



CTC North Hampshire

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1 Officer's Reports

1.1 Chairman (Frank Pote)

Again the last 12 months has flown by in a whirr of gears and wheels, with CTC North Hampshire continuing to be actively participating in and promoting all aspects of cycling.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the committee members for their enduring support, hard work and dedication over the last year. I would like to propose that a formal vote of thanks be recorded in recognition of their work because it is due to the continued efforts of this small group that enables us to continue in existence and for us all to benefit.

Turning to our activities we have held well supported, regular (weekly or monthly) road rides starting in Alton, Petersfield, Farnborough and Fleet. Our off-road rides are held regularly starting at a variety of locations. I would like to thank all our ride co-ordinators and the volunteers who lead the rides. Special thanks for the efforts of Bob Bending for all his work on the CTC North Hampshire Web Site, who always seem to capture the real meaning of so many of the photos taken over the year with his captions.

Also the committee and I would like to thank all the event organisers and their volunteer helpers for their hard work and giving up the huge amount of time that make these activities so successful.

On the social scene, we had the annual lunch in January and the annual BBQ in August. Both the lunch and BBQ were very well attended and enjoyed by all. I would like to thank Janice for organising the lunch, and this year especially all the BBQ team for their efforts in allowing nearly 40 people to be well fed and then clearing up! Also an enjoyable if rather wet weekend was spent in the Cotswolds during June, which was hopefully will be repeated again.

We continue to be a large and to its great credit a generally active membership but we do still have vacancies for some of the more structured assistance that enables us to function more effectively and maintain our profile.

On a more sombre note, I have to report the passing of George May, he was a life-long cyclist, a long-term member and enthusiastic supporter of CTC North Hampshire, as well as the Alton Cycling Club and the Mid-Week Fellowship. Over the years he has contributed an enormous amount to cycling, and his presence will be missed.

I have thoroughly enjoyed another year as your Chairman and offer myself for re-election again and I hope that you will continue to support me in the future.

1.2 Publicity Officer (Web: Bob Bending)

North Hampshire CTC web site has been maintained throughout the year and continues to be a valuable resource in publicising our activities and attracting new riders and members.

1.3 Secretary (Andy Watson)

My main secretarial activities over the year have been:

- Annual submissions associated with the AGM.

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- Contributing to the committee meetings
 - Replying to new riders contacts and advising them on what we have on offer and then following up
 - Interfacing with HQ – seeking clarification on new policies, filtering and redistributing information, answering directly or by proxy requests for help. There have been activities in this area
 - Registration of ride leaders

I would like to thank all the members who have contributed to the successful running of CTC North Hampshire events and rides.

1.4 Treasurer (Mark Beauchamp)

The year ended with the accounts in a healthy state. Our allocation from the CTC was large this year due to our high membership.

The Phil Hampton ride raised £285 for the Cyclists' Defence Fund and I thank Ron Liptrot for organising it. Our other outdoor events were not so well supported this year but were enjoyed by those who took part.

The social events were quite well attended overall. The lunch was cost neutral; the skittles evening made a profit and we subsidised the barbeque by £148.81.

I thank Janice Montgomery for all her hard work with the clothing orders. We still have some clothing left. The value of the remaining clothing has been 'written off' this year to make the accounting easier.

We have money available for cycle campaign work.

Please consider using our website link if you wish to buy items from Wiggle. No commission was raised this year.

I thank all of the organisers for sending me detailed accounts.

I welcome Robin Poulter as our new auditor.

1.5 Membership Secretary (Andy Watson)

This year membership information has been provided regularly. The October 2011 membership list, which excludes all lapsed members (temporarily or otherwise) records 928 fully paid up members. This compares with 879 in October 2009.

Following consultation CTC HQ each CTC group can now request, on a non-exclusive basis, member information for the group's area of interest. This means that overlaps in areas of potential member interest can be better handled. Multiple groups will all have information on members, as requested, rather than an exclusive division of members by postcode. This topic is an agenda item for the AGM

1.6 Welfare (Frank Pote)

This is a formal welfare role required by HQ. There have been no issues this year that have required any formal welfare response.

