

Fleet Cycling

Annual Report

Apr 2021 to Mar 2022



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17th April 2021

Officers' Reports

Chair, John Crossley

Thankfully, life is returning to normal. Whilst COVID may not have completely gone away, our ride schedule and approach has returned to the old ways. It is good to see so many riders out on the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday rides. Amongst them there are many new members, which shows that our club continues to grow from strength to strength.

Thanks to Colin's hard work we now have Stolen Goat as our new club kit supplier. This brings many advantages, in particular greater flexibility on ordering. It is also a local company, so it is good that we can support a local business. We have taken great care to ensure that there is minimal difference from the previous Le Col design, to aid continuity. We do have some remaining stock of the Le Col kit, which we will be offering at a discounted rate.

Before COVID we ran two editions of the Fleet Flyer to raise money for a number of notable causes. We were unable to continue these during the COVID period. The committee has discussed whether we should run the Flyer in 2022. However, given the effort and complexity involved with staging a sportive we have decided not to progress with the event in 2022. This is a shame given the success of previous events. This decision will be revisited for the 2023 edition. Should any members want to get involved in the organisation it would be great to hear from you.

Your committee continues to put in great efforts and my thanks goes to all the committee members for their endeavours. Kaye Hicks has informed us that she will be stepping down from the committee at the AGM. We are therefore looking for volunteers to step into Kaye's shoes as the Welfare Officer. This role is a requirement of Cycling UK and hence it is important that we have a volunteer.

Looking forward, I am confident that our club will continue to progress. We have a very active base of cyclists and continue to attract new members. Alongside this we will continue our role as the 'champion' of cyclists within NE Hampshire with the hope of encouraging more people to cycle and improve the cycling infrastructure. The future is very promising.

Ride Secretary, Ed Humphrey

I started my report last year by saying 'Let's be positive', citing increased numbers of ride leaders and well attended rides as reasons for my optimism. With the exception of Wednesday rides, which have been very effectively led and organised by Estelle Malcolm and Trevor, our ability to stage rides has been restricted by shortages of ride leaders which makes that positive feeling somewhat misplaced.

Despite my emails publicising each new quarter's destinations, and regular appeals in the monthly newsletter, it has been extremely difficult to get leaders. The burden has largely fallen on a small group of dedicated people who are prepared to take up their time organising rides for the majority of us to enjoy. This is unacceptable and must not continue. If you are qualified as a ride leader but don't lead rides then you need to pick up your share of this task instead of relying on the goodwill of a few people.

Here are the statistics for the number of rides over the last year. Whilst we were still in the second lockdown we were organising rides of no more than 6 riders with the ride booking sheet. This table covers that period, from 1st April to 15th May 2021.

	Rides	Riders	Rider-Miles
Thursday	7	77	2875
Sunday	6	22	722
Tuesday	6	87	4108
Wednesday	6	66	1829
Grand Total	25	252	9534

When restrictions were lifted we resumed normal activities and recorded the following numbers of rides and rider miles over the period from 16th May 2021 to 31st March 2022.

	Rides	Riders	Rider-Miles
Thursday	46	336	18885
Sunday	45	260	9431
Tuesday	45	613	27750
Wednesday	45	1640	11884
Grand Total			67950

So the message to take away from this year's report is that we're back in business so **if you're a qualified ride leader, please do some leading, and if you'd like to be a ride leader, speak to me about training.**

Publicity & Social, Lisa Chapman

What a funny old year we've had. Lockdowns, masks, loads of testing and now....no restrictions at all.

Despite the pandemic, we've been able to socialise both on and off the bike and also promote our club successfully - wonderful to see new faces showing up on all rides.

Without a doubt, word of mouth is the best way to promote our club - we see people show up and then bring their friends along.

Flying our colours in the form of wearing club kit also really helps to promote our club - several recently joined members have told me that they've researched us and then come along after seeing us in club kit at a cafe or *en route*.

Formal promotions this year

- Advert in Fleet and surrounding villages "Round and About" magazine, Autumn 2021. We will repeat it in the summer
- Regular emailed newsletters to our 350+ subscribers - we aim to send these once a quarter, or more often if there is breaking news

Fleet Half Marathon Lead Out

Eight of us had a super morning leading out the Fleet Half Marathon. It was a gloriously sunny day to be cycling in a chain gang right in front of the readout car. We made two laps of Fleet Town centre followed by a jaunt out into the countryside on closed roads - a cyclist's and runner's dream. It was hard to believe, but the hardest bit was to stay right in front of the lead car - the

instinct is to try and cycle as fast as possible. Thank you to Bryan, Alison, Rebecca, Robert, Sally, Andy P, and Andrea for giving up their Sunday morning to help promote the club and help out the Fleet Half Marathon. I am hoping they will ask us back next year.

