

Chester & North Wales CTC
CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Secretary's Annual Report March 2021

Introduction

This report is unlike any other Secretary's reports that have been prepared for C&NW CTC in recent years. The report covers a period from November 2019 to the end of March 2021 due to the changes in Cycling UK regulations and dates for year end.

As all members will be only too painfully aware, the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted on everyone's lives to a greater or less extent – our sympathies go out to all who have lost loved ones. As will become apparent later in the document, there has also been a huge impact on the Clubs groups rides & events & unfortunately this is likely to be the case for some time to come although with the increase in vaccinations & the reduction in case numbers there is hope for the future.

Sadly, the Club has lost several members during the year some of whom are mentioned below:

Glynn Jones – Glynn was a regular rider with the Wrexham groups & had been a racing cyclist in his youth. He had a wealth of information about the area & led rides with patience & good humour for many years; on occasions when ill health prevented him riding, he would still come to the café to meet up with his cycling friends. He was a founder member of the Café Hoppers (a group of cycling friends). His is greatly missed by all in the Wrexham group.

John Smith - John was for many years a regular rider with the Wednesday Riders & Two Mills groups. He was noted for his willingness to offer help & advice, especially to newcomers.

Brain Saxby – Brian was a runner who turned to cycling and joined C&NW CTC once he had given up running. He was a good climber & mechanic & is missed by his cycling companions.

Colin Taylor – Colin had been a racing cyclist, but when he married Ann he suggested they join a touring club so that they could ride together. They worked hard for the club over many years; Colin organised the Vets 100 many times, edited the Link, planned routes for 2 Birthday Rides amongst other things. They were also instrumental in introducing many people to C&NW CTC and to the joys of cycle touring.

Colin Watson – Colin was a keen cyclist & campaigner for cycling & environmental causes in the Chester area. He passed away suddenly whilst cycling in the Welsh hills. Thoughts are with his family & many friends.

June & Reg Waud. June passed away in December 2020; she had enjoyed the Tuesday Night Rides many years ago. Reg Waud passed away in early February 2021. He had been a stalwart of the Wednesday Riders and who will be remembered especially for his restoration of the antique 'winged wheel'.

Our thoughts are with their families and friends, and with those of others in the Club who have passed away but are not mentioned above

1. Informal Group Reports

Ynys Môn (Anglesey) (Ifor Jones)

The Ynys Môn Informal Group continued with the usual pattern of rides until the start of the pandemic. The group is small and consists of a group of friends who are retired, so once rides re-started they have been arranged under social distancing rules as a group of friends meeting up rather than as formal club rides.

Chester (including summer evening rides and Chester Fabulous Ladies) (Sue Booth)

After a successful planning event and a meal in October 2019, we rode through the winter months as usual. A special 50th birthday 50 miles in the February was what turned out to be a last chance for cross border and inter group social riding, as a month later we were told to stay at home and all group rides ceased.

Using social media we tried to encourage riders to take a note of their surroundings, and share their rides.



By late summer we were able to meet up in small groups of six, so this necessitated a booking system. After trialling a few, we settled with 'Bookwhen'. We managed a few summer evenings and Sunday rides, and even an end of season outside social at The Plough in Christleton.

In August we lost one of our longstanding members, Colin Watson. A socially distanced funeral saw hundreds of cyclists from a variety of organisations outside the church and into Grosvenor Park. A couple of us led the hearse across town to Blacon Crematorium, where we again lined the entrance to show our respects.



As autumn approached we headed into another lockdown, so Sunday rides and Fab ladies were off the cards again; although by October we did have a showery ladies ride to Lakeside cafe near Cock O Barton – when we were still allowed to sit inside the cafe. We had a few Flintshire Fabs rides the same day, as borders were locked down from October.

But it was not our usual Christmas festivities, with no Christmas lunch ride, no Christmas social and no New Year's meet. Encouraging people again to take photos we asked members across Chester & North Wales to take a photo on their New Year's Day ride – or the first of the year as snow and ice reigned across our region.

With Spring approaching following a very quiet eighteen months we are starting to look forward to events again. Chester Tri Club have set up a Tour of West Cheshire, so a few of the Fab Ladies have signed up to this and we plan to ride each 'stage' from April to September, the first one completed last weekend. Summer evenings have started up again, with small groups and now the option of a pint outside.