2 Ride Co-ordinators' Reports

2.1 Alton: Saturday (Janice Montgomerie)

We have continued to offer one or two rides every Saturday over the past year. These have generally been well-supported, rarely attracting less than ten riders and usually many more, with a record-breaking 21 coming out on Easter Saturday. On the first Saturday of every month there have been two different-paced rides, and these have been so successful that it is anticipated they will appear more frequently on next year's programme.

Alton Saturday riders have participated in CTC North Hampshire events held during the year, namely the Phil Hampton Memorial Ride, the Pace-Judging & Freewheeling Competition and the Cotswold weekend in June, and have also supported social events such as the skittles evening, the annual lunch and the August barbecue.

I have responded to a number of enquiries by phone or email from prospective new riders, some of which have resulted in new faces joining our group.

We have a good number of ride leaders and my thanks go to them, and particularly to Frank and Paul who have led virtually all of the faster-paced rides between them.

I feel confident our group will continue to thrive in 2012.

2.2 Alton: Sunday (Andy Watson)

The Sunday section continues to be regularly supported with up to 15 riders taking part, split between the faster and mid-paced rides. The web site is key to attracting new riders and we now number some 20+ riders. The rides have continued the established format of faster and mid-paced meeting up at the coffee and pub stops. Typical rides are between 40 and 60 miles with a good selection of Hampshire hills. The group has also undertaken longer rides and out of area rides, including viewing the Olympic road race trial near Box Hill as well as our annual 100 mile ride.

Members of the Sunday section have supported a number of CTC and Audax rides (e.g. The Watership Down, The Grid Iron) as well as venturing further afield to view the Tour de France and complete the Etape du Tour. There continues to be a very strong relationship with Alton CC with riders coming to CTC North Hampshire from Alton CC and vice versa.

Our rides rely on the efforts of all of the ride leaders. I would like to formally thank all our leaders for their support and the effort that they have put in, especially those who have led their first rides this year.

The current format seems to work well and will be maintained over the coming year by offering a range of mid-paced and faster rides, including both local and out-of-area rides. Riders are encouraged to move between the different paced groups as fitness and experience allows. The Sunday group will continue to promote itself to riders who wish to ready themselves for Audax and Sportive rides.

2.3 Off road (Andrew Heaton)

This year we've ridden throughout the year though this year we haven't ventured further than the counties that border Hampshire. Rider numbers have been good but manageable and we've even run well-attended beginners' rides. The weather's been very good to us and we're enjoying short-sleeves and autumn sunshine at Box hill this weekend.

Numbers have increased slightly over the year with new riders joining and regular riders becoming more regular. Average ride numbers now stand about at about eight rather than the six or so of last year. Most non-beginner rides contain four to five hours of riding with a pub lunch to refuel at two third to three quarters the way through.

The off-road ladies organise ad-hoc girlie rides every now and then but also attend the standard rides too. Most of the ladies have now moved up to full-suspension and enjoy putting their shiny new steeds through their paces on twisting single-track.

Once again, thanks to the ride leaders for their local knowledge and pre-ride research that enables us to offer a varied programme with very few repeats.

2.4 Fleet (Colin Waters)

The Fleet section has run a programme of Thursday and Sunday rides through out the year. The rides have been well attended with an average of about 6 or 7 riders and a maximum attendance of 12 riders.

Jack Watts organises the Thursday rides and acts as ride leader for most of the rides. These rides have as a lunch destination either the Hampshire Mid-Week Fellowship venue or an alternative if the MWF destination is too far. Jack Watts liaises with the Alton group for these 'alternative' destinations.

The Sunday rides are organised by Colin Waters and a team of six ride leaders share the duty of leading. For the last period due to indisposition of two of the ride leaders the concept of "self led rides" was introduced so as not to burden the remaining ride leaders with too onerous a schedule. This is obviously not very popular because the self led rides have only been attended by one rider!

I would like to record here my thanks to all the ride leaders as well as Jack Watts for organising the Thursday rides. Finally, thanks to all the Fleet riders who make the rides so much fun.

2.5 Farnborough (Charlie Halliday)

We continued to run easy-paced monthly Sunday rides through the year targeted at social riders, beginners and those returning to cycling. The rides are up to 20 miles with a lunch break.

