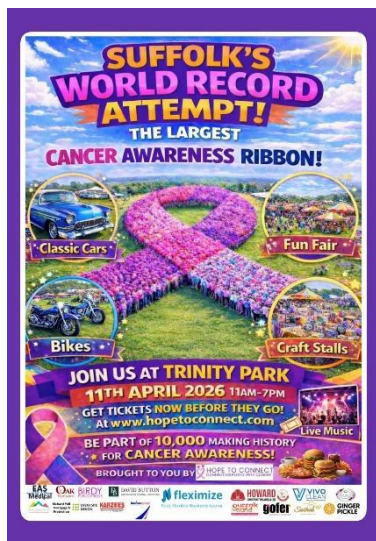


Bikers supporting Hope to Connect's World Record attempt

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On Saturday 11th April 2026 we took part in [Hope to Connect](#)'s world record attempt to build a cancer awareness ribbon out of 10k people. In a second challenge thousand signatures were collected on a massive cancer awareness ribbon, created and designed by Suffolk New College students. This one won them the world record.

For us it started in September 2025 when we heard about this project and met Em and Mandeep, the founders of Hope to Connect. Em, had a side car ride on her bucket list, we have 3 side cars in the branch, so off we went to a tour along the Felixstowe waterfront, starting at the Fludyers, moving on to the old Felixstowe Ferry and ending up at the Viewpoint for a cuppa and hatching plans for the big event.



In the end we teamed up with the [Copdock Motorcycle Show](#) Committee to build a stand at the event at Trinity Park.

After a beautiful week of sunshine, we weren't really blessed with nice weather. Thank god it didn't rain as the forecast suggested, but blimey that was a cold breeze out there. So, we prepared! Gazebo, chairs, pump pots, biscuits and crisps, and winter boots and coat. We like to do our things in style!



The first of us arrived at the site at 7:30, including the mascot of the day: Einstein! He is a six-year-old Rumanian rescue, having his first outing with motorcycles – and he loved it! We're hoping to see more of him as soon as he learns to ride in the side car.

Soon the gazebo was set up, and the pump pots at the ready when our members rolled in. We had 3 side cars and 4 bikes on display, joined by 3 bikes from the Copdock team.

Hope to Connect had pulled all strings. There were fairground rides, a food court with rather upmarket stalls, and a lot of craft, charity and market stalls.

It was lovely to catch up with our friends from the '[Swallows](#)', a head and neck cancer charity with a very successful and lively Suffolk branch, which was one of the charities supported by Hope to Connect.

And soon it was 3PM and everybody wandered off to the site where the big ribbon was to be built and the signatures to be given. What a sight, all those people in colourful

hoodies or ponchos, representing the type of cancer charity they were supporting.



Of course, our Vice Chair had to be a naughty boy and play a prank. When the Ipswich Mayor posed in front of the Hope to Connect car he had to photobomb it. It apparently was a too good opportunity to be missed!

Unfortunately, they did not win the world record for the largest physical ribbon built from people, but they did get the one for most signatures on a ribbon within 8 hours. So, congratulations to Mandeep and Em for a great event.

