

## WORCESTER & MALVERN CTC Annual Report 2023/24

The tagline for our club is “We enjoy exploring the lanes around the Three Counties”. We are blessed with fine countryside and lanes to ride in, so how frequently do we get out there as a club? It must be said, not as often as we’d like. Finding ride leaders to volunteer remains a major challenge, as ever.

During this last year we have organised over 90 rides – the same as the previous year.

On Tuesdays we have averaged just over a ride a month, where we meet at a cafe and ride to lunch destination. These have been supported by small group of regular riders, who mostly lead a ride. My thanks to Peter Greenway (our most senior member) who has encouraged these rides, suggested new venues and led rides.

The majority of our rides (67) take place on Wednesday evenings where we meet at 7pm and ride for a couple of hours, often with a destination point, before ending with refreshments. We have found it convenient to have separate Worcester and Malvern rides but also regularly meet up at a common destination. These rides remain popular with over a dozen riders out and ride leaders rotating in turn. My thanks to Simon Turner and Leigh Robinson for co-ordinating these rides.

On Saturdays we have averaged fewer than one ride per month. A popular theme has been ‘breakfast rides’ where we ride for a couple of hours to a destination cafe where breakfast is taken (full English or otherwise). My thanks to Steve Gardner for this initiative.

We have restarted slide shows and social events and these have proved popular – see separate report. My thanks to Steve Gardener for arranging all these events.

For many years Lyndon Bracewell has been our CTC Right to Ride representative and has been proactive with planning and rights of way issues, plus coordinating these with the Bike Worcester Group ([www.bikeworcester.org.uk](http://www.bikeworcester.org.uk)) and Cycle Malvern. Lyndon is now stepping down from this role and we thank him for his campaigning work over many years.

Our website has been maintained by Cyril Pulleng helped by Neil Poulter.

Your Chair and the Secretary (Steve Chiverton) will now be stepping down. We have both undertaken both of these roles since c. 2012 and have seen the club through the difficult period of lockdowns and after when group rides were permitted again but people remain hesitant about riding in sizeable groups. These roles are mandatory for the group and we actively seek volunteers to fill them. It is likely that we will consolidate other roles given the low level of club activity with the aim of a smaller but proactive committee sharing the load.

My thanks go to all the committee members for their work and support during the year.

I conclude this report with the same three things from last year that members (YOU) can do to contribute actively to your club:

1. Attend the AGM and bring your ideas and suggestions for the future
2. Join the Committee
3. Offer to lead a ride.

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