We have around twelve regular riders of whom four are registered leaders, and I would like to thank the leaders for enabling the rides to happen and for planning new and interesting routes.

2.6 Petersfield

Report awaited.

3 Right to Ride Representative Reports

3.1 Basingstoke and Deane (Heather Rainbow)

Local Issues/state of play:

1. New developments with poor quality cycle infrastructure – lacking connectivity, permeability and good design;
2. Conservative council, anti cycling, pro car;

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3. Local consultations on LDF (local development framework) – overwhelming majority against yet more houses;
 4. Town centre access plan (TAP) consultation;
 5. M3 corridor consortium to receive money from central government to promote business growth in towns along the m3 from Winchester northwards;
 6. Basingstoke built for the car with poor access to the town centre;
 7. Cycle counts installed in the town show a steady increase in the number of cyclists;
 8. We have two very pro cycling planning officers – Tom Robinson at county and Peter Smith at borough;
 9. Refurbishment of the malls, part of town centre, with no cycle racks.

What I have done:

1. Replied to LDF on behalf of CTC saying we needed cycle friendly infrastructure;
2. Replied to Basingstoke TAP consultation;
3. Proposed a draft cycle policy draft;
4. Published my activities on the North Hampshire CTC website;
5. Liaison various people and meetings;
6. Attended meetings at HCC and Basingstoke Bicycle Users Group chaired by local councillor pro cycling;
7. Liaised with and advised Oakley residents on obtaining a cycle route across the fields to Basingstoke;
8. Attended meetings on cycle infrastructure to be built by developers and sent in a report of my recommendations;
9. Receive planning applications and replied to some of them including application for commercial paintball games in woodlands. This would have increased traffic considerably on a country lane used frequently by cyclists as an alternative to the dangerous A339 Basingstoke to Alton;
10. Liaised/had meetings with Hart and Rushmoor RtR reps and helped write replies to their local TAPs;
11. Liaised with Sue Coles, John Edwards, Sarah Walker to get a cycling element in the Hampshire County Council LSTF submission;
12. Did a quality survey a section of cycle routes in Basingstoke and sent in a report to the Borough;
13. Requested that the Basingstoke cycle map should be put on cycle streets and that all roads be part of the cycle map but be categorised according to attractiveness like the Cheltenham. Proposal accepted in principle but not yet implemented;
14. Requested that my draft cycle policy be adopted in order to improve infrastructure quality and ensure developers provide appropriate infrastructure. Ongoing;

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15. Sent information to the borough on cycle lockers and cycle locker manufacturers and suppliers;
 16. Written to local councillors re cycle infrastructure for a planning application for a Tesco superstore. Gave detailed information on what was needed.

What I need to do/have not done:

1. Recruit more RtR reps for Basingstoke – workload too heavy for one person;
2. Recruit RtR reps for Andover area of Test Valley District Council.

Achievements, successes and failures:

1. Cycle path from Oakley to Basingstoke to be built this Autumn, spec. as recommended by CTC;
2. Cycle path design on converted footway now modified so that it goes straight across side roads instead of following lots of right angle bends
3. Refurbishment of town centre – unable to get any cycle parking within this town area or adjacent to it;
4. Good contacts with local councillors and MP;
5. Request for contra flow cycling as part of Town Access Plan rejected, as also cycling permitted in pedestrianised areas, but all the many other recommendations adopted in the Basingstoke TAP.

3.2 Basingstoke and Deane (Sarah Wood)

I have been active in Hart and Rushmoor including working for the Rushmoor Cycle Forum and reviewing planning applications, especially the Queensgate developments

I attended the recent CTC/Cycle Nation conference in Sheffield. Laura Brooks' (CTC Right to Ride HQ) short notes on the meeting are below:

“ CTC has reached an agreement with the UK federation of cycle campaign groups Cycle Nation (formerly CCN), setting out how the two organisations will work together to strengthen cycling advocacy and campaigning in the UK .

CTC will develop a support package for any kind of local group that wants to encourage cycle use and improve cycling conditions in their area. The package will help would-be campaigners form groups - and strengthen existing groups through information-sharing on local council policies and training to gain coverage of cycling issues in the local press and to respond to road planning consultations.

