

South Herts Cyclists AGM Report 2025

Treasurer's Report – Graham Figg

In the year to 31st March 2025 the club had income of £250.00, being a grant from Cycling UK. There was expenditure of £27.76 on website costs, £420.00 for an advert on Verulam Community Radio and £84.12 on identity safety tags. The club therefore had a surplus of expenditure over income of £281.88. As at 31st March 2025 the club had reserves of £720.78, represented by a bank balance of £671.17 and a prepayment of website expenses of £49.61. The accounts are so far unaudited.

Five Miles to Fabulous Report – Rona Wightman

In the last 12 months we have put on 10 rides and 19 different people have come on rides, including 5 newcomers. Numbers attending have ranged from 5 to 14. We have recorded a total of 80 attendances this year, giving an average of 8 per ride. Some rides we split into two groups, a '5' group and a 'Further Faster' group. We put on rides between early March and late November / early December with a summer break in August. Rona, Teresa and Lorna are our regular ride leaders.

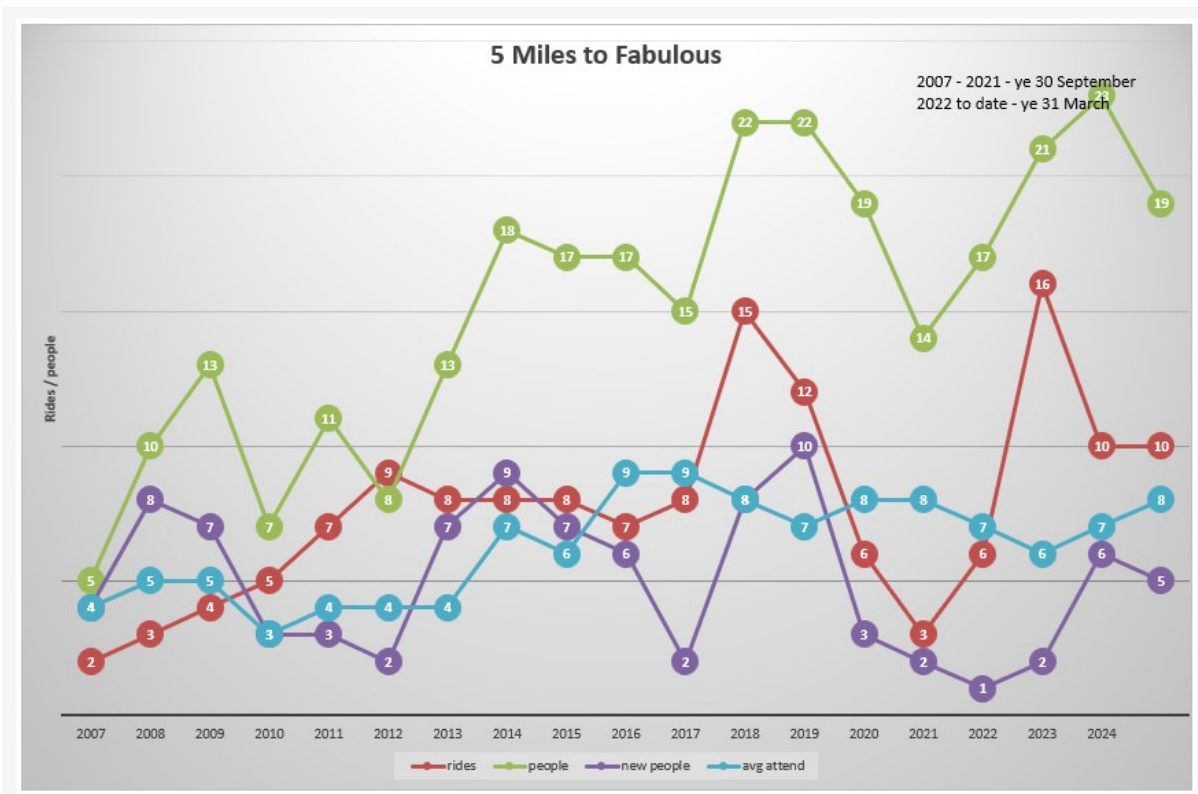
Our 2023/24 'Fabulissima' awards for attendance went to Sam and to Carol. This year's Fabulissima is Nela Royo.

Angela has stepped down from regular ride leading this year, after many years of being a highly effective back-marker. We were delighted to present her with a well-deserved Cycling UK Achievement Award in November 2024 in recognition of her long service to South Herts CTC 5MTF. Cycling UK featured the award online and in the February / March 2025 edition of *Cycle* magazine.



We continue to use our pre-booking system, this works well. It saves time at the start having a pre-printed list and helps with ride planning to know how many to expect. There is a degree of flexibility with occasional late additions on the day. We started this system to help our ride co-ordinator who was struggling with the effects of long covid, and it works so well and is still so helpful that we retain it. Other CTC groups, such as Central London and Chester Fabulous Ladies, are also using pre-booking.

Regular riders meet up socially from time to time for a coffee morning or meal, we are grateful to Bal for organising these.



Webmaster Report – Carol Brazier

Cycling UK has recently changed their branding to a new Orange theme. This means our South Herts CTC website now is out of date and does not reflect the new branding colours. It is currently a Google site hosted externally, and complicated to maintain and update. I recently started using the Cycling UK publicity page for West Herts CTC group which is less flexible, but easier to use. I propose it would be advantageous to move South Herts CTC internet presence to also use the Cycling UK publicity page.

West Herts CTC current link here <https://www.cyclinguk.org/local-groups/west-herts>

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Evening Rides Report – Philip Allen

Wednesday evening rides continue to be attended by disappointingly low numbers, even if a few members ride direct to the destination rather than join at The War Memorial in St Albans. Even more disappointing is the weather. About seven rides this year have either been cancelled or destinations changed closer to home due to rain, snow and ice or absence. The “regulars” are also getting older, have retired and prefer to ride at other times of the week. The future is far from rosy!

