

Eden Valley Group of Cycling UK - Minutes of AGM meeting 19 October Langwathby VH 1400

Present: Alison Smith, Nigel Longworth, Claire and Mike Barron, Geoff and Eileen Anderson, Tony Sharples, Paul Cumella, Chris Johnson, Bill Holmes, John and Pam Patrick, Ian Ludlam, Mike Graham, Nigel Patrickson, Laurie Eason, Bill Openshaw, Ernest Phillips, John Howell, Adella and Gary Smart, Jeff Smith, Ian Stewart, Jen Callis, Jonathan Turnbull, John Roelich, James Rawes and Nicky Taylor.

Apologies: Tony Crook, Anne Faulder, David Harrison, Sue Watson, Dallas and Ian Brewis, Rachel, Mike Korner

Chair's report:

I have had a bit of an 'annus horribilis'; obviously not on the scale of those living in Gaza or, more recently, Lebanon.

It started when my road bike which I bought in 2011 was condemned by the bike shop – yes, they could completely refit it, but there are better things out there on the market – like disc brakes. I hate change so decided in the short-term to ride Nigel's bike which I had used for touring holidays.

On my first day out with it – April 3rd – I hit a pothole and the resulting gash in my leg kept me at home until the end of May. Then Nigel left 9 June for a cycle trip in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany and on the next day got close and personal with a Dutch cyclist with painful results. We aren't the only people to have had bike-related injuries and it's good to see Eileen back out and about again. Claire's illness wasn't bike-related and I have to be careful how I say this, but after managing in the kitchen without her for the Challenge ride, I'm very glad she was back today.

11 weeks later I was finally back on my bike and leading shorter rides but now that I feel fully fit winter is approaching...

Some people have had better years:

Congratulations to Mike Korner who completed the 100 miles 'Ride to the Sun' from Carlisle to Edinburgh at midsummer.

We were pleased for our 'French group' who on this year's trip had lovely weather and virtually no rain.

It's been a good year for publicity for the club with friendly coverage in our local paper 'The Cumberland and Westmorland Herald'.

And the club has continued to do what the club does, running rides every Wednesday and every Sunday and providing a social event at each coffee stop. I wish we could have rides entered up further in advance but I am just as bad at commitment as everyone else – I just don't think that a look at our runs list would tell anyone outside the club how active we are.

Better promotion is something the committee will be looking at in future. We do see Club Jerseys as a way of promoting the club – you will see how it stands out in the newspaper photos.

Particular thanks, as always, to our ride leaders. Without you we could continue as a coffee club but with you we can do so much more.

We had a thoroughly successful Challenge Ride in September raising over £2,500 including gift aid. Thanks to all those who took part.

Looking ahead, we have the festive lunch (yes, we do think a lot about eating) which will probably be after Christmas. The triennial Tri-Vets rides arrive again next year. We are also hoping to reinstate the annual holiday by going back to the tried and tested formula of self-catering lodges, going from our experience in previous years.

I am willing to stand as Chair if no-one else wishes to (despite my rather shabby cycling record this year). In particular, I hope to be able to offer support to a new secretary as Geoff needs to give up the 'nuts and bolts' of the job and plans to find time to concentrate on the website. *Alison*

Secretary's report

Dealings with everyone on a local level have been happy and productive; the committee is a wonderful and enthusiastic group of friends who are continuing to try to enliven and invigorate the activities of the club. But Cycling UK continues to be somewhat of a problem. The CUK website continues to be unfathomable and details of insurance and event management are ambiguous. Emails though responded to in a timely way often don't answer the questions asked. Hopefully things will improve but our consideration of the possibility of moving to Affiliated status to give more freedom and save us money --- is probably not in the end productive. The contact (however clunky) with other members of CUK in our area and the Insurance that we get for events in the end makes it worth the hassle. The Group officers are in general well meaning and helpful but they seem understaffed and at one remove from the management.

So why am I stepping down

I've been doing ctee things since 2006 including newsletter website Secretary twice and record keeping when GDPR became important. I should like to step down from day to day secretary duties to update the Blog and website. The Blog will work in a similar way but will display more effectively on mobile as well as

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PC screens. The Blog should be your go to page to keep up to date with club matters. WhatsApp groups exist but the Blog is the window on our activities and is accessible to anyone and comments can be made if you are logged in.

The website needs to be updated so that anyone can take over without a knowledge of coding so some kind of Content management system is needed.

so finally...