CTC Eryri Thursday Cycling Group

After organising the group for many years Doreen Lindsey stepped down in late 2019 (for real – having had several retirements with comebacks in the past). Sue Cooper kindly stepped in to organise rides for the group. As with all other groups rides had to be suspended from March 2020, but they did restart once restrictions were lifted; a system was set up for sending in names of riders prior to the ride to comply with Covid regulations. There have been no rides this year, but it is hoped to restart in some form from 29th April if restrictions are lifted as expected.

Watson's Wanderers (Allan Samuel)

Our cycling, like almost all activity, has been profoundly altered by the pandemic but during those times when we have been able to exercise in groups of six we have been out riding.

Our last ride just before lock-down was on 17th March '20 we then had to pause until 14th July when we resumed in groups of six or less. That continued until 10th November. We resumed cycling in groups of six again on 30th March 2021. On that occasion we had a total of 19 riders on three rides, one solo and a duet - all keeping safely distant.

Many of our riders were isolating for much of this time, in some cases partners needed to shield. We expect that things will open up further as the vaccine roll out continues and venues are able to host us inside once more. Our rides probably average out at 50 miles, they are often longer in the summer months.

We have an active membership of just less than 30 and have had two new joiners this spring. Our average age is around 62.

Allan Samuel is the group's Covid Officer.

Wednesday Riders (Paul Mills)

Pre Covid approx. 30-35 riders would often turn up on a Wednesday morning. As a result of ongoing Covid regulations we have been more careful about issuing a general invite to newcomers.

Chris Smith resigned from his role as secretary late last year after many years of selfless contributions and nobody has currently stepped forward to take on the role. Before his resignation Chris set up a Google Group which allows any member to send an email to every other member, the idea was it would be used to advise of rides planned and invite riders to join, but only a little use has been made of it so far.

We also have two WhatsApp groups - one for Cycling related messages and one for the inevitable stream of jokey stuff that some people enjoy during lockdown.

We thank Ian Taylor on his attempt to restart group rides last year during the relaxation of covid rules but with limited success, most people are either riding as small groups of CUK friends or just with family etc. The England rule of 6 seems to be more favourable to how our riders are informally grouped, although we are aware some individuals may be missing out not being in any of these informal groups.

There is no indication of anyone restarting organised rides and we have no "Covid Officer"

Hopefully in the future we can reach a formula that will hold the group together in some form or other.

Wrexham Reivers (Lowri Evans)

Through the Autumn of 2019 & early part of 2020 rides from the Espresso Cafe at Gwersyllt continued as usual, and there was a very enjoyable Christmas dinner at the Ponderosa. Rides stopped due to lockdown in March. In the summer Mark Jones agreed to be Covid-19 officer for the group. Information sheets were produced, there were some rides for ride leaders to familiarise themselves with systems & then club rides were able to restart with people booking in advance by email. At times rides were limited to those who lived in Wales (or even the county of Wrexham). Rides had to stop due to lockdown- it is hoped that they will be able to restart from 1st May if rules allow up to 30 to meet outdoors for organised activities. Thanks are due to all who have been willing to organise & lead rides in difficult circumstances, & everyone who has taken responsibility to keep themselves & other safe on the rides.

2. Member Group Report from Two Mills CTC (Janet Gregory – summary)

- The usual pattern of registering rides leaders, drafting a programme of rides etc was carried out prior to the start of the pandemic. Cycling UK has updated members and local groups throughout the year as to how current restrictions affect our activity. Members reside in Wales as well as England and our rides regularly cross the border. I am meeting with our registered ride leaders to explore how we can resume group cycling. I guess it will be little by little and different from how it used to be. We are all too aware of the challenges that the COVID pandemic brings.
- The Wirral Bicycle Belles, celebrated their tenth anniversary in February 2020; new kit was produced help from design company Fat Lass at the Back and riders were able to pose for photograph when the group rode together in March just days before the first announcement of national restrictions. The planned weekend away in June to Durham was cancelled due to COVID. When restrictions have been lifted to allow limited group cycling, Belles volunteers have led monthly rides. We have had to arrange them differently to keep everyone as safe as possible from risk of infection. My thanks to the volunteers involved for giving it a go. The feedback from participants has always been positive. Early Season Challenge Ride should have taken place on Sunday 5th April, 2020. However, large scale events just cannot happen in a pandemic. It was some work to arrange refunds

for 300+ registered riders, negotiate with the caterers and hall suppliers. And all at short notice. We have not been able to offer an event this year, either, which leaves us with a financial shortfall.

