

Fleet Cycling

Annual Report

Apr 2022 to Mar 2023



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Compiled (from individual reports) and edited by Andrew Perkins, Secretary
18th April 2023

Officers' Reports

Chair, John Crossley

We have a vibrant and active club. The days of COVID now feel long gone and our club has gone from strength to strength. All our rides across the week are well attended with the number of riders at record levels. It is good to see the regular riders being supplemented with new members. The increasing number of female riders is also a welcome development and indeed we have seen some rides where the ladies outnumber the men!

We continued the programme of away day rides in 2022, which proved to be as popular as ever. We are planning to do more of these during 2023 with popular venues such as the Isle of Wight and the New Forest being highlights of the away day programme.

Inclusion continues to be a key theme for the club. I've already mentioned the increasing number of female riders, which is fantastic to see. We have continued the programme of 20/20 rides on the first Sunday of each month which allows riders not necessarily comfortable with a full ride to join in. We have also ensured that our rides have a range of different speeds, which ensures we can be as inclusive as possible, which includes the well-attended Wednesday ride and splitting the Tuesday rides into 11/12mph and 14/15mph groups.

Our kit sales continue to go well. It is great to see so many riders wearing the club kit when out on rides. The move to Stolen Goat has proved to be the right decision, with more flexibility in terms of ordering, competitive pricing and a good product. Of course, the club kit remains available for sale at the Stolen Goat website.

Your committee continues to put in great efforts and my thanks goes to all the committee members for their endeavours. Ed is stepping down as the Ride Secretary at the AGM in April 2024. We therefore have a year to find a replacement and facilitate the handover. If you want to know more about the Ride Secretary role, please speak with Ed or me. As well as plenty of cycle rides, our social events, both Christmas and Summer, have been very well received with good numbers attending both events. We plan to run both events again in 2023. In particular, I want to give a big thank you to Sally for hosting the summer event and agreeing to host the 2023 edition.

In April 2023 we held our first bike maintenance training event. This event was fully subscribed. A big thank you to Mark for hosting and running the event. I hope that we can do more of these in the future.

Our club is in a strong position, and I am confident that we will continue to progress in the future. We have a strong and active membership with new riders continuing to join us. 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. I look forward to another year of cycling, especially as the weather starts to improve!

Ride Secretary, Ed Humphrey

It was great to organise rides without restrictions again for a full year, now that the worst phases of the COVID-19 pandemic appear to be behind us.

The highlights were our annual away-days to the Isle of Wight, Test Valley and New Forest. These events continue to be well attended and enjoyed so if you have a suggestion for similar rides later in the year, please contact me about including them in the schedule.

We also had informal groups of Fleet Cycling members riding the Phil Hampton Memorial Ride and other external events, particularly the Semaine Federale from 30th July to 7th August in Loudeac in Brittany. This is a unique and hugely enjoyable event run by the French equivalent of Cycling UK. This year's edition takes place in Pont-a-Mousson in Eastern France, from 23rd-30th July, a week earlier than its usual date. It's a week long celebration of cycling with routes available for all abilities every day of the week. If you've never been to a Semaine Federale, give it a try along with the 10,000 others who will be there. For more information contact me or Melvyn Dolman who is our group organiser this year.

Although these annual events provide a change of pace, it's the weekly rides that keep the club functioning, which is as true this year as ever. My thanks are due to those who volunteer to lead rides, for their ingenuity in devising and leading routes, for their ability to handle everything from minor hiccoughs to emergencies, and for their help and advice with ideas to help us organise more than 200 rides every year but especially for helping to keep the rest of us safe.

At this point I'd normally give a summary of rides, riders and miles ridden during the year, unfortunately the rides spreadsheet changed ownership during the year and the statistics that make up that part of the report were lost. I can only apologise for this and resolve to renew that fascinating part of my report next year.

If you'd like to lead rides, please contact me to arrange training, which is very straightforward, or just have a chat during one of our regular rides. I'll be standing down from this role at our next AGM in April 2024. If you think you could carry out this important role for the club, please talk to me or any committee member. It would be good to organise a smooth transition during the forthcoming year.

Publicity & Social, Lisa Chapman

It's been another busy year at Fleet Cycling - in addition to our usual round of regularly scheduled rides we are finding that our community efforts are well supported by our membership and our off-the-bike socials well attended.