I think that renewal of cttee members brings new ideas and a fresh outlook and it's the best way to keep the club feeling inclusive. I hope you will seriously consider joining us/them. *Geoff*

Runs Co-ordinator's Report, 2024

We will all be well aware that the Runs List as it appears on our webpage often shows very little going on into the future and I'm sure we would like to see a fuller programme. And it would also look more attractive to potential new members viewing our website.

I usually hide rows of previous dates so that the website only tends to show recent rides in the past. However, it is possible to view the past by consulting the tabs at the bottom of the page.

These records go back to 2016 and there is now a tab for 2023-24 (Oct to Sep).

I have been looking back over this period and it actually shows that a lot has been going on.

There are 104 possible days if we include every Wednesday and Sunday. Over the year, 13 leaders did put on exactly 117 rides! But they were not evenly distributed as there were 21 days with no rides BUT 37 days when 2 rides were offered. So the picture looks fairly healthy. But it's NOT a good look to have days without a ride.

A very big thank you to our 13 leaders who provided these rides. But I'm sure you will have noticed that an even bigger thank you is needed to a core of 5 leaders who put on 80% of these rides!

We are always hoping that new leaders will come forward and can I draw your attention to the simplified letter that now goes out to new leaders. I'll leave copies on the table so that you can see how straightforward leading a ride is. Please take one if you haven't led a ride for a while or you would like to get started. We all give a cheery and genuine "thank you" to our leaders after a ride. It's very satisfying to put on a ride but we really do need to have more members offering rides. The figures that CJ will produce will show how well attended these rides are.

Café stops remain popular and sometimes these have been integrated into rides. My apologies if the list sometimes gets altered without much notice or discussion. We have a limited number of cafes which are suitable and during the summer months we have avoided Pooley Bridge and added the Quaker Meeting House at Mosedale and Dufton Post Box Pantry. But these are now closed over winter and Acorn Bank will be closed at the end of this month. I apologise for removing Maulds Meaburn Village institute which we have enjoyed on the first Wednesday of the month. However, it is only open until 12 O'clock and we are now moving onto a winter timing of 11.30 for coffee stops. Also there are only cakes and no hot foods more popular perhaps in the winter.

I have produced a map (I'll leave copies on the table) of where are members live and the café locations which might inform any further discussion about alternative cafes. Geoff has even calculated the centre of gravity of our membership's distribution. *Mike B*

Promotions Officer Report

1. What I am about to say mainly relates to 'Promotion' of the Club which has taken place since our last General Meeting in October last year. To a great extent this is not as a result of work undertaken by me but by our Committee and memberz of the Committee.
2. Last year we were in the middle of supporting the re-opening of the back road round **Thirlmere**. We had put in support Representations to the Cumbria Planning Office at the end of July 23.
3. The meet (for walkers as well as cyclists) waz dezcribed az an ".... opportunity for quiet contemplation of the Permanent Closure Decision" on Sunday the 5th November 23. A good number of us rode there in a few groups. The Meet attracted a large, peaceable attendance albeit the speeches could not be heard at the back of the large crowd despite the amplification.
4. In April this year I made **Representations** against eBikes being allowed more power for Disabled riders and Cargo Bikes. Doubling the Wattage from 250 to 500 az well az removal of pedals It was a Government Consultation
- 5 I have just lodged representations on a Weztmorland & Furnezz Council Consultation to limit most the roads in Melmerby to 20mph

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6. Our profile has been raised in the year by contact / liaison with the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald. At the end of June in the 'in Brief' section there was a short article about the Challenge Rides in September and the fact that we were supporting Eden Valley Hospice. We felt that the event emphasis should be on the riding part. The charitable funding was to be the 'add on'.

7. In August the Herald published an extensive report on the Club. The Reporter met with a number of our members at our 11s stop at the Pot Place and interviewed I think ALL the members there. The Reporter is a cyclist herself.

8. Challenge Rides 2024: this attracted a good attendance from Club and non Club members last month. It lived up to its title 'Challenge', especially for the 100k and 160k routes. It rained. It was a day when people who had not ridden with us before could also see what we do. Having spent most of the day in Langwathby Village Hall (here) I got to hear and see people coming back and their comments were really positive. It is to be hoped that some at least of those who rode with us will come back and join us Club members. We got another Photo published with our report on the event in the Herald.

9. We have another Report to do – hopefully to be published in the Herald, on the amount raised for the Hospice.

10. Cumbria Bicycle Mayor: I came off the Committee some time ago. He is still advocating for Cycle provision, though mainly, I think, 'urban provision'.

