes across the three days.

People are also being encouraged to plan ahead, because of the road closures. London Marathon Events, the organisers of RideLondon, has spent the past months engaging directly with communities on the route to ensure any disruption is minimised as much as possible, creating Community Access Plans for specific locations.

The Community Access Plans can be accessed [here](#).

Kevin Nash, RideLondon Route Director, said: "We are extremely excited to be bringing RideLondon to Essex for the first time. It will be a spectacular weekend that begins with the world's best female riders competing across Essex for two days and will end with the incredible sight of more than 20,000 cyclists, many raising critical funds for charity, pedalling around 65 miles of traffic-free roads in Essex. We hope the weekend will inspire thousands more people to get cycling this summer.

"The footprint of the event is considerable, with 100 miles of road closures in London and Essex. We encourage everyone wanting to travel across Essex between Friday 27 May and Sunday 29 May to go to ridelondon.co.uk/road-closures to plan ahead for their journey. The page includes the Community Access Plans and details of the best places to watch and enjoy the day."

Full details of the road closures can be found at ridelondon.co.uk/road-closures

RIDELONDON EVENTS IN ESSEX

Friday 27 May: [Stage One of RideLondon Classique](#)

Start: 11:00 Promenade Park, Maldon

Predicted finish: 14:30-14:50, Maldon High Street

Stage One of the RideLondon Classique starts and finishes in Maldon. It heads north to Abberton Reservoir before a two-lap finishing circuit around Maldon and Little Baddow and a finish on Maldon High Street.

For more information, [click here](#).

Saturday 28 May: [Stage Two of RideLondon Classique](#)

Start: 11:00 Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford

Predicted finish: 14:30-15:00 Epping High Street

Stage Two of the Classique starts at Anglia Ruskin University, which will be celebrating hosting the stage start with a range of bike-themed activities throughout the day. The riders will head north to Finchingfield and Great Sampford, then return south through Great Dunmow and Fyfield, before finishing with two laps around Epping and a finish on Epping High Street.

For more information, [click here](#).

Sunday 29 May

[RideLondon-Essex 100, 60 and 30](#)

The mass participation rides described as 'the London Marathon on wheels'. More than 20,000 cyclists will be taking part in either a 100, 60 or 30-mile ride. The longest challenge, the RideLondon-Essex 100, will take riders into Essex via Epping Forest, through Ongar, Fyfield and Great Dunmow, before reaching halfway at Felsted. From there, riders will follow a section

from returning to central London via Engle...

For the full routes, [click here](#).

ABOUT RIDELONDON

RideLondon is a legacy event from the 2012 London Olympic Games. It was first held in 2013, with the first seven editions held in London and Surrey. During that time more than £80 million was raised for charity and more than 140,000 new or lapsed cyclists were inspired to take up cycling. The event could not be held in 2020 or 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As the event is organised by London Marathon Events (LME), organisations in Essex that inspire activity will now be eligible for funding from The London Marathon Charitable Trust (The Trust). In the seven years the event was held in Surrey, organisations in that county that inspired activity received more than £5 million in funding from The Trust.

In addition to the RideLondon-Essex 100, 60 and 30 mass participation events, the 2022 edition of RideLondon also features [FreeCycle](#) on Sunday 29 May (10:00-15:00), a free, family-friendly ride taking place on eight miles of traffic-free roads in central London. The route includes some of the capital's most famous streets and passes a number of iconic landmarks.

After the first two stages of the RideLondon Classique in Essex on Friday 27 May and Saturday 28 May, the final stage takes place in central London on Sunday 29 May. The race starts at 15:45 on Victoria Embankment and is scheduled to finish at 17:45 in the same location.

For more information visit ridelondon.co.uk

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About RideLondon

- [RideLondon](#), the world's greatest festival of cycling, was developed by the Mayor of London and his agencies. It was first held in August 2013 and is a legacy event from the London 2012 Olympics.
- In the first seven years of the world's greatest festival of cycling (2013-2019) more than 467,000 participants have taken part including more than 140,000 new or lapsed cyclists who were inspired to start cycling. More than £80 million was raised for more than 1,000 charities.
- RideLondon will partner with Essex County Council in 2022. Surrey County Council previously partnered with the event from 2013 to 2020.
- London Marathon Events gifts its surplus each year to The London Marathon Charitable Trust.
- Since 1981, The London Marathon Charitable Trust has awarded grants totalling in excess of £95 million to more than 1,500 projects in London and across the UK.

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