- In September an annual Zoom licence was purchased which has allowed virtual meetings both for committee purposes and wider meet-ups of members.

It is with regret that I report the departure of Andy Blomfield. He has left the Wirral area for pastures new in the Peak district. He has managed our money for the past 10 years and led many, many rides for this group. He will be missed. Other committee members have stepped down after years of service: Sylvia Joyce is not continuing as membership, Sue Sharpe as welfare and John Walker as social secretary. My thanks to each of them. I really do hope that replacements can be found to safeguard the future for Two Mills group. We are also asked to consider appointing to two new committee posts: COVID officer and Diversity officer. Both of those roles would help us to meet better the different challenges that local groups face nowadays. Brian Joyce and I are willing to continue but again, we have been in post for a long time and would like to step aside over the next 12 months. I am looking forward to retirement from (paid) work in July and the opportunity to do different things. This really is the time to refresh your committee membership

- I conclude by saying this has been a difficult year, one that we could not have predicted. And the future is still uncertain. On a positive note, cycling has proven itself a lifeline for many of us during these strange times. There are far more new cyclists out there. Even talk of significant investment in infrastructure to help us cycle more safely. That has to be a good thing.

3. Events 2020/2021 to date

The vast majority of events were cancelled, some closer to the date than others.

1st January 2020 Chairman's Ride - New Year's Day Meet

There was a good turnout (approximately 50) with groups riding out to meet up at the Bull in Shocklach for the traditional New Year's Day meal. Many thanks to Dave Matthews for organising the event once again.

Covid -19 pandemic

With a great start to the year no-one could foresee how 'normal' life in 2020 was going to change. In March 2020 as Covid-19 was getting more serious and after email discussions with event organisers the decision was taken to cancel all events up to end of July. It was agreed to offer refunds on entry fees; it was felt that in fairness to riders, volunteers and suppliers' decisions needed to be taken in good time. The secretary tried to circulate information & documents relating to Covid restrictions & has been acting as Covid-19 officer for C&NW CTC.

Informal groups have been encouraged to appoint Covid -19 Officers and the committee agreed to fund Covid-19 training courses for Wales to enable rides to restart. Currently free training is available via Assemble for England – there is a small fee for the course in Wales. Several members have completed the training.

6th June 2020 Berwyns Audax Events (Dave Matthews) Cancelled

Tour of the Berwyns 210K & Prospect Panorama 135Km which should have started from Duddon Village Hall were cancelled before there were many entries. Thanks to Dave Matthews for contacting all entrants & organising the cancellation.

13th June Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways (Tracy Johnson) Cancelled

All 3 distances 25, 50 & 100 mile events were cancelled. There were a considerable number of entries to refund; it was decided not to give an option to allow fees to run over to a possible 2021 event. Thanks to Tracy Johnson, Dave Matthews & Colin Bell for working through the process for drawing up cheques and then making the online refunds via Entry Central. Thanks also to the suppliers who were so understanding regarding the cancellation, and to the organiser for making all of the bookings and then having the additional task of cancelling them.

5th July Triennial Veterans 100 (Laurie Mason) Cancelled

Entries for this event had opened in 2019 so there were already entries for the event. Fees were refunded via Entry Central and to simplify the admin it was decided to process the refunds as soon as all of the payments for the Cheshire Cycleways had been completed. Many thanks to Laurie Mason for set up the event, and then cancelling the arrangements, also to the Chairman & Treasurer who worked with Laurie Mason to make the refunds.

In 2020 the Club received the gift of a trophy to be presented to the oldest rider to complete the event using an e-bike. This was kindly donated by David Collinson; we look forward to a time when we will be able to make the first presentation of the trophy.

11th July 2020 Corwen Audax events (Vicky Payne) Cancelled

This event was cancelled in the spring to give riders and venues plenty of warning of the cancellation. There were only a few riders signed up to the event by the time it was cancelled & Vicky Payne was quickly in touch with them sorting the cancellation.

