

Women at the wheel for charity

A CONVOY of more than 70 tractors – all driven by women – travelled along roads near Harleston on the Suffolk-Norfolk border yesterday.

It was the second annual tractor road run organised by Annie Chapman of Pulham St Mary in aid of breast cancer research.

The drivers came from all over Suffolk and Norfolk. Some of them had themselves battled with the disease and others had friends who had died or were ill with breast cancer.

Mrs Chapman organised the first event after several of her friends had developed the disease. It raised £16,500 in sponsorship and she decided to repeat the



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exercise this year.

"I very much wanted the pounds raised to go to breast cancer research as I have known many friends fight it. Their experience has made me realise that research is the main tool in the battle against this horrible disease," she said yesterday.

Many of the vehicles in yesterday's convoy along minor roads were vintage tractors, and among those supporting the event was BBC *Look East* presenter, Amelia Reynolds, who lives at Brundish, near Framlingham, and who cut a tape to start the event.

COLOURFUL: Above, participants setting off on the ladies' tractor road run on the borders of Suffolk and Norfolk to raise cash for breast cancer research. Right, an eager participant all dressed up in pink for the run yesterday

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Nicki Stapleton, community fundraiser for Cancer Research UK based at Bury St Edmunds, said: "We are so grateful to Annie and her supporters for organising this unique and special event once again to raise much needed funds for research into breast cancer."

Cancer Research UK spends more than £20million a year on breast cancer research.

