

CTC Swale AGM 2025

26th April 2025

Chairman and Secretary's report



Swale CTC had another good year of riding, as you see from Ian's ride report, again almost averaging a ride a day over the year, but with an increase in the proportion of shorter rides which in turn is partly due to fewer B+ rides because of various times in the year when we've been short of B+ leaders. A special day out on the Torry Hill narrow gauge railway and four of our cyclists completing the Lands End – John O' Groats ride was a highlight of the year.

One area where we've made great progress has been with the website, which has solved several problems at once. The previous host had increased its prices to an extent that we were considering whether it was worth continuing with it. By chance, Antony King, a long time member, had started riding again and he was able to offer to host a new web site on his server for a much reduced cost. The website he produced is simple to use, which has the added advantage of reducing our reliance on Facebook, which is a relief for many. We have to thank Michele for creating and running the site on the old server. Ian helped Antony to define what we needed, and our eagle – eyed treasurer Kevin kept an eye on the cost. As you will see from the treasurer's report, the reduced cost together with the small increase from Cycling UK means that we are covering our costs in a way that hasn't been the case in recent years.

We should be grateful to our ride leaders, who make a valuable contribution to the club. Although not too onerous, it does involve coming up with a route, planning a lunch stop and writing a short ride report. We currently have 14 ride leaders.

We have a smooth running set up of a ride leaders meeting every two months and three or four committee meetings a year, thanks to Debbie as club secretary and Ian as Ride co-ordinator. The only slight shortcoming is that we don't have a Social Secretary, so if anyone is feeling keen....

At a recent committee meeting I expressed a view that we should have a Vice Chair, and of the various candidates who would fit the bill, the committee chose Ian Ward.

Secretary AGM update

The club secretary's duties have continued to tick along e.g. organising committee meetings and taking minutes.

I will also complete the annual return after today's AGM and this, along with the accounting section completed by Kevin, enables the club to receive the annual grant from Cycling UK. I would thank my fellow committee members for helping with contributions to the return, especially Ian who provides comprehensive ride data that is required as part of this return.

Another element of the annual return is the opportunity to nominate members for a Cycling UK thank you award, or a Going for Gold award. I would like to share with you all that Ian has been nominated to thank him for all that he does for the club.

Lastly, as a reminder, I also take responsibility for submitting accident forms to Cycling UK, so I wanted to remind you all that in the event of any accidents, please reach out to me and I will support with the next steps. I have only had 1 incident to report in the last 12 months

Committee

Chair:	Dick
Secretary:	Debbie
Ride co-ordinator and Vice Chair:	Ian
Treasurer:	Kevin
Safeguarding:	Jo
Membership:	Paul Lane

CTC SWALE - TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

The Club's audited financial statements are detailed in the attachment. The Club closed the financial year with total funds of £690 compared to £512 at the prior year end.

There are two features which contributed to the improved financial position. First, the annual grant from Cycling UK increased from £200 to £250 - the first rise for many years and, second, the change in the hosting provider for the Club's website resulting in a reduction in our annual operating costs for the 2024/25 financial year in excess of £100.

The effect of these developments is that for the first time since 2021/22 the Club was in a position to cover its fixed costs (those associated with the AGM, trophy engraving and website maintenance) from the Cycling UK grant, leaving a small margin and relieving the pressure on the balance sheet reported previously. Club events such as the summer ride and barbeque and the Christmas meal are self funding.

In other income, after the previous year's exceptional fundraising efforts which raised a net £319 from raffles, draws and scratch card sales from several events, this year's net proceeds were a more modest £95. However, this year additional income was raised from donated books and surplus cycling kit. Visitors to the Torry Hill railway event also donated money - the event was not intended to be a fundraiser for the Club and, at the request of our host, £51 was donated to Frinsted Church.

K A McGee (Hon. Treasurer) 15 April 2025

Kevin McGee, Hon. Treasurer

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Financial period 1 April to 31 March

Income and Expenditure Account				
	2024/25	2024/25	2023/24	2023/24
Income				
Cycling UK subscription allocation		250.00		200.00
Cycling events				
Summer ride and BBQ - Tankerton	72.00		90.00	
<i>Total cycling events income</i>		72.00		90.00
Social events				
Christmas meal	485.00		630.00	
<i>Total social events income</i>		485.00		630.00
Other income				
Donations	160.89		90.57	
Raffle, draw and scratch card proceeds	105.00		394.00	
<i>Total other income</i>		265.89		484.57
Total income		1,072.89		1,404.57
Expenditure	2024/25	2024/25	2023/24	2023/24
Cycling events				
Summer ride and BBQ - Tankerton	67.86		88.57	
Alan Steward Memorial Ride		-	19.75	
<i>Total cycling events expenditure</i>		67.86		108.32
Social events				
Christmas meal	485.00		630.00	
Other event expenditure	34.00		-	
<i>Total social events expenditure</i>		519.00		630.00
Publicity and promotion				
Website costs	64.39		166.90	
<i>Total publicity and promotion expenditure</i>		64.39		166.90
Other expenditure				
Hall hire	75.20		100.40	
AGM sundry expenses	17.56		11.10	
Trophy engraving	87.50		70.00	
Raffle, draw and scratch card prizes	10.00		75.48	
Donation - Frinsted Church	51.33		-	
Service awards		-	15.00	
Ride leader first aid kit purchase and restocking		-	36.96	
Other administrative expenses	2.40		-	
<i>Total other expenditure</i>		243.99		308.94
Total expenditure		895.24		1,214.16
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		177.65		190.41

