



# **CTC North Hampshire**

## **Annual Report 2012**

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## 1 Officer's Reports

### 1.1 Chairman (Frank Pote)

It doesn't seem a whole year has passed since I last reported on CTC North Hampshire and how we are continuing to actively participate in and promote all aspects of cycling.

Once more I would first like to thank all the committee members for their enduring support, hard work and dedication over the last year. It is due to the continued efforts of this small group that enables us to continue as a Memembr Group and therefore I would like to propose that a formal vote of thanks be recorded in recognition of their work.

Turning to our activities we have held well supported, regular (weekly or monthly) road rides starting in Alton, Petersfield, Farnborough and Fleet. A small number of off-road rides have been held regularly starting at a variety of locations. I would like to thank all our ride co-ordinators and the ride-leaders who volunteer to lead the rides. Also a special thanks to 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. A special thanks to Ron Liptrot and those who made the Phil Hampton such a success again this year, so whoever takes over has a tough act to follow!

On the social scene, we held a skittles evening last November, the annual lunch in January and the annual BBQ in September. All events provided an opportunity for members and old friends to spend time off their bikes and catch up on all things cycling or not. I would like to thank Janice for organising the skittles and the lunch, and those who helped to make the BBQ a success, especially the splendid 'fire machine' used by Brian to produce an excellent feast. Also for those who took the opportunity to spend an enjoyable weekend in the New Forest during June, which hopefully if repeated again next year, I will make sure that I'm there as well.

While we continue to be a large and generally an active membership but we do still have vacancies within our structure for assistance which will enable us to function more effectively and maintain our profile.

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.

We no longer receive commission when members follow our web link to Wiggle. Now, the link takes the member to the National CTC Shop (run by Wiggle), and the individual member makes a saving through the CTC Discount which should be a minimum of 12%.

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### **1.3 Secretary (Andy Watson)**

My main secretarial activities over the year have been:

- Annual submissions associated with the AGM.
- 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.
- 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 and we have applied for the same amount for next year.

The Phil Hampton ride raised £386 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 tiny loss and we subsidised the barbeque by £171.

I thank Janice Montgomery for all her hard work with the clothing orders. We still have some clothing left which is listed on our website.

We have money available for cycle campaign work.

Buying items from Wiggle using our website link used to generate a small income for our CTC group. Wiggle has made changes to their commission system which means that we no longer receive the commission. Instead, when you click on the Wiggle icon (located in the bottom left hand corner of the front page of our website) you will be taken to the CTC's Wiggle site where you can take advantage of exclusive member offers and discounts. I thank Bob Bending, our webmaster, for sorting this out.

I thank all of the organisers for sending me detailed accounts and Robin Poulter for auditing the accounts.

### **1.5 Membership Secretary (Andy Watson)**

This year membership information has been provided regularly. The October 2012 membership list, which excludes all lapsed members (temporarily or otherwise) records 985 fully paid up members. This compares with 928 in October 2011.

### **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.

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## **2 Ride Co-ordinators' Reports**

### **2.1 Alton: Saturday (Janice Montgomerie)**

For the past two years a faster ride has been added to our programme once a month and this has continued to prove popular this year. An average of a dozen riders set off every Saturday afternoon from Alton Community Centre or other locations, and we have tried out several new tea stops.

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

We have welcomed several new riders to our group, and I have responded to a number of enquiries by phone and email. However we were all deeply shocked to learn of the deaths of two of our long-standing members this year, Jane Blyth and Les Burch, and they are still sadly missed on our rides.

I would like to thank all those who have led rides this year, and I trust our section will continue to thrive in 2013.

### **2.2 Alton: Sunday (Andy Watson)**

The Sunday section continues to be regularly supported with up to 20 riders taking part, split between the faster and mid-paced rides. The web site continues to be key in attracting new riders and we now number some 25+ riders.

The renewed interest in cycling associated with the Olympics has contributed to a number of riders joining the group.

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. A number of rides have taken place out of area.

Members of the Sunday section have supported CTC and Audax rides. There continues to be a very strong relationship with Alton CC with riders coming to CTC North Hampshire from Alton CC and vice versa. Some Sunday rides are led by Alton CC members and as such these do not fall under the CTC regime – these rides are clearly identified.

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. I encourage all our riders to lead rides as well as participate.

The current format continues 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 (Vacant)**

No report

### **2.4 Fleet (Colin Waters)**

The Sunday and Thursday rides have continued through out the year mostly with a designated ride leader. Early in the year there was a shortage of approved ride

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leaders and some rides had to be defined as "self led rides". This situation has improved with more participants volunteering to be ride leaders both for Sunday and Thursday rides.

We generally have a more well attended ride on Thursdays than on Sundays although there have been only the odd day where a ride has not taken place due to insufficient support.

