

CTC Swale

Ride Co-ordinators Report AGM 2026

This report covers the 12 month period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. This allows a direct comparison with the same period in 2024/5. 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 show that overall there were less rides and average miles per ride and average riders per ride lower in the current period. Average ride time was similar and average riders per ride was slightly higher.

In the reporting period a total of 315 rides were completed. A total of 9,163 ride miles were covered and a total of 51,204 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 30 (34 in 2024/5) 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.

Riders and their families and friends attended the Torry Hill Railway on the 8 June and the Christmas tinsel ride on 20 December. All were well supported and enjoyed by those that attended. Club members took part in other organised rides over the year, including Chase the Sun. We also entered a Christmas tree at Tunstall Churches to promote the club, which was very well received.

We have also tried different rides this year to accommodate those B riders requiring a faster pace and longer distance. We are also struggling getting new members so Rob has planned new member taster for this summer.

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, B+ and A rides, train option rides, train viewing rides, off road, ultra distance all across the county. The ride reports have been interesting and varied as usual.

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

Ian Ward, ride co-ordinator

Rides Between 1 April and 31 March 2025 & 2026

2024/5		2025/6	
Ride Miles	10115	9163	
Rider Miles	54921	51204	
Ave Miles per ride	29.66	29.09	
Ave Ride time	3.70	3.64	
Ave Riders per ride	5.39	5.76	

2024/5		2025/6		
Direction				
Local	200	58.7%	197	62.5%
Coast	9	2.6%	2	0.6%
South-East	28	8.2%	40	12.7%
South	59	17.3%	32	10.2%
East	31	9.1%	32	10.2%
West	9	2.6%	4	1.3%
South-West	5	1.5%	8	2.5%
North	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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2024/5		2025/6		
Ride Distance				
Short	193	56.6%	186	59.0%
Moderate	111	32.6%	96	30.5%
Long	35	10.3%	30	9.5%
Ultra	2	0.6%	3	1.0%
<u>341</u>		<u>315</u>		

2024/5		2025/6		
Number of Riders				
1-5	194	56.9%	163	51.7%
6-10	127	37.2%	125	39.7%
11-15	19	5.6%	26	8.3%
15 plus	1	0.3%	1	0.3%
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2024/5		2025/6		
Riders Mix				
Mixed	184	54.0%	186	59.0%
Male only	157	46.0%	129	41.0%
Female only	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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