

Chairman's report 2020/2021

As you will well know from 2019 up to the present time has been very difficult for everyone with this dreadful Covid virus, however we still managed to keep up the rides most of the time apart from the full lockdown. Numbers have been down on all of the rides due to the virus and people have not wanted to meet up in groups in order to avoid giving or receiving the virus.

As more and more people seem to be buying bikes, whether this be for fitness, economic or climate change reasons we need to think of ideas to encourage these people to come and join our club. One suggestion is to have invitation rides where we could possibly involve the local press to do a feature on cycling around the Huddersfield and Holme Valley areas. If anyone has any more ideas please feel free to discuss them at this meeting.

We have had some very successful tours this past year, the first being in the Derbyshire Peak district staying in the Castleton Youth Hostel for a long weekend cycling around some very challenging climbs and beautiful scenery. And then a five day tour in the Scottish Borders with some fantastic routes and thankfully great weather. These tours have been well received and places got fully booked very early. The Scottish tour was so successful we are going again this year.

With the lockdown in place some members have been planning their own tours. Julia and Carl spent a week touring the Scottish Highlands and Gennie cycled all the way back from Scotland unsupported whilst wild camping all the way back.

The summer rides calendar is now completed and contains some really good routes, but if there is a destination you would like to ride to or please get in touch with a committee member and we will try to accommodate it. Or if the format of the rides is not to your liking please feel free to make any suggestions as it is your club with your rides.

Lastly I would like to thank all the Committee and tour organisers for all the work they have put in over the past year if it wasn't for this, the club would not exist and I hope you will carry on these tasks this following year.

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