

**Stony Stratford to Canons Ashby.  
Car Assisted Ride Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018.**

This ride explores the wonderful countryside to the North of Stony Stratford taking the rider into the rolling landscape of Northamptonshire. Primarily on quiet roads, it does have a number of very steep but thankfully not too long climbs throughout the route and one short section of single carriageway at the national speed limit. The reward however, is the English countryside at its very best, on a summer's day!

The ride starts from the town of Stony Stratford going out to Canons Ashby, a National Trust property. Lunch is taken here before returning to Stony Stratford with a stop off for afternoon tea in a walled courtyard at Stowe Landscaped Gardens (Stowe School).

The round trip is just over 45miles.

**Start Time.**

Start time will be **09.45 hrs** from Cofferridge Close Car Park, Stony Stratford.

**Return to Stony Stratford**

Between 4/5pm.

**Finding the Starting Point**

Cofferridge Close Car Park is located to the rear of Stony High Street. Approaching Stony from the A508/A5 Roundabout, follow the signs towards Stony.

After crossing a set of traffic lights and the river, turn right into the town centre/high street at the roundabout.

Proceed down the high street; initially it is two-way traffic. Where the road narrows to one way (in your favour) turn right into Church Street and follow this road as it bends to the left after about 150yds. It is signed Market Square although Google maps list it as Silver Street.

Continue along Silver Street for about 300-400yds to Cofferridge Close, a brick building on your left with a vehicle entrance underneath. Go through the entrance and immediately left into the long stay car park.

Car Parks in Stony Stratford do not charge for parking.

### **Lunch and Afternoon Tea Stop**

Both stops are taken at National Trust Properties. Access to the cafes is free. If you are a National Trust member, you may wish to bring your card so that each location can record your visit. This supports their funding which is based on visitor numbers.

### **When in Stony Stratford.**

For the early arrivals, there is a Costa Coffee in the High Street . Recently, it has brought forward its opening time to 9am on a Sunday. If you take the passage at the top of the Car park and turn immediately left when you emerge on the high street, its a couple of shops down on your left.

Public Toilets are available just before the entrance to the car park on Silver Street. You will need a 20p coin to gain access.

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