Social Activities

A hugely successful **Christmas Party** (advertised on WhatsApp only due to limited numbers) was held in late November in the private room at Heron on the Lake. We were lucky enough to squeak it in before restrictions started up again - a week later and it would have been cancelled. 38 people enjoyed a beautifully decorated room and a 3 course meal followed by coffee and of course mince pies.

Semaine Federale - after 2 years of lockdowns we are again fielding a good number of people to help the French celebrate cycling this summer. It's not too late to join in; have a look at the most recent newsletters on the website for more details.

For the coming year we are hoping to do a **summer social** as well as a **Christmas party**, and further promotions.

Secretary, Andrew Perkins

Secretarial activity this year has been:

- Annual submissions to Cycling UK
- Liaising with the national Cycling UK Member Group coordinator as required, passing on information and seeking policy advice as required
- Replying to enquiries from cyclists looking to join a local club, and following up with them
- Organising and minuting the AGM, an EGM, and committee meetings (generally one every two months)
- Compiling this annual report
- Ensuring any serious incidents during group rides are recorded on an Incident Report form and that such forms are returned to Cycling UK and insurers as required. (there were no such incidents reported on Fleet Cycling rides this year)

I would like to thank Lisa for writing the Fleet Cycling Newsletters, and my fellow committee members for all their help during the year, and for standing in for me during my extended two-month absence.

Registration Officer, Andrew Perkins

On a sad note, Dave Moseley, a member since 1995, passed away in hospital in April 2020 after complications following Covid-19. He will be missed, and we extend condolences to his friends and family. If any reader knows of other members whom we have lost this year, please let me know at secretary@fleetcycling.org.uk

We have 362 subscribers to the Fleet Cycling newsletter (versus 344 a year ago). Anyone can subscribe by completing the online form on the homepage of FleetCycling.org.uk. An unsubscribe link is included in every newsletter.

All members of Cycling UK who live in our allocated postcode catchment area are automatically members of Fleet Cycling. Our membership statistics as extracted from the Cycling UK database, and compared with last year's figures, are given below.

Category	This April	Previous April
New in last 12 months	36	} 52
New to area in last 12 months	2	
Existing members	221	212
Total current members	259	267

This represents a slight drop after the several years of increase which culminated in a peak during lockdowns. It still compares favourably with a membership of 240 in 2019 and 199 in 2018 and reflects, I think, the general increase in the popularity of cycling in the UK.

Safeguarding (Welfare and Covid) Officer, Kaye Hicks

The past year has seen the continuation of the Covid pandemic and the role of Welfare/Covid officer (now called “Safeguarding Officer” in Cycling UK). It's great that rides are back to normal but we have had several challenges to contend with, mask wearing in particular. Thankfully our members have all coped brilliantly complying with the changes as the restrictions tightened and then eased. I am pleased to say therefore there have been no welfare issues which needed to be addressed.

I am stepping down from my role, but whoever takes over from me will not find it a difficult or time consuming job.

Webmasters, Saty M and Andrew Perkins

Our website, at fleetcycling.org.uk, is a valuable resource as a central point of information for our members. It does not require a lot of work on a routine basis, but could do with reviewing and generally updating. We would welcome a new Webmaster or assistant Webmaster with some knowledge of websites, ideally WordPress, SiteGround, and certificate management. On occasions we need to update the details of a ride or some other information on the website at short notice. It's surprising how often at least two of us are away or otherwise unavailable, so if you could help expand the team to cover gaps, please contact us. You will need to be generally available on email, possess a PC/Mac, and be comfortable with editing a website safely.

We also welcome comments and suggestions. To contact us, use the “Contact Us” link at the foot of every page on the website, or just talk to us when out on a ride!

Treasurer, Bryan East

Treasurer's report for year ended 31st March 2022:

It was a very quiet year for the club from a financial perspective, with only a handful of transactions. For our income we did sell three new items of clothing and also received £200 as our CUK subscription allocation. Our costs for stock and website hosting had already been paid so overall this gave us an increase in our cash position of £420. Of our cash balance of £1,474, £1,253 is CUK related and £221 relates to the Fleet Flyer and as is outside of CUK funds. Our reserves have reduced by around £200 largely as a result of further reducing the value of our holding of the existing club kit due to slow sales and sizing issues. This kit holding was just over £1,300 at cost but is now written down to £600 in the accounts and we are trying to sell as much we can of this kit ahead of the new kit being available to bolster our cash position.

