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Joe Davidson has been a member of St James' Finchampstead
for many years

Pedal power gives Buddies a boost

BUDDING cyclists took in the sights of the borough to raise cash to help adults with learning difficulties.

Six riders from Rose Buddies cheated the weather to raise £550 on the 12-mile sponsored cycle.

The ride was to raise funds for a new path at the community allotments at Oakfield Court, to ensure the allotments are more wheelchair friendly for Rose Buddies members.

Denise Dixon, Rose Buddies' support and activities worker, said: "We managed to dodge the showers, which was lucky.

"I'd say we are about halfway there in terms of raising the money, but obviously we would like to get it done as soon as possible."

The riders left Rose Buddies' offices in Rose



John McNulty, Chris Isherwood, Ali Clarke, Lisa Hookway, Joe Davidson, Denise Dixon and Michael Wilkin get ready for the cycle ride. *bk20123168.*
Picture by Mike Englefield.

Street on July 2, and collected tokens at checkpoints at the Acorn Centre in Woosehill, the Showcase Cinema in Winnersh, and Dinton Pastures in Hurst before finishing at Ashridge Manor Farm in Norreys.

Staff from Barclays Bank

also volunteered a day's services to work on the allotments, and donated equipment and plants.

Rose Buddies offers a drop-in service where members can receive help with anything from filling in forms to housing issues.