

Exeter Wheelers Cycling Club

Report for 2025 Annual General Meeting



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Results of members' feedback

What would you most like to see from Exeter Wheelers in the year ahead?

Option	Count	%
More varied routes	17	47%
Better communication and event updates	17	47%
Opportunities for women's and beginner-friendly rides	15	42%
More social events and get-togethers	13	36%
Greater support for racing and training	10	28%
More regular club rides	9	25%
More Go-Ride/youth activities	9	25%
Annual trips (e.g., Mallorca)	9	25%
Stronger community involvement and partnerships	9	25%
Improved club kit or merchandise	8	22%
More volunteers	1	3%
Talks with other local community groups (cycling, longevity, Healthspan)	1	3%
It's great for what I want now (social rides)	1	3%
Make the Saturday social the club ride	1	3%
Better Organised Club Rides	1	3%
A virtual racing lead and regular WTRL coordination	1	3%
36 responses		

How could you contribute to making that happen? (select as many as you want)

Option	Count	%
Showing up to rides	24	71%
I'm happy to help occasionally when needed	17	50%
Supporting event organization or marshalling	15	44%
Helping to lead or support club rides	13	38%
Joining the committee or taking on a role	11	32%
Assisting with Go-Ride or youth activities	8	24%
Helping with club communications or social media	8	24%
Offering professional/technical skills (e.g., design, IT, admin)	6	18%
Helping with sponsorship or local connections	1	3%
I could suggest some alternative routes for the Saturday Social rides	1	3%
34 responses		

Chairman's report - Ian Hennessey

We have had a fairly successful year with social events, club rides, randonné events, time-trials and a road race. Our members have been active in events around the country.

The committee has struggled to attract members to take on official tasks, and we currently have several key vacancies which I hope will be filled this AGM.

Thanks to the Cuckoo bar for hosting us through the year.

CTT report - Mike Rose

CTT 2025

Number of riders participating in TTs remains static although Cornwall appears have increased their numbers.

Open Events

Four Firs

As usual a grey dull day with rain at the end. The event was won by our own Andrew Whittemore with an excellent ride.

EWCC 10

The evening had high traffic volumes possible due to the finish of a Bank holiday . From the turn back to the dual carriageway it was reported by the marshals of numerous dangerous cycling onto the slip road.

Participating wheelers had some great riders eclipsed by Luke Osbourne brilliant second place.

A decision has been made to have our open 10 on the Smeatharpe course on safer roads with a reduced traffic volume due to its location.

EWCC 25

Unfortunately clashed with the Honiton Hill Rally so it had to be cancelled.

Hill climb

Another great event with a good field well organised by Andrew Whittemore who also finished 5th overall from a strong field.

National Events

James Greenway completed in the National 10 on a tough course in Cornwall finished in the top half of the field. The National 100 was held in sweltering conditions Luke Osbourne finished 14th overall and Nik Rorke won an age category medal.

Club 10s

Club 10s went well despite an incident involving the police. Numbers of riders remained static. Our women's only event was particularly disappointing with just three riders. James Greenway had some brilliant rides on this course.

Finlay Webb

Our para champ Finlay has had a great season riding at the highest level aboard. The results speak for themselves. Fin has really put EWCC on the map. Special mention must be given to Fins dad Andy who has driven over Europe supporting Fin and still finds time to marshal our local events.

19th UCI World Cup

3rd UCI C1 Breton Cup
8th British Championships
2nd Para National Series
3rd Para National Series

I would like to thank the organisers of our events alongside those that took the trouble to marshal alongside Ann Owen for taking photos that are always appreciated by the riders. Sally Hutter and Ken Evans completed as always, a sterling task of time keeping throughout the season we are as always eternally grateful to them giving up their time.

Sally has decided that this would be her last season of timekeeping but has mentioned she would help marshalling.

CTT are looking at an electronic system of time keeping hopefully the SWTT committee will provide an update in the coming months.

I intend to stand down as CTT secretary hopefully we can fill this post. As always I will help and mentor any member wishing to take up the post. I will also be available for marshalling and complete any task is required.

Our New Year TT will be on January 11th more details will follow.