The Treasurer plans to submit the following appendix to Cycling UK

CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB and Subsidiary Companies
CTC (Southern) Limited

Fleet Cycling	Member Group
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These are the Financial Reports presented by the Member Group (single or consolidated with others), which consist of a Statement of Assets and Liabilities and an Income and Expenditure Account, summarising the Groups' own records kept for the year. Backing documentation comprises; detailed record of all income and expenditure, bank reconciliations, all receipts and paperwork associated with the financial transactions for the year.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

Assets & Liabilities

	£	
Total Fixed Assets from page 2	-	Box A Autofill
Current Assets from page 2	711	Box B Autofill
Cash and Bank Balances from page 2	1,253	Box C Autofill
Total Assets	1,964	Box D Sum Boxes A to C
Total Liabilities from page 3	-	Box E Autofill
NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)	1,964	Box F Box D minus E
Accumulated Surplus at 1 April 2021	2,149	Box G Merged figs
Surplus/Deficit for the year from page 4	- 185	Box H Autofill
FUNDS	1,964	Box I Box G plus Box H

(the figures in Box F & Box I should be the same)

_____ Name	_____ Signed Hon Treasurer
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Auditor's Report

I have examined the books, records and vouchers of the Group / Region and report that the above Statement of Assets and Liabilities and annexed Accounts are in accordance therewith and such Accounts have been properly prepared to show the state of affairs of the Group / Region as at 31 March 2022 and of the surplus / deficit for the year then ended.

_____ Name	_____ Signed Hon Auditor
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_____ Date

CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB and Subsidiary Companies
CTC (Southern) Limited

Fleet Cycling	Member Group	0
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FIXED ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

£

CLUB HUTS value at 1 April 2021
Plus additions
Less Disposals
Less Depreciation
Value at 31 March 2022

-	Merged figs
-	
-	enter as a +
-	enter as a +
-	

Other Assets (bikes, equipment) value at 1 April 2021
Plus additions
Less Disposals
Less Depreciation
Value at 31 March 2022

-	Merged figs
-	
-	enter as a +
-	enter as a +
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Total Depreciation to page 4 GENERAL EXPENDITURE section
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Total of Fixed Assets to Box A (page 1)
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-	Autofill
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CURRENT ASSETS AT 31 MARCH 2022

Stock - Clothing,Badges,Trophies
Deposits with HQ
Amounts due from other groups/ individuals
Prepayments & accrued income
Other Debtors
Monies paid in bank not on statement
Investments

597
-
-
114
-
-
-

Total of Current Assets to Box B (page 1)
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711	Autofill
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CASH & BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Bank Current Account	Bank Deposit Account	Building Society Account	Cash
	£	£	£	£
Member Group	-	-	-	-
Sub Group	-	-	-	-
Funds	-	-	-	-
Funds	-	-	-	-
Lloyds	1,253	-	-	-
Cash	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
totals	1,253	-	-	-

Total Cash and Bank to Box C (page 1)	1,253
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CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB and Subsidiary Companies
CTC (Southern) Limited

Fleet Cycling	Member Group	0
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

TOTAL INCOME	£	
Outdoor Events	-	
Social Events	-	
Advertising, handbooks, run list sales	-	
Clothing, badges etc sales	206	
Grant from HQ	-	
Annual Subscription Allocation from HQ	200	
Donations	30	
Legacies	-	
Net Interest Received (total from page 3)	-	Autofill
Profit on sale of assets	-	
Dividend Income	-	
Total Income	436	

TOTAL EVENT EXPENDITURE	£	
Event hire/accom/room hire	-	
Printing	-	
Food, refreshments	-	
Travel / transport	-	
Trophies/ medals/prizes	-	
Clothing costs/badges etc	433	
Other event expenditure	-	
	-	
Total	433	

TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURE	£	
Advertising/ website costs	188	
Phones/Internet access	-	
Insurance	-	
Postage	-	
Stationery	-	
Subscriptions	-	
Donations	-	
Equipment/maintenance	-	
Training	-	
Miscellaneous	-	
Bank Charges	-	
Depreciation (total from page 2)	-	Autofill
Loss on sale of assets	-	
Total	188	

Total Expenditure	621
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SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR total to Box H (page 1)	- 185
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List all expenditure for the group including items purchased by the Treasurer or others not yet re-imbursed by 31.3.2022