Further discussions were held during the spring & summer with regard to the autumn events

20th September "Momma" Audax Rides Report Brandon Edgerly

Three audax events (55km / 130km and 210km) all starting and finishing at Old Ma's coffee shop, Tattenhall. This was the first year that the events were organised by Brandon Edgerly who had taken over the rides from Dave Matthew. Audax UK had suspended all calendar events in March; the green light was later given for calendar events to resume in late August. The events were originally scheduled for 6th September however to due to the time required to finalise the route sheets, check the routes and complete the extra Covid related risk assessments it was decided to delay the events until 20th September by Audax UK. Both Audax UK and Cycling UK were approached to get the necessary permissions to run the events with reduced fields (max of 30 per distance).

Brandon made the necessary arrangements with Old Ma's Coffee Shop in Tattenhall & had several tough days in the saddle pre-riding the events & checking roads & stops. Several controls had to be re-organised as cafes were closed; s a new control with refreshments was set up on the green before the church in Bunbury thanks to a couple of Brandon's friends.

The day arrived and the weather forecast was really good, although a cold 8^o at 08:00 it got to 25^o later in the day. The usual mass departs weren't allowed instead riders were encouraged to collect their brevet card and get going.

A hugely enjoyable day for all concerned including myself and the other helpers; incident free apart from a few mechanical issues. 54 riders completed the event, these included 6 Chester & North Wales CTC members, an 8 and 10 year-old, a tandem (with a partially sighted stoker), two E-bikes and a tricycle. 55km 18 riders, 130km 16 riders, 210km 20 riders. A special thanks to Dave Matthew who designed the routes, and to my three helpers on the day John Gallagher, Jane Jones and Andy Jones all whom ride for nearby Crewe Clarion Wheelers. I intend to run this event again next year on 19th September 2021 all being well.

27th September 2020 President's Ride and Lunch Cancelled

In early summer it became increasingly apparent that it would not be possible to hold the event. The Village Hall that had been booked had notified the Club that it was unable to hold events & Covid-19 restrictions on groups sizes, buffets and social distancing meant that there was no scope to consider using alternative venues. Many thanks to Mike Cross who had organised the event. The decision to cancel was made before bookings were opened so no refunds were necessary.

3rd October 2020 Hill Climb & Freewheel events (Lowri Evans) Cancelled

After thinking long & hard about holding the event it was decided to cancel. The restrictions in force meant that the 'social' elements associated with the event couldn't take place.

Corwen Audax Events 12th October 2019 (Vicky Payne) Cancelled

The Clwydian 212k, The Clwyd Gate 138k, Bala Mini Bash 60k. The decision to cancel the events was taken before entries opened so there was no need to refund entry fees. Thanks to Vicky & Graham Payne for assessing the possibility of holding the events.

Club Communications

C&NW CTC Website & Zoom

Simon Tiplady has taken over as webmaster under difficult circumstances - updates have been posted during the year with a banner added as Covid-19 restrictions came into force (this has now been removed as rides are restarting). As technology moves on rapidly Simon has been updating some of the website systems and plans to make additional changes to make it easier to upload material.

Simon Tiplady is also the holder of the Zoom licence for the Club. He has kindly set up committee meetings, the AGM and Wrexham Reivers meeting. The account can be used for C&NW CTC Informal Groups if they need a meeting.

Many thanks to Simon for his work during the year.

Cycling UK Website

The C&NW CTC pages have been updated several times during the year by the Secretary.

Facebook & work of the Publicity Officer

Paul Mills took on the post of publicity officer and has been making sure that updates are regularly posted on the Club Facebook page. The page has been well used by members keeping in touch.

Thanks are due to Paul & the facebook moderators who have kept up with a large number of posts.

4. Link (Janet Jones)

I'm writing this report just before sending the Spring 2021 Link to print. The last two issues have been challenging to say the least. This is totally understandable in the circumstances due to no one going anywhere and having adventures worth writing about! That said, readers and committee members have still come up trumps and sent me enough copy and, against all odds, we have a Spring edition. Please keep the copy coming!

After conversations with Graham Arnold, Link Subscribers coordinator, we plan to send out a slip with each Spring Link informing people how many copies they have 'in the bank'. After each issue both Graham and I have several enquires asking when their subscription is due. Several subscribers just renew anyway whilst still having issues owed to them. Hopefully this will make Graham's job a little easier and keep subscribers better informed.