CTC's Campaigns Director Roger Geffen said: “CTC's campaigning would be nothing without the efforts of local volunteers. You are out there dealing with local policies and politics, traffic and planning proposals and liaising with a whole range of partners and allies. But there is more we could get done by enabling more cyclists to join together in local groups.”

The agreement was drawn up in response to the Government's “localism” agenda, where decisions affecting cycling are devolved to the local level, and it was announced at the CTC/Cycle Nation cycle campaigning conference in Sheffield during October.

The Memorandum of Understanding sets out how we will work in partnership to strengthen the capacity of the UK's networks of local cycle advocates and campaign groups. The MOU is intended to be flexible, complementing and building on local arrangements which are already working well, enabling people from both networks to come together in whatever ways best suit local circumstances."

4 Hampshire Cycling

CTC-Hampshire Cycling has not had any general meetings of members this year but there is regular electronic communication. John Edwards (who suffered a stroke) has resumed his work as secretary and regularly updates members on what is happening at Hampshire County Council and elsewhere.

Heather Rainbow and Sue Coles worked together with Kevin Mayne to persuade the county to include a cycling element in their LSTF bid (Local Sustainable Transport Fund); this involved many emails and several meetings with county officials. As a result Sarah Walker will be marketing cycling across the M3 Enterprise Partnership (towns strung out along the M3), funded 50/50 by CTC and by central government. RtR was unable to get a cycling component into a LSTF bid for the South of the county which concentrated on bus transport and smart ticketing.

Hart, Rushmoor and Basingstoke Right to Ride reps continue to get together for meetings to decide actions on local issues, in particular Town Access Plans and the cycle connection between Fleet and Aldershot/Farnborough.

We have had two new RtR members join Hampshire Cycling but Stephen Olivant (Petersfield) and Roger Upfold (Andover) have both resigned due to lack of time, nobody has replaced them.

Sarah Wood will be attending the CycleNation/CTC conference in October on behalf of Hampshire Cycling.

5 CTC North Hampshire Accounts

| CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB NORTH HAMPSHIRE GROUP ACCOUNTS | | 2010/2011 | |
|--|-----------------|------------------|---|
| | Income/profit | Expenditure/loss | Income Expenditure |
| Bank interest | | | |
| (i) deposit account | £0.76 | | £0.76 |
| Events | | | |
| Skittles | £23.00 | | |
| Off-road event | | £18.05 | |
| Bank holiday barbeque | | £148.81 | |
| Pace-judging&freewheeling event | £9.00 | | |
| Sub-totals | £32.00 | £166.86 | |
| Overall profit/loss on events | | | £134.86 |
| Running costs | | | |
| Members' expenses | | £2.68 | |
| Hire of hall for AGM | | £17.50 | |
| Total running costs | | £20.18 | £20.18 |
| Donations received | £1.04 | | £1.04 |
| Allocation from CTC HQ | £345.23 | | £345.23 |
| Value of clothing stock written off | | £533.95 | £533.95 |
| sale of clothing | £233.96 | | £233.96 |
| sale of badges | £3.00 | | £3.00 |
| Totals | | | £583.99 £688.99 |
| Deficit for the year | | | -£105.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | | |
| Petty cash | | | £2.37 |
| Current account | | | £1,128.12 |
| Deposit account | | | £1,115.90 |
| Clothing stock | | | £0.00 |
| Total assets at 30 Sept.2011 | | | £2,246.39 |
| Total assets at 30 Sept.2010 | | | £2,351.39 |
| Less deficit for this year | | | £105.00 |
| Totals | | | £2,246.39 £2,246.39 |
| V.A.T. section | | | |
| Total receipts from social events and sale of clothing | | £1,609.16 | |
| Total receipts from outdoor events includes P.Hampton event | | £413.76 | |
| Total for V.A.T. | | £2,022.92 | |
| Profit from Phil Hampton Memorial event | | £285.00 | |
| Treasurer's name and signature | M.J.E.BEAUCHAMP | _____ | DATE |
| Auditor's name and signature | R.POULTER | _____ | DATE |