

Fleet Cycling



Annual Report Apr 2025 to Mar 2026

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Officers' Reports

Chair, John Crossley

Since last summer I have not done a huge amount of riding, largely due to work getting in the way! Despite of this, it is great to see the club flourish.

We continue to have a very active membership, with well attended rides throughout the week. The inclusive nature of our rides and wide variety of options shows how we are delivering against Cycling UK's objectives for our local area. We should all be very proud of what we have done.

As well as riding, the social events continue to be a key part of the club calendar. They remain very popular and will remain a great way of developing off-bike friendships.

As we have discussed in previous years volunteers to be ride leaders are crucial to the success of the club. I would like to say a big thank you from me to all those who volunteer as ride leader for all their efforts. It is positive to see new ride leaders coming forward and we would welcome any new ride leaders.

Our club kit continues to be popular. We thank everyone for their purchases. It is really good to see many members in the club kit on Fleet Cycling rides.

I would like to put on record my thanks to all the committee for their efforts over the last year. They are integral to the success of Fleet Cycling.

To conclude, it is great to see so many people taking part in our rides. We continue to welcome new members. Overall, it does feel like the club is in a really good place and I thank everyone for their continued support and involvement.

Treasurer, Bryan East: report for year ending 31st March 2026

Our reserves increased by £143 in the year to £2,421 at year end. The increase arose as the subsidy received from CUK for running the club exceeded our expenditure on maintaining the website and charges levied by the bank for our current account. Our closing cash balance was £2,411.

We closed our third club kit order with Bioracer in March with a value of just under £1,000, with deliveries made in May.

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
- Replying to enquiries by email / phone
- Organising and minuting the AGM and committee meetings
- Compiling this annual report
- Ensuring any serious incidents during group rides are reported.

I would like to thank Lisa for writing the Fleet Cycling Newsletters, and my fellow committee members for all their help during the year.

Ride Secretary, Sally Swift

We have had another busy year. We recruited 4 new ride leaders, but we are always looking for more volunteers, as we have had a few rides cancelled because no one was available to lead. We also had many rides cancelled in the early part of the year due to bad weather.

The club puts on 5 rides a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and two on Sundays. The Thursday ride has now changed to be a mostly one-stop ride, but still tends to be a bit further than the usual Tuesday rides.

We have already had 3 away days to Wiltshire, Whitchurch & Petworth, with our annual Isle of Wight and New Forest rides still to come. There will also be a Solstice 100 which will have 100

mile and 100k options (based on the same route as last year's Tri-Vets ride). We will also be celebrating Martin's 70th birthday with a '70 @ 70' ride from Theale. Thank you to all those who have been involved in organising and leading these rides.

Sadly some of our favourite destinations have closed (the Bluebird Cafe at Chapel Row & Velo Life at Wargrave) and some have been struck off the list due to a poor cake selection. We have visited a few new venues and rediscovered some old ones (the Old Dairy at Privet, The Emporia at Overton). I am always on the look-out for new venues so please do share if you discover any good ones.

Some statistics for Apr-2025 to Mar-2026:

Day	Total rides	Total riders	Total miles	Total rider-miles	Average riders	Average miles
Tue	48	670	2171	28641	14	43
Wed	47	773	1483	21866	16	29
Thu	42	336	2279	16598	8	50
Fri	2	11	94	220	6	47
Sun 8:30	41	176	1889	7450	4	42
Sun 9:30	37	249	1649	9472	7	38
Grand Total	217	2215	9565	84247	10	40

267 rides were scheduled

217 rides went ahead

27 rides cancelled due to bad weather

10 rides cancelled due to no leader

1 ride cancelled due to only the leader showing up

No stats for 12 rides

Wednesday Rides, Malcolm Huson

As another year passes, the weekly Wednesday rides continue to be a popular choice within the club. The core support of regular riders was maintained throughout the year despite the extremely wet and disappointing winter months. We have seen several new riders join and stay with the group reinforcing our belief that we remain a great place to get involved with group riding before moving on to the longer rides on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

During the year we organised 52 rides although 5 were cancelled due to bad weather. Looking back at a very wet winter it is a surprise that this was one less cancellation than in 2024/25. The average involvement per ride was 16 riders (last year 17) and we covered 21,866 miles (22,569 miles last year) maintaining the average ride distance of 29 miles. The Wednesday group rode 26% of the Club's total miles.

We continue to be fortunate in having a small team of regular ride leaders which enables us to ride in the smaller groups that appear to be preferred. Unfortunately we have temporarily lost Trevor as a ride leader while he undergoes a long recovery following an accident in March. The incident didn't occur on a Club ride but he is sorely missed and we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back up front in the not-too-distant future.

The ride destinations are selected quarterly in advance and we aim to ensure that the regular riders have an opportunity to influence the choice of coffee and cake stops. Our 27 listed destinations are generally in the range of 25 to 30 miles although we have a couple that extend

the ride to 35 miles. If you wish to be included in the process please let a ride leader know and I will set up the quarterly communication. We also use this process to identify suggested new destinations; this is encouraged as we have lost a couple of favoured rest stops recently.

The Wednesday rides continue to be well attended in the new year and we welcome all new riders wishing to ride some 30 miles on a Wednesday morning. Our destinations are posted on the club's website each quarter and route details are generally posted on Facebook, the website and WhatsApp at least 24 hours in advance.

Publicity & Social, Lisa Chapman

Our numbers remain strong, especially for Tuesday and Wednesday rides, where we often see well in excess of 20 cyclists show up. Sundays are very popular for our lady riders - this past Sunday (24th May) saw 7 ladies come along, a good showing indeed.

Fleet Cycling continues to follow a seasonally flexible approach to rides, with shorter rides in the winter months and longer rides, especially on Thursdays, in the summer months. We have also instituted a vote on venue (pub or cafe) for Thursday rides, which has increased the popularity of Thursdays. Some pubs are firm favourites, such as The Plough in Little London especially in winter, and Flower Pots in Cheriton during the summer, and we will continue to use them on the occasional Thursday.

We have flexibility as well in catering to various rider speeds/strengths, with Tuesdays seeing two groups, one longer and faster, one slightly shorter and more moderately paced so that we can engage with as large a cycling audience as possible.

We also put on a good selection of away rides that proved popular, such as the Tour de Wiltshire, Isle of Wight, New Forest and more. Publicity channels are via Facebook, Word of Mouth (tell your friends, people seeing us in front of the HLC, etc), occasionally the free magazines Round and About and Vantage, and local bike shops.

Off the bike, both the summer barbeque and the winter social at the Wyvern were well attended, with the excess monies from the summer barbeque donated to the Phyllis Tuckwell hospice charity.

Registration Officer, Andrew Perkins

We have 401 subscribers to the Fleet Cycling newsletter (versus 403 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 has been roughly steady over the last few years, after a jump from 199 in 2018 to 240 in 2019.

Category	May 2026	May-25	Apr-24	Apr-23
New in last 12 months	24	24	12	21
New to area in last 12 months	0	0	0	0
Existing members	210	215	222	227
Lapsed or moved away in last 12 months	unknown	-19	-26	unknown
Total current members	234	239	234	248

Safeguarding (Welfare) Officer, Robert Humphrey

No incidents to report.

Webmasters, Robert Humphrey and Andrew Perkins

Our website, at fleetcycling.org.uk, is a valuable resource as a central point of information for our members. 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!

2026 Annual General Meeting

The 2026 AGM will be held on **Tuesday 2nd June** in Studio 3, Hart Leisure Centre, Fleet GU51 5EE, at 8:00 PM.

The Agenda will be on the website under [About Us > Administration](#)