

Agenda and notes for C&NW CTC Jitsi meeting Thursday 21stth August 2025

Attended by: Sue Booth, Paul Kerr, Steve Larwood, Dave Matthews, Graham Hines, Allan Samuel, John Mather, Lowri Evans

1. Apologies

Laurie Mason, Mark Wardle, Ian Slater, (Paul Mills – didn't receive meeting information emails)

2. Election of Chairman

Dave Matthews Proposed by Sue Both, seconded by Lowri Evans elected nem con.

3. Minutes of previous meeting (*circulated prior to the meeting*)

Minutes were agreed with no amendments

4. Minutes of AGM (*circulated prior to the meeting*)

Minutes were agreed with no amendments

5. Secretary's update

- a. The Secretary's Annual Returns & the Treasurer's Annual returns were submitted on time to Cycling UK
- b. The secretary apologised that the planned committee meeting scheduled for July had to be postponed; and thanked the club and individuals for the flowers, cards and messages.
- c. The secretary explained that there had been issues recently with sending out emails probably due to a BT server update. This meant that people with BT email addresses weren't getting CycleClips, and the secretary was having issues with sending out BCC emails as they were being blocked as potential phishing messages. Those attending the meeting agreed they were happy to have committee emails which showed their email addresses.
- d. An update email had been received from Cycling UK with information for groups regarding feedback on the annual survey amongst other topics. Following the survey the Cycling UK membership team are proposing to simplify the annual returns process, strengthen connections with groups and are developing a new prototype for groups to use to check local lists.
Action the email, or a summary of the main points, to be circulated.
- e. Impsport had been contacted – they would change the Cycling UK logo to the new logo (black on yellow background as previously) for no extra charge.
Action secretary to contact Impsport & Cycling UK Brand to get a proof of kit with new logo
- f. Volunteer of the Year – the question was raised if Cycling UK had volunteer of the year awards in 2024 and whether nominations were open for 2025.

6. Treasurer's Report (*accounts circulated prior to the meeting*)

The Chairman thanked the treasurer and event organisers for doing a great job. The margin for the Vets 100 was £508.22 (less £35 hall hire at Duddon, late invoice) and for the Bob Clift rides £822.62.

It was agreed that these were very healthy returns and there was no need to aim for higher profit from these events. Other events during the year would aim to break even.

7. Events 2025 & 2026

a. Recent events and notes for next year

Sunday 11th May 2025 - Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Audaxes plus 2 new Audaxes - Brandon Edgeley

2 new events had been added. The Populaire attracted several riders who possibly would not have attempted one of the longer events. There was only a relatively small field for the new gravel ride; however, it was a challenging course and only a certain percentage of Audax riders currently go for the gravel events.

Tour of the Berwyns 208K 20 riders completed

Over the Marshy Berwyn 165k gravel taking in the Wayfarers path 4 riders completed

Panorama Prospect 133K 16 riders completed

Cheshire Lanes Populaire 57K 9 riders completed

Many thanks to Brandon and all the volunteers who made the event possible (including Janet Jones who once again provided very welcome refreshments on the Panorama.)

18th May 2025 - Bob Clift Memorial Rides 50 mile and 80mile events from Duddon Dave Matthews

Robert Wardle and David Robertson (*see also Ride report by Dave Matthews*)

There was good weather and both events were well supported. There were no issues with the 50mile route. The 80mile route had a main road section to avoid very rough surfaces on a quieter route. Since the event there have been some repairs so it is intended to reinstate the quieter option for 2026.

Entries were limited to 50 per distance. The 50mile ride was oversubscribed – 42 riders started & all finished safely (there are 3riders who withdrew prior to the closing date so they have free entries next year). 31 entered the 80mile event with 26 starters (who all completed).

2026 proposed date Sunday 31st May. Dave Matthews has offered to organise the 50mile event again with Rob Wardle organising the 80mile event. Costs were discussed, Tilly's has already been asked for a price; £14 pp so with entry central costs of approx. £1pp, £2 for tea, coffee etc, and hall hire of £35 price may rise to £19.50 pp.

Thanks were noted for the organiser & all the volunteers.