11. A66: In March this year the Project was declared to be proceeding having Government Approval. There was then a last minute objection with Court proceedings initiated. This has not prevented contractors continuing with some preparations. I understand that there is to be Court hearing scheduled for the end of this month. Whether a Judgement will be made and published immediately I do not know, but it is possible. Maybe 2029 will not see its completion, or, maybe it will !

12. Club Strip Adella has been working very hard pioneering a new Strip. I have to say that wearing our strip is good for our image (our behaviour being so good)! As your 'Promotions Officer' I say, if you don't already wear one, please at least consider doing so.

13. Trivets: Advance Notice: it is held every 3 years. Please support it, in whatever you can.

Webmasters Report:

See comments above in secretary Report... Blog changes and web updates needed this year but the website is still a good means of contacting the club about the details of events and being the window on the club for interested cyclists. Costs may increase if we have to use a website builder and when server space/domain name may go up. Currently I can split costs with other sites that I maintain. *Geoff*

Appointment of person to verify accounts next April May:

Bill O was prepared to do this again.

Runs Registration and data Officer report and treasurer update follow:

Elections:

The committee was by and large re-elected en bloc apart from Geoff/Secretary proposed John R second Mike G Nigel and Bill were prepared to stand as further cttee members as Rachel stands down.

No one was prepared to become Secretary so notes at meetings and other Secretarial jobs would be taken by other cttee members pro tem until a new Secretary is found who can take over as Cycling UK contact. (A necessary member of the committee under the constitution and Cycling UK's terms)

ATTENDANCE FIGURES and STATISTICS : EV CUK AGM – 19 th Oct 2024

Summary of performance From 1 st October 2023 to 30 th September 2024

Active Members = **58** (Members who attended at least 1 ride)
 Total Attendance = **1394** (Ride outings achieved by all members and all guests)
 Rides Ridden = **219** (Cat 1 = 4, Cat 2 = 55, Cat 3 = 69, Cat C = 94, Off Road = 2)

Active membership (Number of EV members who rode at least one ride during the year)

Table 1 – Active EV members over past 10 years										
Year	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	# 2023	23/24
Active Membership	86	81	90	96	86	73	19	61	62	58

From April to September 2023

Overall Attendances and Rides ridden

Table 2 – Overall Attendances & Number of Rides ridden over the last 10 years								
Year	Total Att	Cafe Self Led	\$ Grade 1 Easy	Grade 2 Moderate	Grade 3 Hard	Off Road	Totals	Comments
14 – 15		104	-	12	102	0	218	12 months
15 – 16	1741	105	-	33	82	0	220	October to September
16 – 17	1763	96	-	62	87	0	245	
17 – 18	1471	98	-	67	67	1	239	
18 – 19	1388	104	-	66	62	15	247	
19 – 20	682	46	-	32	32	4	110	Covid restrictions
20 – 21	57	7	-	2	8	0	17	
21 – 22	937	56	-	51	56	12	175	Cuk AGM changes
@ 2023	774	52	-	29	40	1	122	6 mth Apr - Sept
23 - 24	1394	94	4	53	66	2	219	12 mth Oct - Sept

Notes

- 1.\$ - Grade 1 designation applied in 2023 / 2024 year to show Easy rides that did not go to the Café meet
2. @- From April to September 2023

Comments

- Active membership = **58** (Ø a few less than the last 3 yrs)
 Ø Reduced long established membership attendances, new members boosting the shortfall
- Total Attendances of **1394** (increased back to 2019 Pre Covid level)
- Number of Rides offered = **219** (increased back to 2019 Pre Covid level)
- Ride Grades percentage uptakes were : -
 Café = 43 %, Grade 1 = 2 %, Grade 2 = 24 %, Grade 3 = 30 %, Off Road = 1 %
- The accuracy of all figures relies on reporting by members and the competence of the statistics compiler
- Thanks are given to all leaders for their continuing support without whom there would be no rides

C.Johnson.

