

**Exeter CTC
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 30th April 2025**

St Thomas Church Hall
Church Road
EX2 9BQ

Members attending:

Paul Ewings (Chairman)
Ian Grundberg
Martin Warren
Tessa Fincher
Maggie Hunt
Richard Eales
Chris Blasdale
Marilyn Spurr
Kirby James
Roy Russell
Glenis Weilding
Rebecca Hoddinott
Roger Spurr
Margaret Maxted
Di Parish
Penny Cockram
Peter Robinson
Julie Weeks
Andy Smith
Chris Brightman
Mike Chapman
Tim Green
Judy Green
Ann Pollard
Mark Pollard
Graham Brodie
Kate Brodie
Jenny Ingram
Tom Ingram

1 Opening remarks from Chairman

Paul welcomed all the members attending and outlined the programme for the evening.

2 Apologies for absence:

Andy Hill
Deborah Salisbury
David Bailey
John Hyson
Ian Holding
Dave Martin
Mike Scott

3 Approval of minutes of last AGM held on 17th April 2024

Proposed: Kirby James
Seconded: Mike Chapman

The minutes were approved unanimously

4 Secretary's report: Ian Grundberg

Regular CTC rides continue to be organised two days a week, all year round. On Thursdays, there are usually three groups in the BikeBus starting from the Quay, with riders either joining there or along the way. Another group starts from the West Hill area. The three groups leaving the Quay (at ten-minute intervals) are limited to 8 riders each, in order to minimise disruption to other road users.

On the whole, our rides have been very well attended, and have only rarely been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. The Sunday A rides have a steady core of four or five riders and the B rides typically attract 5 to 10 riders.

We have noted that there have at times been up to around 25 or 30 riders at the coffee stops, which is excellent. As in previous years, we would urge those members who ride directly to coffee, to please remember to sign up beforehand, as it helps letting the venues know how many of us to expect.

Thanks are due to Pete Draper for finding and organising some interesting East Devon venues with a new venue at Ash Thomas appearing soon.

Our thanks to Paul Ewings for continuing to manage the Thursday rides, to Roy Russell for managing the Sunday B-rides and to Dave Martin for the A-rides. In Dave's absence(s), Maggie Hunt and Rebecca Hoddinott have looked after the A-rides, so thanks to them as well.

We have continued to use the WhenAvailable booking system, which as far as I am aware, most members have got used to and is working well.

Speaking of systems, last year I reported that we expected a further update to the Cycling UK systems within a year. This has now been delayed and we do not currently have a completion date, as Cycling UK is apparently planning a more comprehensive update to the system. This delay does not affect individual members directly, but it does make a difference to the ways in which we as a committee make use of the national system for various administrative tasks such as emails and consulting membership records.

Thanks to Paul Norris, who has continued to be a very patient provider of IT support throughout the year. Together with Richard Eales, Paul has also maintained the list of Cafés for Cyclists, which is available on the club's website.

Some events that took place during the year:

In early August, we received the sad news that Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith had died after a short illness. We'd like to record our gratitude for her many years of service to CTC, especially in her role as the Secretary of the committee. She was a very active and positive force and will be greatly missed. Quite a number of our members were able to take part in the celebration of her life which took place at Belstone Village Hall in early September.

In September (11/9) a Bike Maintenance Workshop was held at Dave Martin's house, led by Chris Blasdale and Paul Ewings. The main topics covered were routine maintenance of parts such as chains, cassettes and brake blocks. 12 persons attended and as these events are quite popular, we are planning another session this year.

In October, we had the annual curry night here in the church hall. Sarah Cook spoke about her Cycling Adventures in Chile and Paul Ewings and Martin Warren of the MicroBus group talked about their recent cycling trip to Italy. Both talks were very well received and as ever, the food provided by our various generous members was delicious.

On Thursday 5th December, we held the annual Christmas lunch. This time, there was a change of venue and we enjoyed to hospitality of the Thatched House in Exwick. We had the pub entirely to ourselves and a record 51 members attended. The feedback afterwards was excellent, so we would anticipate going back to the same place in the future. Many thanks to Ian Holding and Dave Martin for suggesting the venue and to Paul Ewings for making all the arrangements.

