

Runs Secretary's Report

Cheltenham CTC aka Cycling UK still has a healthy take up of riders on the scheduled runs list.

Coming out of the various lockdowns some habits have changed.

Winter weather has naturally cut the number riders out, but also we have lost some venues to the economic climate.

After removing the annual points trophy the club has lost its standard reporting mechanism for numbers of rides which we used to be able show gave us a quantifiable and comparable end of year total.

So anecdotally, I'd say rides are nearly back to pre-pandemic levels with daytime Tuesday rides being particularly healthy.

I'd like to be able to collect at least the numbers of people on rides and of course the names of any newcomers.

There has been an increase on the use of social media (mostly WhatsApp and Facebook) to amend ride destinations due to inclement weather or venue closures – I see this as pretty positive for all the people currently in the ride cliques but less so for newbies or irregulars not on that particular media feed.

Thursday evening A rides (usually 3 to 6 riders only) have maintained an earlier start time of 6.45 from lockdown habits that isn't yet advertised on the runs list.

Tuesday morning A ride destinations seem to be organised through a WhatsApp group.

Sunday C-rides are now destination only.

Both Thursday/Friday morning destination-only rides are still published as there seems to be still be demand for such – they were originally only duplicated in order to get people into the same venues during proper lockdown conditions.

Beginner/taster rides were tried last summer to moderate success, we are likely to try another experiment this year.

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