EV Cuk Rides Attendances and Statistics Officer

Rev 11 : 16/10/24

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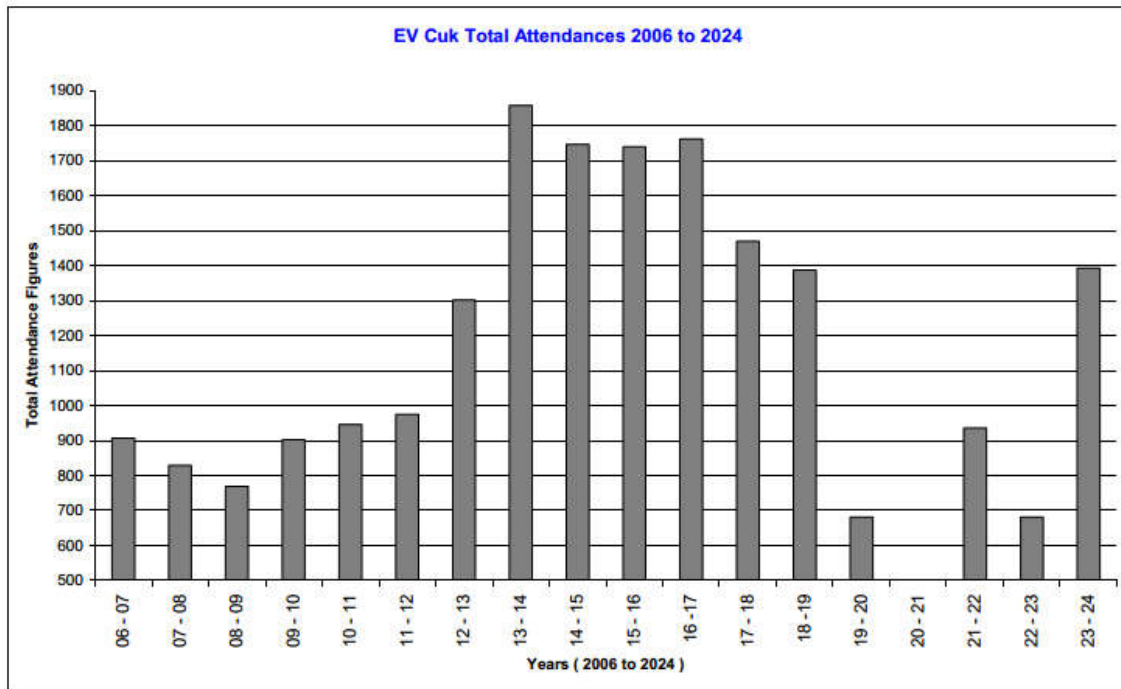
Appendix 1 - Total Attendances 2006 to 2004
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Appendices

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Records cover 1st Oct of year to 30th Sept of next year

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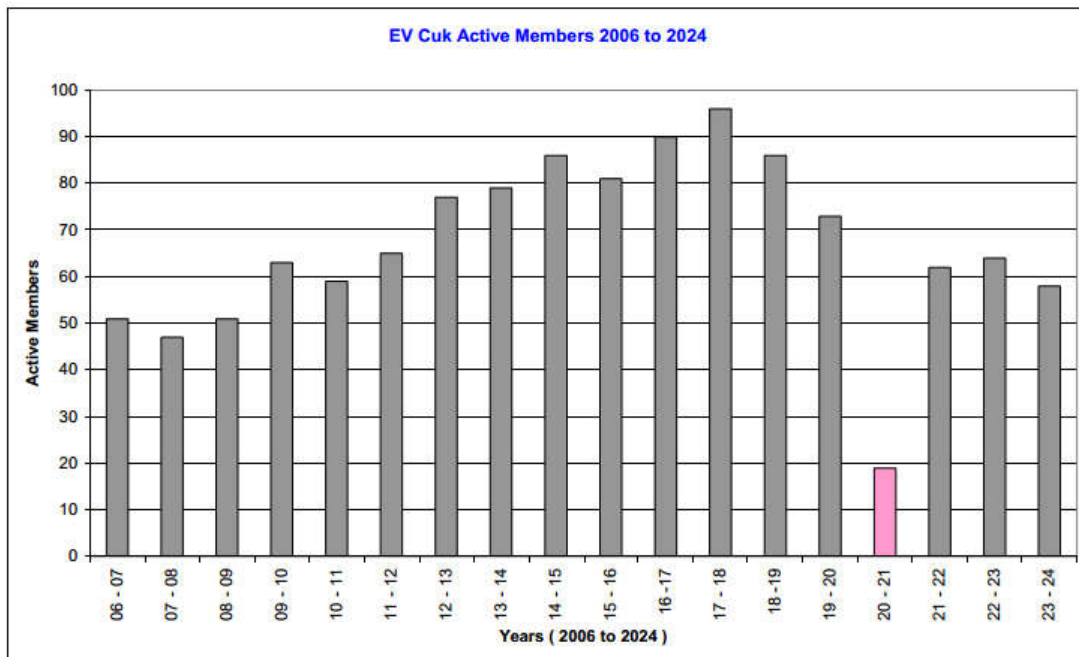


1. Pandemic restrictions in force between 2020 and 2021 - Attendances were only 57

Appendix 2 – Active Membership 2006 to 2024

Records cover 1st Oct of year to Sept 30th of next year

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Treasurer's Report - Interim Accounts for April to October 2024

Notes:

The information below shows that our clubs finances are remaining at a healthy level, generally with more recently above £2500 available to spend.