7th & 8th June 2025 - Caeathro Caernarfon - Glan Gwna 200 & 125, Cylchdaith Yr Wyddfa 108K Graham Hines

The Glan Gwna events were in their 2nd year, both on the Saturday, with the new 'Cylchdaith Yr Wyddfa' on the Sunday. As intended several people decide to ride on both days. The rides started at the Glan Gwna site with refreshments available at the café. The weather was breezy with some heavy showers at times on the Saturday, and windy on the Sunday. The rides were a success with riders enjoying the challenging events.

Glan Gwna 200 – 213K -13 riders completed the event

Glan Gwna 120 – 125K -14 riders completed the event

Cylchdaith yr Wyddfa – 11 riders completed the event with 1 having done the 200 the previous day and 7 the 120.

Many thanks to Graham Hines for organising the events.

2026 was discussed, currently the organiser is proposing to run them again at a similar time of year, and possibly more riders could be encouraged to make a weekend of it. There was a suggestion of an 50K on the Sunday, although there isn't an obvious route.

Weekend of 7th June - Fab Ladies Weekend – Arnside – Sue Booth

Once again Sue Booth organised a successful Ladies weekend that was enjoyed by all of the participants (even though the weather was unsettled at times). Thanks were expressed to the organiser.

Sunday 6th July 2025 - Triennial Vets 100 – Ian Slater

The event report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The organiser was thanked for another successful event; 77 entries were received and 76 started the event, all of whom completed it. There were 6 participants on e-bikes. The weather for the ride was dry, however there was a stiff headwind for the return leg. Participants praised the catering at the controls.

To try to avoid clashes with the road closures for the West Felton Village fete groups were started at 5 minute intervals rather than the usual 10 minutes. The change of start times from the original emails sent in the week of the event was discussed. Some individuals missed their groups. It was suggested by some who had been leading groups that possibly an extra person was needed to help assemble the groups & hi-vis for the volunteers could make it easier to get groups assembled.

There didn't seem to have been many issues of groups bunching on the road more than previous years.

Cycling UK did provide the certificate template with the new logo (although they had to be chased for it). Their original plan for participants to order their own badges from the Cycling UK shop fell through shortly before the events; many thanks to Ian Slater for taking the orders and arranging distribution.

The events are scheduled for Sunday 5th July next year.

Thurs 24th to Tue 29th July 2025 - Welsh Festival CTC Cymru, Ruthin - Emrys Jones / Lowri Evans

The Festival was well attended with 94 people signing in plus another 10-15 who came for the Audax events but not other parts of the Festival. The weather was generally good with people enjoying the rides over the 4 days and the competitions on the Saturday (treasure hunt, hill climb and freewheel). The meals on the Saturday and Sunday evening were very popular with over 60 people enjoying evening meals together both evenings.

Graham Hines organised the Audax events on the Sunday –

The Clwydian 207k with 2800m climbing - 7 completed the challenging event

Y Dyffryn Clwyd 130k with 2000m climbing – 16 completed the ride

Both events went well with all riders in before 9pm. There are some minor adjustments to make to arrangements for 2026.

Provisional dates for 2026 are 23rd to 28th July with Audax events on the Sunday. Emrys Jones stepped down & it is intended to have a CTC Cymru AGM in the autumn to elect new officers. Many thanks to all who volunteered at the event to make it possible, and those who have volunteered to help next year.

b. Future events 2025

Sat 6th September 2025 - Momma Audax Events - John Gallager mentor Brandon Edgeley

Thanks to John and Brandon the event is organised with the event on the cycling UK site as well and the Audax website. Reminders of the closing date to be sent to C&NW CTC groups and posted on the Facebook page.

Sat 4th October 2025 -Hill Climb & Freewheel from Llanbenwch – Lowri Evans

Llanbenwch has been contacted and arrangements made. Event to be set up on the Cycling UK Events list.

19th October 2025 - President's Ride & Lunch Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C. – Dave Matthews

The Caterer Mark Watson will be providing lunch of soup, sandwiches, tea, coffee and cake at cost of £11 per head (cost for approx. 30 people). The other cost will be hall hire, and Entry Central fees. An entry fee of £17.50 was suggested. It was agreed to produce a spreadsheet to compare costs for different numbers of entries and finalise the fee after the meeting. It was suggested that the caterer should be asked if he had soup bowls (limited number available in the hall). Once fees were agreed the president will set up the event on Entry Central & Secretary to register and set up on the Cycling UK website. Routes to be finalised late.

