

FUNDRAISING DRIVE: Women get behind wheel for breast cancer research

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Let's hear it for the tractor girls . . .

GIRL POWER: Tractors were decorated with pink ribbons and balloons for the event, which should raise about £5000 for breast cancer research.

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Some of them had never been behind the wheel of a tractor before.

But 50 determined women were in the pink yesterday as they revved, steered and declutched to raise cash for breast cancer research.

Driving tractors gaily decorated with balloons, the women travelled to south Norfolk from across East Anglia to take part in an 18-mile "ladies only" road run for Cancer Research UK.

Annie Chapman, of the Suffolk and Norfolk Branch of the David Brown Tractor Club, decided to organise the event after witnessing several of her friends tackle breast cancer - a "horrible disease" that is the focus of the EDP's own breast cancer appeal.

She said: "I am thrilled by the response. Loads of these ladies had never driven a tractor before, but they have borrowed them from collectors or farmers, and have been given lessons.

"They wanted to do it because it is for a breast cancer charity. Everyone



knows somebody who has got it, has died from it, or is recovering from it."

The cavalcade formed up at South Green, Pulham St Mary, near Harleston, before setting off at a leisurely pace for Syleham Hall, across the county border in Suffolk, where they joined their families for lunch,

ahead of the return journey.

The route through the Waveney Valley had been chosen for its country lanes and private tracks, used with permission from local farmers.

Some of the women taking part were breast cancer victims, and it is hoped the event will raise about £5000.