

# TOMMY GODWIN CHALLENGE Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## EVENT CANCELLED

Following an in-depth review of the viability and safety implications of running the event this year, we have taken the decision to cancel the event, and to re-arrange for September next year.

This has been a difficult decision to make, but we do not feel that it is safe to run a mass-participation event whilst corona virus remains prevalent. We have planned, watched and waited over the past few months in the hope of going ahead, but we cannot proceed unless we have confidence that we can do so safely for all the riders, volunteers, workers, and the HQ site itself at Marie Curie, Solihull. There are still too many unknowns and we are at the point where we would have to commit to operational costs which would become stranded with a later cancellation.

We know that a lot of people look forward to this event and that there will be much disappointment.

The Tommy Godwin Challenge is moved to **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. All 2020 registered riders will be automatically transferred into the 2021 event at no additional charge. If you do not want your entry transferred, please email us at [event@tommygodwinchallenge.org](mailto:event@tommygodwinchallenge.org) by 31<sup>st</sup> July to let us know whether you wish to donate your entry fee to Marie Curie, or have a refund (less Rider HQ and merchant transaction fees) which we will then process via Rider HQ. Please note that after 31<sup>st</sup> July we will assume if we haven't heard from you that you are happy for your entry to have been transferred.

As well as being a great cycling event, the Tommy Godwin raises much needed funds for the Marie Curie Hospice in Solihull, and it is with a heavy heart that this decision means those funds will not be raised this year. Please be assured that any additional donations already made via the entry system will be delivered to Marie Curie in full.

However, the financial requirements of Marie Curie still need to be met. Like many other charities they are suffering heavily this year. So, in an attempt to mitigate the shortfall, in the next couple of weeks we will launch the "Tommy Godwin 100-for-100" fundraising appeal. Tommy would have been 100 years old this year, and our running total for this event currently is just in excess of £90,000. In Tommy's centenary year we would like to see if we can reach the magic total of £100,000. More details to follow shortly.

Thank you for your continuing support in these extraordinary times.

**Tommy Godwin Organising Committee**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**