

Ruby Ride and Read

April 2013



WELCOME

This is the final Ruby Ride and Read, as Ride the Ruby Country is now drawing to a conclusion, with the funded period closing at the end of May.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and helping to progress the work of Ruby Country Partnership throughout my tenure.

My work has taught me a lot about the area and rural economic regeneration, in particular that better results can be achieved through the power of networks. These rely on actions you all take to work together and decisions made, raising the profile of the area and adding value to the local economy. This must continue and I urge you all to keep up the good work. Together we are stronger.

I have encountered challenges and difficulties due largely to the economic climate and weather. I have also worked with many inspiring people to make a difference. I hope the work I have done is just the starting point and that you will feel willing and able to continue putting Ruby Country on the map.

My thanks also go out to Ruby Country Partnership for putting this project together, our funders and Devon County Council for putting in to action their Equestrian Devon Strategy. This has allowed us to work beyond the boundaries of the project and develop future areas of work..

Thank you once again and good luck for 2013 and beyond.

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Cycling in Ruby Country

There are now 10 new cycling routes devised to help you uncover some of the secrets of Ruby Country. These new routes mainly use quiet country lanes but wherever possible incorporate parts of the Ruby Way.

Ranging from 9 to 18½ miles these routes can be linked together to form longer rides or a more challenging Ruby Country tour. The routes visit villages and highlight others places of interest. Ride the Ruby Country encourages you to support the local economy, so please call in to the community shops, have lunch at a pub and visit the other places suggested. Please make these routes available to your guests. To find out more about these routes and to download them, visit our web site, www.ridetherubycountry.co.uk.

You can also find out about cycling in Devon by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/cycling. To discover the National Cycle Network in Devon, visit www.sustrans.org.uk. To find out about off road cycling routes in the South West, including at Tamar Lakes, visit www.1sw.org.uk.



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Ride the Ruby Country thanks the following organisations for their continued support



Buy local. Support local producers. Support local services. Support your local town. It will benefit us all.

Walking in Ruby Country

With the help of well known local walking expert David Arney, Ride the Ruby Country has coordinated a series of 16 walks in Ruby Country. These walks are available as downloads from www.ridetherubycountry.co.uk and we hope will help more people access the beautiful countryside in our part of north west Devon.

Walks include Cookworthy Forest and Halwill, Iddesleigh and War Horse Valley, Pyworthy and Crinacott, Milton Damerel and Broadwoodkelly.

Why not make the most of the spring and follow one of these new routes and explore more of Ruby Country.

Nightwalk 2013

Ride the Ruby Country is pleased to be supporting Nightwalk 2013 to be held at Tamar Lakes on Saturday 11th May.

The walk is for women only aged over 16 years. Money is raised through sponsorship with proceeds shared between North Devon Hospice and MacMillan Cancer Support.

There are 2 walks this year, around Tamar Lakes, 3 miles starting at 8pm and 6 miles starting at 7.30pm.

To register for this great social and charity event visit www.nightwalk.co.uk, or call 01271 347224 or 347204. There is a fee for registration that goes towards the charitable causes.

Volunteers for the event are also being sought. If you would like to volunteer to assist with registration, car parking, or as a trail marshall, please contact North Devon Hospice using the details above.

Help make this event a fantastic success in Ruby Country.



Don't forget to visit our web site to find out everything there is to know about Ruby Country.



www.ridetherubycountry.co.uk

Horse Riding in Ruby Country

Don't forget to pick up a free copy of the Ruby Rides brochure from any one of the Tourist Information Centres in the area, including Holsworthy, Okehampton, Bideford and Atlantic Village. Alternatively download free from our website www.ridetherubycountry.co.uk

To find horse riding trails and holidays on Dartmoor visit www.libertytrails.co.uk

Or visit www.devon.gov.uk/prow

To discover all things equestrian in the South West visit www.countrysportssouthwest.co.uk

Carriage driving

Ride the Ruby Country would like to thank Brian Colebrook Clark, Area Commissioner for British Driving Society, Devon branch, and Stuart Polhill, for their help and support in helping promote carriage driving in Ruby Country.

BDS Devon has held drives in Ruby Country and has helped develop a number of carriage drives using quiet country lanes in our area. This has so far resulted in our profile being raised at national level and people visiting Ruby Country from afar, specifically to drive their carriages here. And stay in local accommodation.

To find out more about carriage driving in Ruby Country [click here](#) to visit our website, or visit www.britishdrivingsociety.co.uk

Congratulations to to Nikki and Sharon for organising another very successful Ruby Country Market on Easter Saturday. Not only did the market attract hundreds of visitors, the town of Hatherleigh also benefited.

RUBY COUNTRY Market

The next Ruby Country Market is on **Saturday 6th July**. To find out more about the market, including attractions, exhibitors and traders, visit the web site www.rubycountrymarket.co.uk

Why not join in the festivities and dress up as a jester or clown?

Thank you!