We are seeing a small but steady decline in subscribers, which I feel is most likely due to the pandemic, nobody meeting and mentioning they have just received the latest edition therefore reminding others to resubscribe because they haven't had theirs. Figures as follows:

Spring 2020 - 134 copies plus 2 email only subscribers.

Summer 2020 - 129 copies plus 2 email only subscribers

Winter 2020 - 118 copies plus 2 email only subscribers

Spring 2021 – 114 copies plus 2 email only subscribers (hopefully we will get some last minutes subscribers before going to print).

Graham has sent out email reminders which has generated some resubscribes. I'm not going to get too excited about these figures due to our current, very unusual circumstances but it's certainly something to be kept an eye on to see if it picks up once things get back to normal.

5. Cycle Advocates' Report (John Mather & John Violet)

During the last year there has been a significant change as the Right to Ride Representatives have become part of the newly formed Cycle Advocacy Network. In many ways there is little change other than a change of name but there is an improved means of contacting other Advocates about issues. There is now a Forum where questions may be asked and others across the country can respond such that issues may be debated or resolved by quicker communication. To a large extent the network is still in its infancy, but it does have good potential.

In Wales, we have a small, but effective, band of campaigners in Cycling UK's North Wales Cycle Advocacy Network. Currently our members include: Richard Keatinge, Adrian Williamson, Roy Spilsbury, Richard Brunstrom and John Mather. We keep in touch with other campaigners across the whole of Wales and regularly attend virtual meetings of the Cross Party Group on the Active Travel Act, which are held in/at the Senedd. We are in regular contact with Gwenda Owen, who is Cycling UK's Engagement Officer for Wales.

In England, John Violet continues as an Advocate for Chester and its environs but there is close liaison with those in Wales. The Advocacy Network is not quite as well organised in this part of England and there is no Regional Advocate carrying out a coordinating role yet.

Wales

Broadly speaking, we aim to get more/better facilities for safer cycling in North Wales. We work closely with Gwen Thomas (Sustrans Manager for North and Mid Wales).

Our work brings us into contact with the central and local government departments that act as the client for the majority of highway improvements (and with the consultants and contractors that design and deliver their works).

Wales has made great strides in recent years with the making of some world class legislation. That is with The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015, Planning and Policy Guidance Note 11 and, more recently, Llwybr Newydd the new Wales Transport Strategy. We also have excellent Statutory Guidance and Regulations. But, regretfully, compliance leaves much to be desired and we do need to regularly lobby, persuade and hold clients, designers and contractors to account.

Currently we have ongoing campaigns associated with proposed improvements to the A55 North Wales Trunk Road, the Conwy Estuary Trail, the redevelopment of Colwyn Bay Town Centre and the renewal of Colwyn Bay promenade. We would like to see improvements made to the National Cycle Network and to the integrated networks which local highway authorities are required to maintain and develop in order to encourage and enable active travel.

One of the greatest challenges we face is that current legislation is focused on enabling modal shift (from the private car to walking and cycling) for short-distance utility trips (perhaps from home to work, school or public buildings/facilities), whilst most of our members choose to cycle longer distances for exercise and/or for recreational purposes. Both types of trip deliver much-needed public health and environmental benefits.

England

The last year has seen a significant increase in cycling during the Covid pandemic which has resulted in more regular contact with Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC). In July 2020, CWaC approved the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, for which Cycling UK have contributed. CWaC were awarded emergency finance for immediate construction of bus/cycle lanes in Chester and Winsford. Some of the work in Chester is currently under review and Cycling UK are on the Working Group suggesting improvements.

Cycling UK are on the CWaC Active Travel Forum and involved with the Sustainable Transport Task Force. Chester Cycling Campaign have also been very active during the last 12 months and there is good coordination with Cycling UK.

Cycling UK was asked by the Parish Councils of Christleton, Great Boughton, Littleton, Huntington and Waverton to facilitate the preparation of a Cycling Plan for the area which was approved in September 2020. Consultants have been appointed to undertake the cost/benefit analysis.

Following letters from Cycling UK Merseyside and Chester and N Wales CTC to Cheshire Police regarding close passing we have encouraged the police to take a more pro-active stance. In October 2020, Cheshire Police began enforcement of the close passing of cyclists and a good relationship has developed between the two organisations.

