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**Motorcyclists get ready to roll across Essex**

Motorcyclists across Essex/the East of England are getting geared up for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance’s biggest event of the year.

Registration is open for the Charity’s famous Ford Dunton to Harwich Motorcycle Run on Sunday 9th September.

Last year’s event saw more than 3,000 riders make the 60-mile trip across Essex in aid of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, raising over £38,000. With each life-saving mission costing around £2,500, this single event could save 15 lives.

Events Manager Fay Boissieux commented: “We’re always really grateful for the support we get for this event from the biking community. They always turn out in large numbers, making this a memorable and successful event.

“We are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces on the day.”

Riders who pre-register by August 31st will be placed in the first two groups to leave on the day, an opportunity not to be missed. They will also benefit from a book of discounts on kit cleaning and bike servicing as well as complementary cake and more.

Tickets are priced at £10 for a single rider and £15 for a rider with pillion passenger. This year riders can also buy raffle tickets for £5 when they enter to be in with the chance of winning; a first prize of a branded biker suite worth £1000 sponsored by Cannon BMW motorcycles, (2nd prize) a helmet fitting by Colchester Kawasaki or (3rd prize) a Carol Nash insurance voucher worth £50.

At the finish in Harwich riders can join the free Family Fun Day, a day of unbeatable entertainment beside the seaside. Spectators can cheer on the bikers as the cross the line and enjoy everything from live music to a kid’s zone, as well as trade stands on Harwich Green.

**To register for the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Ford Dunton to Harwich Motorcycle Run visit** [**https://ehaat.org/events**](https://ehaat.org/events) **.**

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**Photograph:** Bikers setting off on the 2017 Motorcycle Run from Ford Dunton to Harwich.

**For more information please contact the Communications Team on 0345 2417 690.**

**Notes to Editor:**

* Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) is a Charity that provides a Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) for the critically ill and injured of Essex, Hertfordshire and the surrounding areas.
* The service is provided free of charge but, unlike NHS emergency services, the Charity receives no direct funding from the Government or National Lottery. It costs £500,000 every month to keep the service operational and saving lives, and this would not be possible without the generosity and goodwill of people and businesses of Essex, Hertfordshire and beyond.
* Each of the Charity’s HEMS teams consist of two Pilots, a Pre-hospital Care Doctor and a Critical Care Paramedic.
* These teams, made up of highly-skilled individuals, tended to 1077 patients in 2016 and are the backbone of your local life-saving Charity.
* The fleet, consisting of two Air Ambulances, and four Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs - cars) operates seven days a week from 7am to 9pm. After sunset, the Critical Care Team continues to provide the service using Rapid Response Vehicles.
* In addition, a Rapid Response Vehicle is operational on a Friday and Saturday evening from 6pm until 2am with a Pre-hospital Care Doctor and Critical Care Paramedic.