



# WILLOW WHEELERS

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AN INTRODUCTION



# ABOUT THE WHEELERS

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- Established in 1989 by Chairman Christy McDaid: 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!
  - A leisure club to foster the joy of cycling for students from 5<sup>th</sup> Class and older plus guardians/parents
  - With a strong community and caring ethos including the support of Africa Missions



# PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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<b>Sunday Cycles</b>	<b>Safety Training</b>	<b>Africa Trip</b>
<b>100 Mile Charity Cycle</b>	<b>Track Day</b>	<b>Europe Trip</b>
<b>Cake Sale</b>	<b>King of The Mountain</b>	<b>Donegal Trip</b>
<b>Willow Adults</b>	<b>Quiz Night</b>	<b>Awards</b>

# SUNDAY CYCLES

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- Leave Willow at 10am
- Target return about 1pm
- Age appropriate trips to Enniskerry, Howth, Phoenix Park, Greystones, Glencullen, Roundwood, Sally Gap, Malahide, etc.



# MEMBERSHIP

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- All members must join Cycling Ireland as a condition of Club membership. Costs range €20 - €50 per annum.
- Willow Wheelers annual membership €35 per person.
- Further membership details on WW and CI websites



# SAFETY IS A PRIORITY

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- Junior cyclists must complete a training course before going on the road held pre-Christmas and pre-Easter
- Helmets must be worn
- Cycling shorts, glasses, gloves and high-viz tops recommended
- Adults are encouraged to join Club.
- Essential for adults to complete Garda vetting process to ensure child protection in place.

Please read [safety & disclaimer](#) information on [www.willowwheelers.ie](http://www.willowwheelers.ie)





# 100 MILE CHARITY CYCLE

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- May Bank Holiday weekend
- Cyclists raise sponsorship for African Missions- typically over €50,000 raised every year
- A flat route-everyone does “their 100 mile”
- 5<sup>th</sup> Form join for last leg of cycle



# AFRICAN TRIP

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- Highlight for many-reflects true ethos of Club
- TY and 5<sup>th</sup> Year Students and adults travel to African Country where Spiritan Order operates
- Allocates funds raised to charitable works





# TWO GREAT EVENTS

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## TRACK DAY (VELODROME)



## KING OF THE MOUNTAIN



# EUROPEAN TRIP

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- First Week of Easter of holidays
- 170 boys & adults having crack in the sun!
- Open to 6<sup>th</sup> Form & older
- Recent trips to Portugal, Italy and France
- Likely cost advised early in school year



# DONEGAL TRIP

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- In early June, the Club organises trip to the beautiful county of Donegal



# ADULT SECTION

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- Wheelerettes well established, normally cycles every Friday
- Adult cycles every Sunday at 10am – when you & your boys have finished junior section.



# TO GET STARTED

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- Boys of all ages from 5<sup>th</sup> Form and up are most welcome to join anytime
- The Willow Wheelers can be contacted through the reception offices at [Willow Park Junior School](#), [Willow Park First Year](#) and [Blackrock College](#).
- Forms available online on [www.willowwheelers.ie](http://www.willowwheelers.ie) or [contact@willowwheelers.ie](mailto:contact@willowwheelers.ie)
- All you need is a bike and some basic gear and you're off!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND WE HOPE  
TO SEE YOU ON THE ROAD!

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