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THE TROPHY AWARDS

Objective

The objective of the SHCT Ride & Stride Trophy Awards is to encourage participants to visit as many churches as possible, particularly those in remote or hilly locations.

Each church has a star grading ranging from 1 to 5 depending on its location. As a guide, star ratings are typically assigned as follows:

1 = town (level), 2 = town (hilly), 3 = village (level), 4 = village (hilly) and 5 = remote.

The grade for each church is given in the list of Sussex Churches and Chapels Open (BR3). For example, Chichester Cathedral has an entry "M1", which means that it is manned and has a star grading of 1 (town - level). On the other hand, St Mary at Upwaltham has an entry "U5" which means that it is unmanned and that it has a star grading of 5 (remote).

There are a total of nine trophies which will be presented each year to the winner in the following categories:

- Junior Walker
- Junior Cyclist
- Junior Team
- Junior Challengers (runner-up to Junior Team)
- Horse Riders
- Senior Walker
- Senior Cyclist
- Senior Team
- Chairman's Special Award

The Entry Conditions

1. The event is open to cyclists, walkers, wheelchairs and horse riders. Horse riders will be included with the cyclists and wheelchairs with walkers
2. Entrants for the Junior Trophies must be under 16 on the day of the event.
3. The winners of the Senior Trophies and the Junior Trophies will be those entrants that accrue the highest number of stars.
4. A team will consist of a minimum of four participants. Each member of the team will need to have their own sponsor form. The winning team will be the team that has the highest average number of stars per team member.
5. Teams can be formed from single churches or chapels or join up with others. Churches in Team Ministries, Groups and Pluralities would also be welcomed. Members of teams can go round together or vary their routes. Team leaders must tell their Parish Organiser before the event that they will be entering a team.
6. Those participants in the event wishing to be considered for a trophy, including team members must submit their completed sponsor forms (BR4) to their Parish Organiser by 23rd October at the latest.
7. Where churches or chapels across county borders are visited, the Parish Organiser will assess the star rating of the particular church or chapel in conjunction with his Area Organiser.
8. The Assessor for awarding the trophies will be the County Organiser. His decision will be final.

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