

St  
Basils  
*Works with young people*

# CANAL CYCLE CHALLENGE

## EVENT PACK



# THE ROUTES

## THANK YOU FOR SIGNING UP TO THIS YEAR'S CANAL CYCLING CHALLENGE!

This year we have two brand new routes spanning the Northern section of the canals.

You will be sent a **detailed route guide** depending on your choice which will include photos of the canal path, and a **GPX file** which can be uploaded into **Strava**, **Garmin** and other trackers.

Below is a map of the full challenge.

St Basils Canal Cycle Challenge 2025







# ON THE DAY

## CHECK IN

Check in at the St Basils Gazebo in the car park of our **Allcock Street Offices (B9 4DY)**. Please see the map provided on the next page for the exact location and **parking information**. On arrival, please give your name and selected route length. Your time will then be recorded and you will be ready to set off!

## WEATHER

This years event is in **April**, so please keep an eye on the weather forecast and ensure both you and your bike are ready for **any weather**.

## AMENITIES

Hot **drinks, water** and **toilet facilities** will be available in the St Basils Annex. We will also be providing food, which will be available at the end of the challenge for a small donation.

Our friends from **Gear Up** will be at the start point to service participants bikes free of charge before you set off.

For those who would like to continue celebrating their cycling success, there are several pubs, bars and restaurants which are within a 10-minute walking (or 5-minute cycling) distance of the start and end point.

## EVENT END

Upon your return, please go back to the Gazebo to collect your medal and give your return time. You are then welcome to stay for food and to get your Finish Line Photograph taken.

## KEEP US UPDATED

On the day, please spread the **good news** by tagging **St Basils Charity** on social media. We will also email you after the event to take part in a quick **feedback survey** so we can improve on the event and take your suggestions for next year.

## DIRECTIONS - ST BASILS CAR PARK

This is the starting and finish point of the Canal Cycle Challenge.

**St Basils, Allcock Street, B9 4DY**

*(no parking for this event)*

## WHERE TO PARK

The nearest car park is on Heathmill Lane:

**NCP Car Park, Heathmill Lane, B9 4AL**

*(150 yards from St Basils Car Park)*







# IMPACTS

## FUNDRAISING PAGE

We use **Enthuse** for online fundraising, which is easy to use and used by other trusted charities like *Macmillan*.

After registering for the **Canal Cycle Challenge**, a fundraising page is **automatically** created for you, with instructions sent via email. You can access your page anytime through your Enthuse dashboard. If you have fundraising questions, just ask at [fundraising@stbasils.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@stbasils.org.uk)

The Canal Cycle Challenge fee you paid **only** covers the cost of putting on the event, so we kindly ask **everyone** **fundraise** on top. Fundraising is as easy as sharing your page on social media or asking friends, family and colleagues to sponsor you or your team. You can even take it **next level** by holding a quiz night, bake sale, or asking for match-funding from your work.

**We would really appreciate you taking on a fundraising challenge alongside your ride! Aim for £150 for the short route or £250 for the long route. Give it a go, and we'll be here to support you every pedal of the way with weekly mailers full of fundraising tips and tricks, starting Thursday 11th March.**

This event is more than just a challenge - it's an opportunity to change the life of a young person experiencing homelessness.

Your impact helps nearly **4,000 young people** every single year:

**£9**

The amount we  
are short of per  
young person  
by night

**1034**

The number of young  
people who lived in our  
schemes last year

**3718**

young people  
supported by  
us last year

**45**

accommodation  
schemes across  
the West  
Midlands

The number of  
young people  
staying with us  
per night

**600**

**53**

years  
supporting  
young people  
in the West  
Midlands

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS



1. By registering you are agreeing to these Terms & Conditions. If you do not follow the Terms & Conditions on the day, the St Basils Events Organisers have the right to remove you from the event at any point and no refund will be issued.
2. Participants take part at their own risk and the organisers cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal effects, for personal accidents or for injury or loss to third parties, other than as a result of St Basils negligence. All participants understand the nature of the challenges involved in taking part and are responsible for ensuring they are medically and physically able to undergo these activities.
3. You are aware that some sections of the tow path may be more difficult to cycle along than others and you agree that the event organisers and the Canal & River Trust take no responsibility for the state of the tow path on the day of the event.
4. In the very unlikely event of there being immovable obstacles on the tow path you take the responsibility to find an alternative route around it. If there is an unforeseen blockage or an incident, then you must dismount, walk your bike past the blockage point and then resume cycling.
5. This is a distance challenge, not a race, and so you must ride at an appropriate speed for the terrain, canal fixtures and canal tow path traffic, including pedestrians, anglers and other cyclists. You must slow down to walking pace at locks and low bridges and if you are unable to see clearly round a corner, you must dismount and walk your bike to where you can clearly see the oncoming tow path.
6. You must ride in a single file and must slow down to walking pace when passing other tow path users. If you wish to overtake a fellow cyclist or pedestrian in front of you then you must slow down to a walking pace and ring your bell or sound your horn. Only when the person in front of you has indicated that they have heard this can you overtake. You must be respectful of all other tow path users and the environment you are using. If we witness an incident or an incident is reported to us by a member of the public using the tow path, we will ask them to identify the participant. If the incident is deemed inappropriate in accordance with these Terms & Conditions, then the event organisers reserve the right to disqualify that person from any further involvement with the event.
7. The event organisers and Canal & River Trust are not, and will not, be held responsible for the actions of any participants taking part in this event. The event organisers reserve the right to remove a participant from the event should an incident occur and will not issue a refund to the participant.
8. This event complies with EDI recommendations and guidelines which means it does not actively exclude anyone from any protected group wishing to attend. There are facilities available for different accessibility needs and we are happy to discuss any accommodations if applicable. If you are uncertain of any of the information presented, or need any reasonable adjustments please contact:  
[events@stbasils.org.uk](mailto:events@stbasils.org.uk)



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Postal address of participant:

**PLEASE remember to fill in HOME ADDRESS, POSTCODE and DATE PAID then tick the box or we won't be able to claim the GIFT AID.**

Total donations received from this page: £	Total GIFT AID donations received from this page: £	Date donations given to Charity:
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Please return your forms and money (cheques payable to **St Basils**) to:  
**Fundraising, St Basils, 71-75 Allcock Street, Birmingham, B9 4DY.**