



NIPANC

NORTHERN IRELAND
PANCREATIC CANCER



480

miles

48

hours

*One team.
One purpose.*

Year 5

We change direction

#Pedal The Periphery

4 - 6 June 2027

**Participant
Information Pack**

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE CHANGE



Welcome to PedalThePeriphery 2027 - Year 5 of a one of a kind team endurance event built on courage, connection and community.

Every mile you ride helps raise vital funds and awareness for pancreatic cancer through NIPANC. Whether this is your first PedalThePeriphery or you know the road well, you are now part of a very special community.

This pack is your starting point. It covers what you need to know now, what you should begin thinking about as a rider and team member, and what we will confirm as event plans develop. You do not need to have all 480 miles figured out today. Read it, share it with your team and keep it somewhere handy.

Questions at any stage: pedaltheperiphery@nipanc.org.

Your first steps

You have entered - now the adventure starts. At this stage, we would ask every entrant to do five simple things:

1. **Join the Entrants-Only Facebook Group** - this is our main community space for training opportunities, practical updates, questions, ideas and plenty of encouragement.
2. **Personalise and share your fundraising page** - tell people why you are taking part and start building momentum early.
3. **Connect with your Team Captain** - make sure you know how your team will communicate and begin the early conversations about riders, support crew, training and how you might divide the route.
4. **Save Event Weekend Dates** - Registration Night on Thursday 3 June, event start on Friday 4 June and finish on Sunday 6 June 2027.
5. **PedalThePeriphery Information Evenings** - We'll be hosting two optional entrant Information Evenings at Malone Golf Club. Pop the dates in your diary now – more details will follow.
 - Thursday 12 November 2026 | 7.00–8.30pm
 - Thursday 4 March 2027 | 7.00–8.30pm
 - Venue for both: Malone Golf Club

That is enough for now. Route files, checkpoint details, start times, tracker arrangements, support-vehicle guidance and the final event briefing will all follow at the appropriate stage.

The Story so far

480 miles. 48 hours. Five years of one remarkable journey.

PedalThePeriphery began as a promise, a legacy of courage made by Paddy Harrower, a Wallace High School PE teacher and endurance sports enthusiast who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on Easter Sunday 2022 and passed away just 14 weeks later.

Before his death, Paddy challenged his wife Andrea and her sister Cathy to cycle non-stop around Northern Ireland to raise awareness and funds for NIPANC. They did, completing 480 miles in 48 hours and raising over **£102,000**, with their story reaching audiences in more than 80 countries.

That first ride became a movement - and PedalThePeriphery has grown into one of NIPANC's flagship fundraising and awareness events.

Since it began in 2023, more than 600 people across 61 teams have taken on the challenge, together raising an incredible £600,000+ for NIPANC.

Five years on, the event continues to bring together riders, support crews, volunteers, sponsors, families and communities from right across Northern Ireland - all united by one shared purpose.

The impact goes far beyond the road. Funds raised help NIPANC support individuals and families affected by pancreatic cancer, raise awareness and invest in vital research.

For Year 5, we are changing things up. For the first time, the 480-mile route will run in the opposite direction. Since 2023 we have travelled clockwise, reflecting NIPANC's #TimeMatters campaign. In 2027, as NIPANC enters a new chapter, we are changing direction - but never our purpose.

Now, it's your turn.

A familiar challenge. A completely new perspective. We can't wait to experience those 480 miles with you all over again.



The Event

This event is designed as a challenge - a test of planning, teamwork, endurance, determination and fitness. Expect little sleep, plenty of hills and every possibility of Northern Irish weather! You may be cold, wet and uncomfortable at times, but that is all part of what makes the teamwork, craic, encouragement and finish-line feeling so special.

This is a non-stop team relay, meaning:

- your team must complete the route within 48 hours, and
- one registered rider from your team must be on the route at any given time between start and finish.

How you split the miles is entirely up to your team. Teams can have between 2 and 12 riders, and there is no prescribed mileage per person. The important thing is that your plan is realistic for your riders, allows for rest and travel between changeovers, and keeps one registered rider progressing on the route throughout the event.

