

Two Mills (Wirral) part of Cycling UK

Secretary's report to be presented at AGM held 7.30pm Thursday 28th April 2022, a virtual meeting using Zoom

Two Mills (Wirral) is a member group of Cycling UK. Our postcode areas cover the whole of Wirral including Neston, Ellesmere Port, and parts of Chester. We do have individual members who live outside of those boundaries.

Highlights of the past 12 months:

- Your Sunday rides committee have met a couple of times during the year to pull together a rides programme. We re-started weekly group rides last May once lockdown restrictions for outdoor activities were eased. We asked participants to pre-register and restricted the places available which has helped us to manage things more comfortably. Another challenge for us has been the loss of the Eureka café as our regular meeting place. It's closure back in June 2021 was the end of an era for the local cycling community. We wished Ann and Keith well with a card that captured many, many images of our group visiting the venue over the years.
- Our women's group, Wirral Bicycle Belles, have also offered monthly cycle rides for much of the past year. Occasionally, the weather has got the better of us. Again, we have required riders to register in advance and limited how many can take part. My thanks to the volunteers who have helped us to keep going.
- Your committee have met regularly using Zoom to manage the group's activities. Margaret has joined us this year as COVID officer, Jo has kindly taken minutes and Helen has got to grips with the money side of things. Their contributions have each been very welcome. We remain in need of a Safeguarding officer although three of us on committee have completed the training module that Cycling UK identifies as helpful for local groups.
- We did try to recruit a new organiser to run our Early Season Challenge Ride, normally held just before Easter. However, no-one stepped up for the role this year.
- Our one social highlight was an illustrated talk by Glenn and Helen in January about their recent LEJOG exploits. It was delivered using Zoom so no extra cost to us and we welcomed an audience from across Chester and North Wales CUK membership.
- This is my final report as your secretary. I have held the role since October 2006. A long spell which has seen a lot of changes both in our national organisation and locally. I have met many great characters over the years. I look forward to still riding with you if not as regularly because I hope to do new things.

Janet Gregory, Secretary Two Mills (Wirral), part of Cycling UK

31st March, 2022