Regular Newsletters

Newsletters come out regularly - at least once a quarter, or more often if warranted. Back copies and sign-up for the mail shots can be found on the Fleet Cycling home page.

WhatsApp

WhatsApp continues to be a main communication channel for Fleet Cycling; announcements, routes and signups for various events are publicised here. Let either Malcolm or myself know if you want to be on it. ***Editor's note: the rides calendar on the website should also have up-to-date information on ride dates, leaders and routes, for 30-90 days ahead.***

Community/Sport Support

Hart Triathlon - Early May Bank Holiday 2022 - 9 volunteers from Fleet Cycling marshalled the road cycling portion and earned the club £250 for our efforts. Thank you to all who helped.

Fleet Half Marathon

- 14 volunteers (on 13 bikes) led out the Fleet Half Marathon. This was trickier than in years past for several reasons - the lead motorcyclist had a puncture on the way to the venue, so never showed up - meaning we truly led out the Half Marathon! Also as the course changed due to complaints regarding closure of the High Street for the second loop - the course did a 'there and back' down the narrow sections of Pale Lane - which meant the lead car could not fit down while runners were coming back. Bryan and Arie did a super job of being 'lead car' down that section! Big thanks to Malcolm, Ed, Serena, Robert, Graeme, George, Sally Ann, Barry, Arie, Bryan, Claire and Andy P. Fabulous that so many came out on such a dismal day to fly our club colours in front of all of Fleet!

Social Activities

Summer Social

The money from our marshalling work for the Hart Triathlon went towards food for our summer social, held at Sally Ann's house, late August 2022. 30 members and plus-ones enjoyed a lovely summer evening.

Christmas Party

Approximately 30 members and plus ones enjoyed a buffet meal in the Oatsheaf pub's private room. An added bonus was live music on the night; many members stayed to enjoy a bit of dancing.

Maintenance Evening

Mark and Sarah B

While I was not involved in this, I wanted to give a big thank you to Mark and Sarah for taking the initiative to put on a basic maintenance evening at their house. Feedback was very positive and they are thinking about putting on a further one on 'Emergency Repairs on the Road'. More news to follow.

My focus for the next year is to promote our Thursday and Sunday rides - while our Tuesday and Wednesday rides are very popular, Sunday and Thursday attendance fluctuates from 3 - 4 people to over a dozen. We are also promoting local charity cycling events and/or sportive instead of our regular Sunday rides to get us out of our local area.

Secretary, Andrew Perkins

Secretarial activity this year has been much as for previous years:

- 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.

Registration Officer, Andrew Perkins

We have 374 subscribers to the Fleet Cycling newsletter (versus 362 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	21	36
New to area in last 12 months	0	2
Existing members	227	221
Total current members	248	259

We are still gaining new members, but not quite enough to keep up with the loss of members – probably those at the upper end of our age range, and those who have had to return to work after furlough, although we don't have the data to confirm that. It still compares favourably with a membership of 240 in 2019 and 199 in 2018.

Safeguarding (Welfare and Covid) Officer, Sally Swift

After a few incidents on rides, it was suggested that it might be a good idea to look into some first aid training for ride leaders. Various avenues have been looked into but nothing suitable has been identified yet. The club has bought some 'space blankets', and I have been handing these out to ride leaders who would like them (I still have a few left if anyone would like one)..

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 who is either keen to learn or already has some knowledge of websites, ideally WordPress, SiteGround, and certificate management. You will need to be generally available on email and possess a laptop/PC/Mac/Chromebook.

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 2023:

We have managed to increase our CUK reserves by £536 and our cash balance by £1,209 during the year. The increase in reserves was largely a result of another generous tranche of sponsorship from Everyone Active in return for us continuing to promote them on our club kit. The additional increase in cash was largely from sales of our holding of Le Col club kit as, although the kit was sold at a discount and we realised a loss on sale of £160, we generated £435 in cash. We again received £200 as our CUK subscription allocation and as our costs for website hosting for the year had already largely been paid this gave us a further increase in our cash position. We also received £250 in respect of marshalling duties at the Fleet triathlon which more than paid for a summer social event and left us with a small surplus of £46.