The Route

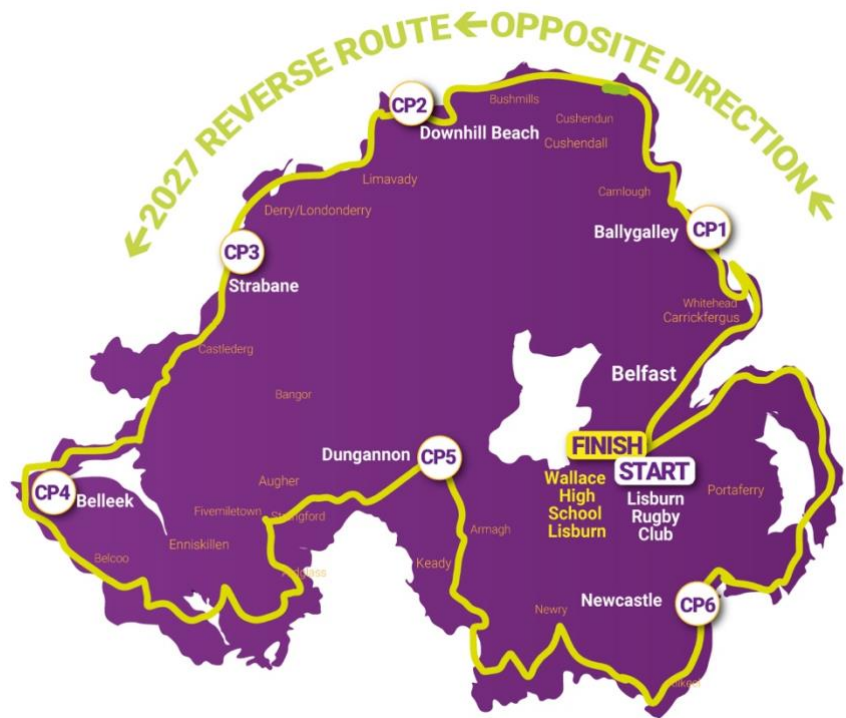
The route starts at Lisburn Rugby Football Club and finishes at Wallace High School, covering approximately 480 miles around the periphery of Northern Ireland. In 2027, for the first time, we will ride the route in the opposite direction.

This is NOT A MASS START event. Teams will leave Lisburn Rugby Football Club in staggered intervals on Friday 4th June 2027. Individual team start times and the final departure window will be confirmed closer to the event, but will be between 1.00pm and 4.30pm.

This is not a closed-road event. Riders remain responsible for riding safely and in accordance with the Highway Code at all times. The final 2027 route will be shared in downloadable navigation formats ahead of the event, together with route notes and any specific event guidance. Event vehicles and marshals will support the safe flow of the event, but teams should be confident navigating independently.

Official Checkpoints

Our official checkpoints are one of the things that make PedalThePeriphery special - practical stops for teams, but also little pockets of purple atmosphere around Northern Ireland. With the route reversing for 2027, checkpoint order, venues and opening windows will be confirmed once the final route plan is signed off.



You are not required to stop or change riders at an official checkpoint unless specifically advised by the Event Team.

Checkpoints also give family and friends safe places to come along, find you on the route and add a bit of noise and encouragement when it is needed most.

2027 OFFICIAL CHECKPOINTS - FINAL VENUES & OPENING WINDOWS TO FOLLOW

Start	CP1	CP2	CP3	CP4	CP5	CP6	Finish
Lisburn Rugby Football Club	Ballygalley	Downhill	Strabane	Belleek	Dungannon	Newcastle	Wallace High School, Lisburn

Tracking & Communication

Each team will carry a GPS tracker, issued as part of the event briefing/registration process. The tracker acts as your team relay baton and must travel with the active rider at all times. It enables live tracking so family and friends can follow your progress and helps the Event Team monitor teams across the 48 hours.

Team & Support Crew

Your Team Captain will be our primary point of contact for team-specific event information, but every registered entrant is responsible for reading event communications and understanding the safety and participation requirements.

