



Runs Secretary's Report – AGM 2022

There's no doubt that 2 years of pandemic have had a profound effect on our Cycling Club - not only on who rides, but also how we ride, and how we organise rides.

For some, it caused a "break in habits" and a number of regular riders now come out less frequently, if at all. It also led to the proliferation of WhatsApp groups, which has had many benefits in last-minute change of plans (if a café wasn't open, for example), but also can lead to fragmentation and some members feeling excluded. We must be careful to remember that this is a club, open to all, and to resist it slipping into "groups of friends" going riding together.

I also note the dissatisfaction of some members that the Club doesn't always provide rides that suit their needs. We do try to provide a good variety of rides to suit the people who come out and ride regularly, at different days and times during the week. But it should be remembered that it is a relatively small Club, and the pool of people willing to put the time and effort into organising the Club, coming up with destinations, and leading rides, is very small indeed. If you feel your needs are not catered for, then we have the Facebook Group, where you can post messages to see if there are other like-minded people, and you can form your own group within the Club. We simply do not have the numbers of actively- involved people to be able to cater for every need.

I would like to put out a big thanks to all the Committee Members (past and present) who put their own time into running the club, and to all the people who put the extra effort in and plan and lead rides, and to those who provide the destination lists for all the groups.

Having been Runs Secretary for 8 years now, I find I am struggling to find the time and energy to commit to this role, with the pressures of working within the NHS, and a few other commitments that I've picked up. I hope that someone else can take on this role.