CTC/AUK report - Ian Hennessey

We have a reasonably active Audax events group, with four organisers: Lucy Bufton, Sarah Britton, Jamie Andrews and Ian Hennessey

Events for 2026 can be found on the AUK website. We are as usual running a complete Super Randoneur series plus other events.

RRA: There's been one attempt passing through Exeter: Lands End to London, Lee Williams - unsuccessful.

Club Membership Report - Rob Masterson

EWCC MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS AT 7th November 2025

Cut off for information: 09:00:00 on Friday 7th November 2025.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

1. 2025 Memberships

	Male	Female	TOTAL
Senior Members	114	7	121
Family Members (11 memberships)	19	10	29
Second Claim Members	4	0	4
Life / Honorary / Non-paying	11	3	14
Juniors	2	0	2
Juveniles	2	0	2
TOTAL MEMBERS	152	20	172
Applications pending (see para 2)	1	1	174

2. Applications for Membership (4 No).

For approval:

- Jennifer Roberts, Exeter (Senior)
- Stuart Pollard, Exeter (Senior)

3. Discontinued.

- Brian Moore – Recurring PayPal cancelled 5th November 2025

4. Current Membership. An updated list is attached.

Rob Masterson
Membership Secretary

EWCC MEMBERS AS AT 11th October 2025

Senior Members	Leo Andre-Benezit James Andrews Gideon Aroussi Gary Ashelford James Atkinson Matthew Atkinson Richard Babbage William Bailey John Baker Tobias Bergmiller Steven Best David Binding Steve Birch Pete Bishop David Blundell Mike Bollard James Bowman Andrew Bradford Allister Brimble Max Burdett Paul Cameron Neil Carey Tim Carpenter Lewis Carr Morgan Centini Wilf Chun Stephen Connery Duncan Coe John Cowen Alex Crump Nicholas Curley Simon Daveney Jonathan Davies Morris Elphick Nathan Field David Fleming Tim Fowler David Gardiner Joe Godwin James Greenaway Mark Haley Richard Harding Jon Hare Philip Harris Samuel Harris Nick Helsing Will Henderson Ian Hennessey Kane Herbert Ulrich Hewald Robert Hicken Franklin Higgins Stuart Higgins	Sarah Britton Lucy Bufton Trudy Clist Barbara Collings Victoria Sale Nikki Toomer Pippa Wheeler	
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	William Holmes Jeremy Honeywill Lewis Hull David Hyde Darragh Jennings Stephen Johncock Robert Jones Xingsan Kan John Kavanagh Neil Kay John King Richard Kotarski Dunstan Langrish Aaron Lawrence Benedict James Leger Andrew Ludman David MacDonald James Maddison Ben Marks Rob Masterson Kyle McCormick Andrew McKean Andy McRae Guy Melville Richard Millett Marc Millon Joseph Monk Ricky Morgan Damion Norcombe Chris O'Connor Dominic O'Donnell Bourke, Luke Osborne Roger Parkes Joao Placido Ferreira Jonathan Porter Ben Pyne David Riddell Stephen Riglar Philip Robertson Mike Rose Richard Salisbury Chris Shakya Ed Shaw Gordon Stephen David Stevens Sandy Storrie Richard Taylor Jeremy Thorne Graham Turner Jonathan Warner Sean Watmore Mark Watson Robert Wensley Mike West Darren Westlake		
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	Andrew Whittemore David Wilkinson Paul Wynne Matthew Yard Ben Zissimos		
Family	Jude Anthonisz Ken Evans Matthew Evans Craig Lawson Owen Lawson Edward Mayall Fred Mayall Diogo Pacheco Filipe Pacheco Tiago Pacheco F Rorke Greg Rorke David Sheehan Richard Smith Andrew Tombs Matthew Vahiboglu Miro Vahiboglu Andy Webb Finlay Webb	Jean Ackford Lyn Evans Catherine Finlayson Kelly Lawson Mariana Pacheco D Rorke Nik Rorke A Smith Mary Anne Tombs Ayse Vahiboglu	
Second Claim	Tristan Kelsall-Spurr George Pym Tom Staniford Andriy Shamardin		
Life / Honorary	D Gilbert W Hooper S Kelly Didier Lebatteux Ian Moore T Pearce Robin Rowan J Shipman T Street J Thacker P Williams	Sally HUTTER Elaine JEWKES Ann OWENS	
Juniors	Robin Dafforn Martin Falle		
Juveniles	Monty Higgins Michael Mason-Sanders,		

