

# It's time for GIANTS 2026!

Dorset section VMCC are delighted to announce that the GIANTS run for girder forked machines will return in 2026! Based once again at Spire Hill Farm, early booking is essential as only 100 entries will be accepted (Pinky and Perky like to have some fun, too!).

**Spire Hill Business Park, Thornhill Road, Stalbridge, Dorset, DT10 2SG**

The format will be:

## *Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026*

- Campers and early arrivals will be welcomed at the beautiful farm where basic camping facilities are available at low cost (basic means exactly that, please bring everything you think you might need with you). There are toilet facilities onsite.
- Optional FOC short shakedown run compliments of the Dorset section, which will be sorted into smaller groupings and led by volunteers. For GIANTS 2026, we hope to be able to offer you a trip to a local restaurant for an inexpensive and entirely optional informal supper, more details to follow nearer the time; this proved extremely popular last May.

## *Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026*

- Arrive early, ample trailer parking available.
- Grab some breakfast and spend some time amongst the 100 bikes as they assemble in the courtyard.
- GIANTS 26 run begins at 10.30am.
- Enjoy either the standard, or shorter runs, at approximately 65 and 35 miles, riding in beautiful countryside on quiet roads.
- Return to Spire Hill farm for a hot lunch and swap some tall stories.
- Collect your *thank you* gift on departure.

Entries will be limited to 100 machines, be sure to get your entry in ASAP. It is a VMCC event and the number of spaces for non-members will be capped for 2026, so its especially important to book early if not in the club. If you've a spare girder bike, why not invite a friend along? The routes are carefully curated to be suitable for girder forked machines and will be available in route roller and GPX file form. Meal to include a vegetarian option.

As some of you who rode the 2025 event may recall, one of our GIANTS suffered a nasty accident, requiring the Air Ambulance to lift him to hospital and probably saving his life in the process. We are pleased to report that Peter's recovery continues apace and we may even see him in person next May. Each Air Ambulance lift costs about £3000 and the two Pauls would like to donate on behalf of all GIANTS in recognition of their outstanding work. To that end, *for this year only* there will be an option when booking to add a small donation to help the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance continue their vital work; it is entirely optional and will only be for this single event. We also hope to hold a small raffle with interesting prizes to further bolster funds; if you might be able to provide something suitable please feel free to contact either of the Pauls.

GIANTS 26 entry is only £19.50\*, which includes a hot lunch, gift and of course, the run itself. Pillions ride free, paying only for their food. We've tried very hard to keep the cost as low as possible and we thank you for your continued support. Pinky & Perky are especially looking forward to welcoming their fellow GIANTS, old and new, once again.

\*the final cost of the Sunday meal has yet to be finalised, so we've stuck a finger in the air. The caterers would like to provide an 'improved offering at a slightly higher' cost. If it's any more than our guess we will absorb the cost, if it proves to be a little cheaper then we can refund you a wee bit!

Book online at: <https://dorsetvmcc.co.uk/event/giants-2026/>

*(it is MUCH simpler for the volunteers to communicate electronically and process payments via PayPal. If this is a huge problem for you, please call Paul Miles on 07774 921600 to discuss alternative arrangements --- do this **before** booking please.)*