On 15th December, there was a Bring and Share mulled wine event at the Woodbury Church Rooms. This was also very well attended and thanks should go to Tim, Judy, Glenis and Roy for making all the arrangements.

Lastly, on February 26th, we were finally able to arrange the long-awaited First Aid training session. This took place at the Exeter Community Centre and was provided by Rupert Goolden, a highly experienced trainer and event medic. 20 members took part and there were plenty of practical, hands-on exercises. The feedback was excellent and it would probably be a good idea to arrange a refresher course in perhaps 2 or 3 years.

ICE list: All our ride leaders are meant to carry a copy of the list of emergency contacts to be used in the event of an accident. I would ask everyone to let me know if there are any changes to contact names or phone numbers, so that we can keep the list as accurate as possible.

5 Treasurer's report 2024-2025: Dave Martin

Once again, apologies for not being able to attend the AGM.

As you can see from the handout, an amount of £4067 was carried forward from last year.

Our income for this year was the £250 grant from head office (raised from the previous £200) and 20 amounts of £10 each from the participants of the first aid course which was run in February. A total of £450.

Our expenditure was £70 each for hall hire for the "curry night" and the AGM, £24 for hall hire and refreshments for the "mulled wine ride", then £525 for the first aid course and £39 for the "When Available" annual subscription. A total of £728.

This has resulted in a net deficit for the year of £278, leaving a total of £3790 in club funds.

These accounts have been audited by Richard Eales and forwarded to head office.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your evening, look forward to seeing you soon,

Best Wishes,

Dave

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR CTC EXETER PERIOD ENDING 31/03/2025

	2024/25		2023/24
BANK BALANCE	3776		4044
PETTY CASH	14		23
TOTAL	3790		4067
INCOME			
GRANT CTC HQ	250		200
FIRST AID COURSE - 20 PARTICIPANTS @ £10 EACH	200		
TOTAL	450		200
EXPENDITURE			
HALL HIRE AGM	70		60
HALL HIRE CURRY NIGHT	70		80
MULLED WINE RIDE HALL AND FOOD	24		39
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO "WHEN AVAILABLE"	39		39
HIRE OF HALL FOR FIRST AID COURSE	175		
FIRST AID COURSE (REALLY GOOD SUPPLIES LTD>)	350		
TOTAL	728		218
SUMMARY			
INCOME	450		200
EXPENDITURE	728		218
SURPLUS	(278)		(18)
C/F 2023	4067	C/F 2022	4085
TOTAL	3790		4067

6 Approval of Treasurer's report and accounts:

Proposed: Martin Warren

Seconded: Tim Green

The report and accounts were approved unanimously

7 Election of Committee and Honorary Auditor for 2025/26

All of the committee members are willing to stand again in their current roles.

Richard Eales is also willing to continue as our Honorary Auditor.

Nominations

Committee

Chair	Paul Ewings
Secretary	Ian Grundberg
Treasurer	Dave Martin
Membership Secretary	Ian Grundberg
Safeguarding Officer	Ian Holding
Sunday A Rides co-ordinator	Dave Martin
Sunday B Rides co-ordinator	Roy Russell
Publicity Officer	Roy Russell
Committee Member	Martin Warren
	Tessa Fincher
	Rebecca Hoddinott

Non – Committee roles

Bike Bus co-ordinators	Paul Ewings, Roy Russell
Honorary Auditor	Richard Eales
Website	Paul Norris, Richard Eales
Rights of Way Officer	Roy Russell

Proposed: Judy Green

Seconded: Penny Cockram

Approved unanimously

8 Any other business:

In respect of the club's report and accounts, it was suggested that in future, all amounts received, including members' cost contributions to events such as the Christmas lunch should be reported in detail.

The formal meeting was closed at 19.49 and was followed by talks from two invited speakers:

Jonathan Fisher, General Manager, South & East Devon Properties, National Trust gave a talk about "Improving Access to National Trust Properties from the Exe Estuary Trail"

and

Graham and Kate Brodie spoke about "Brodies Big British Boat and Bike Bash"