Our sales of the old kit have meant we are now only holding a very few saleable items and these are completely provided for so any future sales will generate an increase in reserves as well as cash. We do still have some Gilets which are too small for most riders which we will try and dispose of as best we can in the coming year, again these are fully written down, so any gain from these will further improve our finances.

The Treasurer plans to submit the following appendix to Cycling UK

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 2023

Assets & Liabilities

	£	
Total Fixed Assets from page 2	-	Box A Autofill
Current Assets from page 2	38	Box B Autofill
Cash and Bank Balances from page 2	2,462	Box C Autofill
Total Assets	2,500	Box D Sum Boxes A to C
Total Liabilities from page 3	-	Box E Autofill
NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)	2,500	Box F Box D minus E
Accumulated Surplus at 1 April 2022	1,964	Box G Merged figs
Surplus/Deficit for the year from page 4	536	Box H Autofill
FUNDS	2,500	Box I Box G plus Box H

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

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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 2023 and of the surplus / deficit for the year then ended.

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Fleet Cycling	Member Group	0
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FIXED ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

£

CLUB HUTS value at 1 April 2022	-	Merged figs
Plus additions	-	
Less Disposals	-	enter as a +
Less Depreciation	-	enter as a +
Value at 31 March 2023	-	

Other Assets (bikes, equipment) value at 1 April 2022	-	Merged figs
Plus additions	-	
Less Disposals	-	enter as a +
Less Depreciation	-	enter as a +
Value at 31 March 2023	-	

Total Depreciation to page 4 GENERAL EXPENDITURE section	-
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Total of Fixed Assets to Box A (page 1)	-	Autofill
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CURRENT ASSETS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Stock - Clothing,Badges,Trophies	-
Deposits with HQ	-
Amounts due from other groups/ individuals	-
Prepayments & accrued income	38
Other Debtors	-
Monies paid in bank not on statement	-
Investments	-

Total of Current Assets to Box B (page 1)	38	Autofill
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CASH & BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Bank Current Account	Bank Deposit Account	Building Society Account	Cash
	£	£	£	£
Lloyds	2,462	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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totals	2,462	-	-	-

Total Cash and Bank to Box C (page 1)	2,462
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Fleet Cycling	Member Group	0
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LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

CREDITORS

Member Group Funds

Amount owing to Treasurer	-
Amounts owed to other groups/ individuals	-
Accruals & deferred income	-
Goods /suppliers not paid /unpresented cheques	-

Sub Group Funds

Amount owing to Treasurer	-
Amounts owed to other groups	-
Accruals & deferred income	-
Goods /suppliers not paid /unpresented cheques	-
Total Liabilities to Box E (page 1)	- Autofill

INTEREST RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Net amount received £	Tax paid £	Gross amount £
Interest received from banks and building societies (if unspecified enter in gross amount)	-	-	-
Other Sources			
Interest received from N.O. on deposits	-	-	-
totals	-	-	-
Total Net Interest received to page 4 INCOME section	-		

Fleet Cycling	Member Group	0
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	£
TOTAL INCOME	
Outdoor Events	-
Social Events	-
Advertising, handbooks, run list sales	-
Clothing, badges etc sales	624
Grant from HQ	-
Annual Subscription Allocation from HQ	200
Donations	890
Legacies	-
Net Interest Received (total from page 3)	- Autofill

Profit on sale of assets	-	
Dividend Income	-	
Total Income	1,714	
TOTAL EVENT EXPENDITURE	£	
Event hire/accom/room hire	-	
Printing	-	
Food, refreshments	-	
Travel / transport	-	
Trophies/ medals/prizes	-	
Clothing costs/badges etc	786	
Other event expenditure	204	
	-	
Total	990	
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURE		
Advertising/ website costs	129	
Phones/Internet access	-	<input type="text"/>
Insurance	-	
Postage	-	
Stationery	-	
Subscriptions	-	
Donations	50	
Equipment/maintenance	-	
Training	-	
Miscellaneous	9	
Bank Charges	-	
Depreciation (total from page 2)	-	Autofill
Loss on sale of assets	-	
Total	188	
Total Expenditure	1,178	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR total to Box H (page 1)	536	

List all expenditure for the group including items purchased by the Treasurer or others not yet re-imbursed by 31.3.2023