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As at 31 March

Balance Sheet				
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Current assets				
Total cash at bank and in hand	689.91		512.26	
Inventory	-		-	
Prepayments	-		-	
<i>Total current assets</i>		689.91		512.26
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable falling due within one year	-		-	
Accruals	-		-	
<i>Total current liabilities</i>		-		-
Net assets		689.91		512.26
Group Funds				
Total Group funds brought forward		512.26		321.85
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		177.65		190.41
Total Group funds carried forward		689.91		512.26

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Ride Co-ordinators Report AGM 2025

This report covers the 12 month period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. This allows a direct comparison with the same period in 2023/4. Full statistics are attached to the report but a summary of the salient points are as follows.

Summary

Overall the statistics between the two periods are similar; but overall there were less rides, with average miles per ride and average riders per ride lower in the current period.

In the reporting period a total of 341 rides were completed. A total of 10,115 ride miles were covered and a total of 54,921 rider miles.

Most rides were Local followed by South East and South direction of short or moderate length (up to 50 miles) with ride numbers up to 10 and mixed gender rides.

Whilst the weather was mainly good for cycling, we had cold and wet spells during the year resulting in over 34 (55 in 2023/4) rides being cancelled due to the weather.

Ride List

Ride Leader planning meetings are held bi-monthly with ride lists published with a full calendar of rides, covering in most weeks 5 days and a minimum of 6 rides. This provides members with a variety of choice over the week. Updates are notified to members weekly via Facebook, and email and the list is published on the club website (which was transferred to a new domain during the year).

Over 20 riders and their families and friends attended the Torry Hill Railway on the 4 August. The BBQ ride was held on the 28 July, the Halloween ride on the 30 October and the Christmas ride on 21 December. All were well supported and enjoyed by those that attended. Club members took part in the IOW Randonee and other organised rides over the year, including Chase the Sun, the Canterbury Sportive, and 4 club members completed LeJog. We also entered a Christmas tree at St Michaels and Tunstall Churches to promote the club.

Ride Leaders

Thanks again must go to our ride leaders who have led a variable assortment of rides, some of which on their own (the Billy no mates rides!), up the hill, starter rides, B+ and A rides, train option rides, train viewing rides, off road, ultra distance all across the county. Special thanks should go to Paul F and Kevin for covering the shortfall of B+ ride leaders. The ride reports have been interesting and varied as usual. Four ride leaders decided to step away from leading, Paul Barnes, Angela, Wendy and Richard and the club thanks them all for their support over the years. We welcomed Graham as a new ride leader, who has led us along flat new paths.

Thank you Andy, Dave, Dick, Graham, Jez, Kate, Kevin, Marcus, Michele, Paul F, Paul L, Rob, Steve B and Steve H. Thank you also to all the back markers.

Ian Ward, ride co-ordinator

Rides Between 1 April and 31 March 2024 & 2025

2024/5		2023/4	
Ride Miles	10115		11318
Rider Miles	54921		64858
Ave Miles per ride	29.66		30.59
Ave Ride time	3.70		3.78
Ave Riders per ride	5.39		5.60

2024/5			2023/4	
Direction				
Local	200	58.7%	215	58.1%
Coast	9	2.6%	19	5.1%
South-East	29	8.5%	49	13.2%
South	58	17.0%	56	15.1%
East	31	9.1%	13	3.5%
West	9	2.6%	8	2.2%
South-West	5	1.5%	10	2.7%
North	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
341			370	

2024/5			2023/4	
Ride Distance				
Short	193	56.6%	194	52.4%
Moderate	111	32.6%	134	36.2%
Long	35	10.3%	41	11.1%
Ultra	2	0.6%	1	0.3%
		341	370	

2024/5			2023/4	
Number of Riders				
1-5	194	56.9%	217	58.6%
6-10	127	37.2%	128	34.6%
11-15	19	5.6%	20	5.4%
15 plus	1	0.3%	5	1.4%
		341		
			370	

2024/5			2023/4	
Riders Mix				
Mixed	184	54.0%	224	60.5%
Male only	157	46.0%	145	39.2%
Female only	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
		341		
			370	