Although this years challenge ride made a small loss, we have a good costing model that can be used for future events.

For the past 5 or 6 year we have not been claiming money from Cycling UK but is something we can consider to support the club.

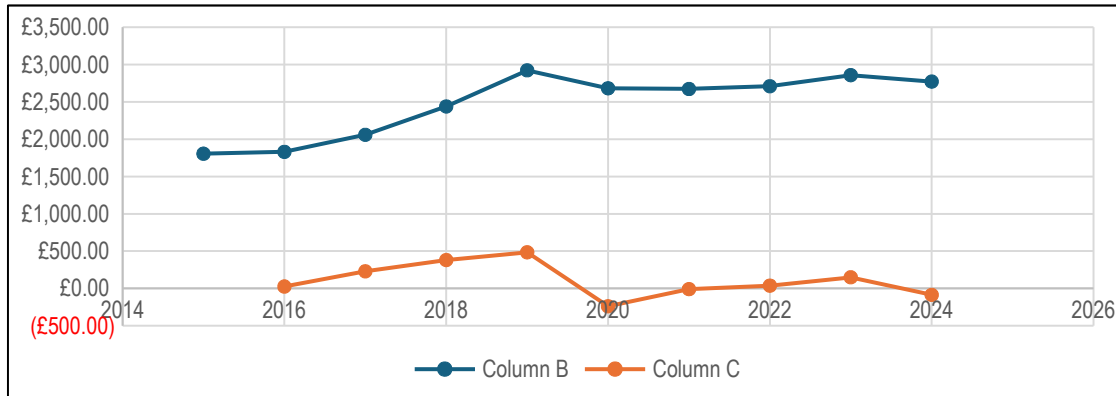
	Opening Balance April 2024	Closing Balance October 2024	Surplus / Deficit
Cumberland Building Society	£2,741.43	£2,473.94	
Petty Cash	£32.08	£29.99	
	£2,773.51	£2,503.93	-£269.58

Events	Income	Expenditure	Surplus / Deficit
Challenge Ride 15th September	£1,190.00		
Event Costs (Hall & Refreshments etc)		£456.48	
Contributions to Charity;			
From Soup and Crumble		£201.00	
From Event Entry Fee		£795.00	
Totals	£1,190.00	£1,452.48	-£262.48

Note: The difference between the event and club deficit of £7.10 is for reimbursing a member for an unpaid coffee at the Appleby Hub in September

Approximate Club Account Year End Values

Year	Total of monies in the Bank & Cash	Surplus Deficit	Contribution from Cycling UK
2024	£2,773.00	-£87.00	£0.00
2023	£2,860.00	£149.00	£0.00
2022	£2,711.00	£37.00	£0.00
2021	£2,674.00	-£10.00	£0.00
2020	£2,684.00	-£240.00	£0.00
2019	£2,924.00	£484.00	£0.00
2018	£2,440.00	£380.00	£200.00
2017	£2,060.00	£229.00	£200.00
2016	£1,831.00	£25.00	£200.00
2015	£1,806.00		£200.00



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Any Other Business:

Club Kit:

Adella and Gary have researched suppliers and already published designs and surveyed the group members who seem to favour the triangle design produced by ImpSport. Some discussion was had about details and colours but after canvassing those who might be interested it was decided that we would go ahead and subsidise the price of the jerseys by £15. The justification being that this is the primary publicity for the club. In the past we have refused £200 from Cycling UK but as the money could go towards sponsoring the jerseys we should accept it next year.

T1 short sleeve £ 65.50 + £5 zip + VAT = £84.00

T1 long sleeve £ 69.50 + £5 zip + VAT = £89.40

T2 short sleeve £89.50 + £5 zip + VAT = £113.40

T2 long sleeve £95.00 + £5 zip + VAT = £ 120.00

Many thanks to Adella and Gary for the time they have spent researching this and designing the jerseys

Trivets:

Trivets is always a popular event and we should be aware that it is due next summer in June or July. We await CUK's specs but it would be great to as usual get lots of club involvement. The event was explained to those who have not witnessed the event in the past.

Festive Lunch:

It was agreed to hold a similar event at a similar time next Jan – Geoff will research Roundthorn for menus and dates

Holiday Meet next Spring:

Alison agreed to research interest and dates and get something up and running

Meeting closed at about 3.30 pm – Date and Venue of next years AGM 18th October in Langwathby VH if available unless changed

Geoff Secretary