The organisers and volunteers were complimented on the wide range of events.

c. Future events 2026

These were discussed - some notes are above with the 2025 reports. Updated table below:

Provisional dates	C&NW Events 2026	
Thursday 1st Jan 2026	New Year's Day Meet - ? Carden Arms Tilston?	
<i>Sunday April 2026</i>	C&NW CTC AGM Pulford– ?	Lowri Evans
<i>May 2026</i>	Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Audaxes plus 2 new Audaxes	Brandon Edgeley
Sunday 31st May 2026	Bob Clift Memorial Rides 50mile and 80mile events from Duddon	Dave Matthews 50 Robert Wardle and David Robertson 80
<i>6th & 7th or 13th & 14th June 2026 TBC</i>	Audax events in the west of the C&NW CTC area. Caeathro Caernarfon - Glan Gwna 200 & 125 Cylchdaith yr Wyddfa 100k on the Sunday. Riders may wish to make a weekend of the events	Graham Hines
<i>TBC</i>	Fab Ladies Weekend	Sue Booth
Sunday 5th July 2026	Bert Bailey Memorial Vets 100.	Ian Slater
<i>Thurs 23rd to Tue 28th July 2026 TBC</i>	Welsh Festival CTC Cymru Ruthin– rides on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday	?? & / Lowri Evans
<i>Sunday 26th July</i>	Corwen July Audax events starting from Ruthin Rugby Club	<i>Graham Hines</i>
<i>August or September 2026</i>	<i>Possibility of Barmouth Boulevard & Brenig Bach starting from Corwen</i>	<i>Graham Hines</i>
<i>August Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Wild Wales</i>	<i>Merseyside CTC</i>
<i>Sat 5th September?</i>	Momma Audax Events	John Gallagher mentor Brandon Edgely
<i>Sat 3rd October?</i>	Hill Climb & Freewheel – from Llanbenwch	Lowri Evans
<i>18th October?</i>	President's Ride & Lunch Tilston TBC	C&NW CTC President

8. Link

Mark Jones has been learning the software and has produced a rough a draft edition. Dave Matthews asked for a copy of the draft so that he could write a forward. Material should be sent to the link editor as in the past.

It was suggested that it could be published by posting it on the C&NW CTC website.

9. Publicity update

a. Facebook Paul mills the publicity office has been posting events and news on the site. Many thanks

b. Banners and flags 2 banners and flags are in Ruthin ready for the Presidents ride, the rest are with publicity offers.

10. Registration Officer's Report

There were currently 1674 members showing on the Cycling UK list. It showed 7 new members last month and & for the previous month. There were 37 lapse members listed for the last 2 months split roughly 50:50 between individual and household members. This was discussed

with the possibility that more could be done with the data; questioned whether some had simply forgotten to renew.

11. Safeguarding

Safe guarding officer reported there were no issues

12. CAN updates

a. Close passes -these were discussed together with reports that members where unhappy with the withdrawal of the SNAP reporting scheme by North Wales and the Cycling UK response.

(Following the meeting the information was checked – it seems that incidents can still be reported via Operation SNAP but due to the large amount of footage and limited resources lower-level incidents that would in the past have resulted in a letter from the police are no longer being dealt with)

b. Campaigning -Paul Bevan has been active with various campaigning issues.

13. Club Archives

No recent activity

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a. Recent awards

Allan Samuel was congratulated on his well-deserved Certificate of Appreciation for the hard work for the Club and the Watson's Wanderers that was presented at the Vets 100.

b. Audax badges

The purchase of Audax badges for giving to participants in C&NW CTC Audax events was discussed. The idea had been discussed with the current Audax organisers. The badges would help to publicise the events and the club and be available at all the club audax events.

c. Members response to Cycling UK – it was discussed that some members were unhappy with the Cycling UK as there was too much emphasis on gravel rides and that insurance was cheaper elsewhere.

The secretary said that there had been an email that afternoon from Cycling UK from the membership team saying how they intended to improve support for groups including a new system for checking membership data.

Action Secretary to try to forward the email or extracts from it.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 13th November 2025 &pm via Jitsi