Every team needs to think about its support crew as carefully as its riders. A dedicated support vehicle is strongly recommended throughout the event and is mandatory during dark hours. Make sure you have enough qualified drivers to cover the weekend safely. Full 2027 support-vehicle and night-time guidance will be issued before event weekend.

Your support crew is a huge part of the team. They provide the practical help, encouragement and morale that keep riders moving - and very often create some of the best memories of the weekend.

When travelling behind a rider, support vehicles must follow the event safety guidance, display the event signage provided and use the required warning light during dark hours. Final 2027 vehicle guidance will be issued before event weekend.

Plan for long driving periods and build in proper driver rest. Tired driving is a risk to your team and everyone else on the road.

Think ahead about navigation, food, hydration, clothing, rider changes and rest. A well-organised support crew can make 480 miles feel considerably less chaotic!

Your Event Journey

From the moment you enter to the moment you cross the finish line, we want you to feel part of the PedalThePeriphery community – and supported in getting your team ready for the challenge ahead.

Between now and June, Team #PedalThePeriphery will be running information sessions, training opportunities and other initiatives to help with your planning, preparation and fundraising. We'll keep you updated by email and through our Entrants-Only Facebook Group.

Date	Venue	Activity
Thursday 12 November 2026 7.00–8.30pm	Malone Golf Club	Information Evening #1 – An early opportunity to understand the challenge, hear from previous participants and start thinking about route, training, team logistics, support crew and fundraising. Plenty of opportunity for questions too!
Thursday 4 March 2027 7.00–8.30pm	Malone Golf Club	Information Evening #2 – With three months to go, this session is about turning your early plans into an event-ready team plan. We'll share the latest event information and help teams check their plans for training, logistics, support crew, fundraising and the 480 miles ahead.
Thursday 3 June 2027 7.00–8.30pm	Wallace High School, Lisburn	Registration Night – Team pack collection • Official team photos • Meet the teams • Event briefing and final information before we hit the road.
Friday 4 June 2027 Afternoon – individual start times TBC	Lisburn Rugby Football Club	Official Start – Teams will depart individually at allocated start times.
Friday 4 – Sunday 6 June 2027	480-mile route around Northern Ireland	PedalThePeriphery 2027 – 480 miles • 48 hours • non-stop team relay • one rider on the road at a time. And for Year 5, we're doing it all in the opposite direction!
Sunday 6 June 2027	Wallace High School, Lisburn	The Finish Line – 480 miles later, we'll welcome every team home and celebrate what you've achieved together.

The Information Evenings are optional and you don't need to attend both. The November evening will be particularly useful if this is your first PedalThePeriphery or you're wondering where to begin.

The March session is another opportunity to hear the latest plans, sense-check your team preparations and get those final questions answered as June gets closer.

And remember – you don't need to have everything figured out now. We'll share more detailed information on the route, checkpoints, tracking, support vehicles, safety arrangements and event weekend logistics as we get closer.

For now: get the dates in the diary, get your team talking, and enjoy being part of the journey. Pedal On!

Fundraising

Fundraising is central to PedalThePeriphery. Your entry gets you to the start line; your fundraising is what helps NIPANC make a difference beyond it. Funds raised support people and families affected by pancreatic cancer, awareness activity and vital research.

Your fundraising page is created as part of registration. Personalise it, tell people why you are taking on the challenge and start sharing it early. Team fundraising can create great momentum, while individual stories often connect powerfully with friends, family and colleagues.

Use every network you have - WhatsApp, social media, work colleagues, friends, family and local communities. We'll share ideas and practical fundraising support throughout the build-up.

Fundraising incentives for 2027 will be announced separately. For now, the best thing you can do is get your page live, make it personal and start building momentum.

