

Trivets event 2 July 2025; planning meeting Monday 6 January 10.30 am

Present: Bill O, Tony S, Nigel P, Mike B, Claire, Phil B, Rosie, Eileen, Geoff, Phil R-B, Nigel, Alison

1. Venue; Comparing distances with height, Mike B explained that to avoid a course which involved too much climbing he felt the only suitable base was Dalston to include the Solway Plain. It was agreed we would aim to base ourselves at Dalston Victory Hall – Alison to book

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2. Routes; a figure of 8 around Dalston Victory Hall would be explored by Mike B, 100 miles and 100 km.

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3. Catering; it was agreed that if people are given a traybake/banana as they set off, they could be expected to pay for their own morning and afternoon refreshment stops and those who weren't hungry or didn't want to stop could please themselves. There may be a problem with cafes if too many groups arrive at the same place at the same time – this needs to be managed as well as possible. If we aren't catering for morning coffee and afternoon tea it frees us up to concentrate on soup/roll and crumble at lunchtime. Representations were made that crumble is better at lunchtime than at the end of the ride so this was agreed. Tea/coffee and traybake will be available at the end of the ride. Cafes will be discussed further once the base is booked and the routes outlined.
4. Numbers; a cap of 60 was suggested. In previous years we set numbers at 48 (6 groups of 8) because of the limited number of members available to lead a group. We would continue our model of 2 leaders per group but we can also sign up people who wish to follow the course without being led.
5. Timetable; we will need 2 more planning meetings. Discussion items for next time will include the date to open/close entries, the entry form, allocation of entrants to groups, certificates and the risk assessment as well as the routes, cafe stops and catering. On the day we could do with the hall from 7 am to 7 pm to start setting riders off from 8 am.
6. Publicity; It was agreed that we could produce a 'save the date' flyer as soon as the Victory Hall was booked and ask members to put these up and circulate them.

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A flyer with more detail will be produced later when we are approaching time to register entries. The first flyer will be put on the club website with the link to be posted at a later stage and we will register the event with Cycling UK as soon as possible (essential for insurance purposes) and post the event on the CUK website events page.

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Bill will email all 2022 event entrants, Geoff will email all local CUK members and Alison will target club secretaries and U3A cycle groups and ask members for any contact details they may have. British Cycling may have a list of local clubs.

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7. Cost; we wish to cover our costs but we aren't aiming to make a profit. As we only had one village hall to hire, in light of information from Tony (treasurer) a figure of £15 per head was agreed. There will be no exception for members, including leaders.

8. Volunteer roles; these will include ride leaders, caterers, registration, 'meet and greet' and broom wagon. A link will be put up on the website for people to volunteer in which capacity.
9. Other issues; to keep track of participants we could consider them signing in at lunchtime and/or allowing Google tracking on their smart phones
10. Next meeting dates; Thursday 13th March and either Monday 16th or Thursday 19th June both 10.30 am probably at Daffodils (tbc)

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