Concluding Comment

As Advocates we cannot be expected to cycle all the roads in Wales and England in our area, but the membership as a whole must cover a good proportion. Advocates would very much appreciate feedback from the membership on issues which they experience or learn about. In particular, notices of changes to the highway network or large planning applications which could affect the existing provision or require new provision of cycle routes.

6. Ride Leaders

Guidance for ride leaders and advice & forms relating to Covid-19 risk assessments are now on Assemble the Cycling UK volunteer communication system. Volunteers can check & update their details. Links are also on Assemble for the Covid awareness course; direct links to the courses have been circulated to informal groups several times during the year.

Currently ride leader information is being checked as part of the annual return process.

7. C&NW CTC Committee

The committee met in December 2019 and February 2020. It then became apparent that face to face meetings weren't possible so much of the communication was carried out via email & telephone discussion. In the autumn the committee started meeting via Zoom and after a couple of meetings (facilitated by a committee member's Zoom account) it was decided the Club should open a paid account which could be used by the Committee & Informal Groups. The committee has been meeting approximately once a month since then via Zoom.

8. Report of the Awards Committee

The committee hasn't met this year. Nominations were submitted for the Cycling UK Going the extra mile 'Lockdown love awards' and both were recognised.

- C&NW CTC - for the members for all of the help & support they have given during the year
- Brandon Edgerly for successfully organising the Momma Rides

More details are available on the Cycling UK website.

9. CTC Cymru

The AGM was held in Cardiff in early 2020 and was attended by some representative of C&NW CTC. The Welsh Festival was due to be held in Bala in July – unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Following discussions there are no plans for a Festival in 2021.

10. C&NW CTC Club Shirts

An order was placed for winter kit in late summer 2019; this caused considerable headaches for John Ferguson who arranged the kit order as the supplier had made significant changes to the style/cut of the garment with the styles being considerably tighter than previous orders. As a result, very few of the ordered garments fitted the riders who had ordered them. With a pool of returned garments John managed to reallocate some; he also managed to sell some at the AGM. After considerable correspondence & negotiation with the supplier a replacement order was arranged and the remaining unsold kit from the order given to the Club.

After clarifying that kit would be of similar cut to early orders, summer kit was purchased.

Currently there are a few spare items of kit available for sale so there are no plans for another order in the near future.

Thanks once again to John Ferguson for his negotiating skills and his willingness to coordinate the orders.

11. Looking forward

The following table shows the C&NW CTC events proposed for next year. Please contact the Secretary or the organiser if you are able to volunteer to assist at any of the events.

Sunday 27 th June 2021	Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Prospect Audaxes	Dave Matthews
30 th May to 5 th June	Bike Week	Cycling UK
17 th July to 1st August	Cycling UK Women's Festival	Cycling UK
September	Presidents Ride TBC	President
12 th September	Old Ma's Audax events	Brandon Edgerly
October	Hill Climb & Freewheel TBC	Lowri Evans
October	Corwen Audax Events TBC	Vicky Payne
1 st January 2022	Chairman's New Year's Day Meet TBC	Chairperson

12. Thanks

Thank you to all who contributed to this report. A more detailed event report, and some obituaries have been published in the Link.

Thanks to Chris Smith & Terry Davies who are standing down from some of their volunteering roles this year (although we hope they will continue to be actively involved with the Club). Chris had been organising and leading rides for the Wednesday Riders for several years & in addition had been preparing & circulating a weekly new letter for the group. Terry Davies had been the C&NW CTC Registration Officer sending out the welcome letters and emails to new members (and he had also organised the successful 80th anniversary Holyhead to Wirral ride). Thanks also to Arthur Miller who is stepping down from his role as Club Archivist. He was a club member for many years and has been a willing volunteer & great support as well as a very organised & meticulous archivist.

Heartfelt thanks are due to all of the Club's volunteers including the members of the Committee, event organisers, rides leaders, webmaster, Facebook moderators, Covid-19 officers, Link editor, campaigners and the many other members who have worked hard in what have at times been very difficult circumstances to arrange rides when possible and to provide a friendly network of support to club members. Also to staff at Cycling UK who have provided information & support. The Secretary would like to thank all who have helped & supported her in the role during the year; hopefully there is a bright future ahead.