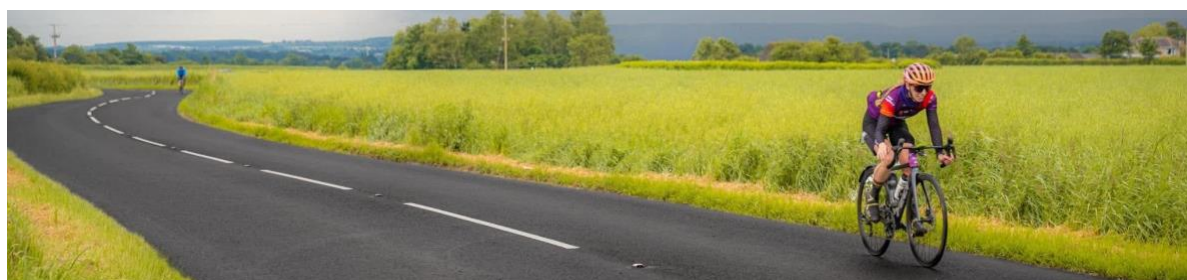
From spinathons and coffee mornings to workplace match funding and team events, there are lots of ways to make fundraising part of the adventure. We're here to help.

What to start thinking about

You do not need a detailed race plan yet, but successful teams start the conversations early. Over the coming months, think about:

- Rider fitness and confidence - build gradually and train for the type of miles you expect to ride, including some riding in poor weather and darkness as the event gets closer.
- Team logistics - how riders and bikes will move around the route, where changeovers might happen and how the team will communicate.
- Support crew - drivers are part of the team too. Plan enough people and proper rest so nobody is driving tired.
- Food, hydration and clothing - 48 hours requires a plan for riders and crew, not just a few gels in a jersey pocket.
- Navigation and charging - riders and crew should be comfortable using the final route files and keeping phones, lights and devices powered.

We will provide the event specific detail you need as the route and operational plan are finalised. Your job at this stage is simply to start building a team plan that is safe, flexible and realistic.



What we will confirm later

You will receive further event information as plans are finalised, including the confirmed reverse route and navigation files, checkpoint venues and opening windows, team start times, Registration Night arrangements, tracker collection/use, support-vehicle requirements, emergency and event contact procedures, and the final rider briefing. We will not leave you guessing - key operational information will be issued directly to your registered email address and shared in the Entrants-Only Facebook Group.

The Serious Bits!

Bike & Road Safety

Your safety, and that of others, is our top priority.

Before the event:

- Check brakes, gears and tyres are in good working order.
- Fit front and rear lights (mandatory) and always wear a securely fastened helmet.
- Make sure your bike and gearing are suitable for the route and your planned sections.
- Carry essential spares, rain gear, power bank, food and hydration.

During the event:

- Always follow the Highway Code and instructions from the Event Team, marshals or PSNI.
- Keep left, stay visible and ride to the road and weather conditions.
- No earphones or radios while riding.
- Be prepared for rapidly changing weather - this is Northern Ireland in June!

If conditions become unsafe, the Event Team may alter, divert, pause or shorten sections of the route. Safety comes first.

Environmental Promise

Please respect the communities and landscapes we travel through. Carry litter until you reach an appropriate bin or checkpoint and leave every stop as you found it.

Leave No Trace.

Photography & Media

Official photographers and videographers may capture moments across the route, checkpoints and finish line. Images may be used on NIPANC and PedalThePeriphery channels and in future event promotion.



A first look at your event-weekend essentials

This is not the final kit list - that will come with the detailed event guidance - but expect to need: a roadworthy bike; helmet; front and rear lights; visible, weather-appropriate clothing; nutrition and hydration; charged phone/power bank; essential bike spares; and a clear support-crew/transport plan. Plus, of course, a healthy respect for Northern Irish weather!

See You at the Start Line

The countdown is on. On Friday 4 June 2027, Year 5 begins - 480 miles, 48 hours and, for the first time, a different direction. Between now and then, focus on the next step rather than all 480 miles at once: connect with your team, get riding, start fundraising and stay close to the entrant community. We will guide you through the rest.

Stay close to the entrant community in the months ahead. Updates will come through:

- Private Facebook Group: entrant updates, training, preparation, questions and plenty of encouragement.
- Public PedalThePeriphery pages: share your journey, fundraising, stories and photos.
- Email: important event information will be sent to the email address used when you registered.

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