Treasurer's report - Chris Shakya

Please see treasurers for the period ending 31/10/2025 below

Bank Balances

Current - £892.91

Saving - £18,294.54

PayPal - £209.86

Total - £19,397.31

Income

Escott - £125.00

Membership - £95.00

Interest - £22.83

Total - £242.83

Expenses

Escott - £288.00

Storage - £100.00

Membership Fee's - £4.26

Total - £392.26

BC report - Nick Helsing

At last years AGM I did want to step down as BC Secretary but said I would stay on in an administrative capacity. The brief nature of this report reflects this reduced role.

My BC dashboard shows 78 Exeter Wheelers club members have BC membership. This is the same as last year. A further 12 members identify as second claim. 44 of those 78 members have full racing licenses. We have one Junior and 3 Youth BC members.

This year the club ran;

- Two Westpoint events forming part of the Cream First SW criterium series
- The Tom Hawkins Road Race
- Dawlish Grand Prix support races before the two national elite races
- Escot Cyclo Cross.

On behalf of the club I'd like to say a big thank you to Gideon Aroussi for organising the second Westpoint event.

However, the club owe a huge debt of gratitude to Jon Hare. He organised everything else!

The amount of work Jon put into these events cannot be overstated. The Tom Hawkins, Dawlish support races and Escot are all big events that take weeks of planning. We should be in no doubt that without Jon's input our race organisation programme would have collapsed.

That said, race organisers need volunteer staff to help them. So thank you to all those club members who gave their time to our race organisers.

If we have more club members like Jon and Gideon then I'm happy to stay on as BC Secretary in an administrative and advisory role. I cannot commit to event organising, or attending BC meetings, for example date fixing.

Ideally we need a BC Secretary who is more actively involved in racing and event organisation. As various club members have noticed I'm more likely to get involved in the youth side of things.

Go Ride report - Diogo Pacheco

Over the past year, I took over the role of Go-Ride Coordinator with the main goal of revitalising our Exeter Wheelers Academy. While we made some progress, I must acknowledge that this goal has not yet been fully achieved. The main challenge remains the limited availability of qualified coaches to lead regular activities for young riders.

Despite these constraints, there have been several positive developments. We saw an increase in the number of children participating in the few races we organised, which shows a growing interest in youth cycling within our community. I have also been actively encouraging participation by reaching out through my personal network and inviting my children's friends to join sessions — an effort that helped increase attendance, even if it hasn't yet translated into new permanent members.

Looking ahead, there are encouraging signs for the future. We are close to welcoming a new coach specialising in mountain biking, Stuart Higgins, who will significantly strengthen our capacity to deliver youth sessions. Stu and I have also been involved in the South West Go-Ride initiatives, where local clubs are working together to pool resources and expand opportunities for young riders. This collaboration has already led to successful cluster sessions for road racing and cyclo-cross, and we plan to extend these to mountain biking next year.

Internally, we've heard from our members that there is a strong desire to see more activities for children. With growing regional collaboration and the likely addition of new coaching capacity, I am optimistic that we can officially relaunch our Academy in the coming year.

Finally, British Cycling is introducing a new club categorisation framework, and we are in the process of registering Exeter Wheelers under the *Talent Pathway* category, with a focus on developing young riders and supporting their progression in the sport.

Overall, while this has been a year of groundwork rather than major expansion, the foundations are now in place for meaningful growth of our Go-Ride and youth development activities in 2026.

Rides report - Jon Hare

I am happy to continue as Rides Officer if elected for the coming year.

This year has been challenging for me doing more than I probably should have done with the Club outside of Rides, but I am happy to put more focus into Rides and let the Race Organising and Club Events be taken on by someone else, or indeed be positioned in a new role that's more suitable.

This past 12 months has been challenging for our Club for sure and I hope we get more hands on deck for the coming year. Rides have generally run fairly steadily however, and I believe we offer enough, with possibly a few tweaks and the potential to offer an additional Tuesday night Off Road ride as previously discussed but not implemented. We would require someone to head this up.