Six riders from the group plus one other from Southgate Cycling Club the FFCT Semaine Fédérale in Niort, France. We also had a delightful summer ride in the New Forest led by a former member who now lives in the Forest.

## **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, usually at a pub or café.

In April, seven of the group returned to Herefordshire for our third weekend away.

We have around nine 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.

## **3 Right to Ride Representative Reports**

### **3.1 Basingstoke (Heather Rainbow)**

The new Oakley to Basingstoke cycle path was officially opened last Autumn, Sarah Walker, Sarah Wood and Heather attended the opening and then Heather took SW on a cycle tour of Basingstoke. Sustrans are doing alternative travel marketing in parts of Basingstoke, Rushmoor and Winchester, partially funded by the LSTF. LSTF money has also been used to publish a fresh batch of Basingstoke cycle maps for this, unfortunately at such short notice a lot of info has not been updated.

Heather has campaigned against the Tesco's planning application in Winchester road Basingstoke because redesign of road layouts will making it much more hazardous for walking and cycling in the local area as well as increasing volumes of motorised traffic. Councillors rejected the application but it has now gone to appeal. The cycling issue was highlighted in the Gazette with a picture of Heather.

Heather has written a draft Basingstoke Cycle Policy which she has sent to the Borough Council to be included in the Local Plan. It was well received by the Liberal Democrats to whom she gave a presentation, the Labour party leader is in favour and a presentation will be given to Labour in December. Councillor Ossleton (conservative) has said that she will ask officers to consider it.

Other work has included

- A request for a cycle route from Overton to Basingstoke
- request for modification to road layout so as to allow cyclists to get from Old Worting road to cycle paths off Grafton Way without having to go round the Firestation roundabout.
- getting the kerb by the railway bridge on the cycle route near the Leisure Park to be modified so it is not so dangerous.

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- Attending Basingstoke Bicycle Users Group meetings
  - Liaison with two cycle commuters who are labour councillors
  - Liaison with cyclists
  - Attending the inception of Basingstoke's first cycling Mayor, Martin Biermann as well as the Mayor's charity coffee morning (excellent cakes as well as good networking)

Heather is grateful to Andy and Bob Bending for publishing RtR issues on the website

### **3.2 Rushmoor (Aldershot and Farnborough) (Sarah Wood)**

I continue to attend and contribute to the quarterly Rushmoor Cycle Forum meetings.

I have made a contribution to meetings regarding the Aldershot Urban Extension development.

I have lobbied the council regarding a controlled crossing point on the A325 by the new Queensgate development.

Attended cycle leadership training, a two day course with Hampshire County Council (HCC) and CTC

I have supported the new 'Bike It' venture. This is a joint Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC) and Sustrans initiative aimed at encouraging cycling in Rushmoor and in particular, cycling to school.

I have Attended Rushmoor Pedestrian Forum meetings.

## **4 CTC Hampshire Cycling (Heather Rainbow)**

This is a network of CTC Right-to-Ride (RtR) reps. Heather Rainbow organised a meeting in Winchester in the Spring which enabled us to network better, meet new reps and also our RtR support worker from CTC HQ Laura. John Edwards continues to keep reps updated with what is happening throughout the county. Heather, Sue Coles and Janet Buckley have liaised with the county to get Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) (see [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk)) funding to increase levels of cycling. Sarah Walker is employed by the county to do this with joint funding from CTC and the LSTF.

## 5 CTC North Hampshire Accounts

### CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB NORTH HAMPSHIRE GROUP ACCOUNTS 2011/2012

	Income/profit	Expenditure/loss	Income	Expenditure
<b>Bank interest</b>				
(i) deposit account	£0.57		£0.57	
<b>Events</b>				
Skittles		£1.00		
Off-road event	£7.00			
Bank holiday barbeque		£171.00		
Pace-judging&freewheeling event	£10.00	£10.00		
Sub-totals	£17.00	£182.00		
Overall profit/loss on events				£165.00
<b>Running costs</b>				
Members' expenses		£67.78		
Hire of hall for AGM		£35.00		
Total running costs		£102.78		£102.78
<b>Allocation from CTC HQ</b>	£345.23		£345.23	
sale of badges (1 sold)	£3.00		£3.00	
<b>Totals</b>			£348.80	£267.78
Profit for the year				£81.02
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>				
Petty cash			£2.37	
Current account			£1,208.57	
Deposit account			£1,116.47	
Total assets at 30 Sept.2012			£2,327.41	
Total assets at 30 Sept.2011				£2,246.39
Add profit for year				£81.02
Totals			£2,327.41	£2,327.41
<b>V.A.T. section</b>				
Total receipts from social events and sale of badges		£1,229.10		
Total receipts from outdoor events		£27.00		
Total for V.A.T.		£1,256.10		

Treasurer's name and signature M.J.E.BEAUCHAMP \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

Auditor's name and signature R.POULTER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE