

## Minutes from C&NW CTC Jitsi meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### 1. Apologies

Laurie Mason, Paul Kerr, Steve Larwood, John Mather (for part of the meeting).

### 2. Attending

Dave Matthews, Allan Samuel, Paul Mills Sue Both, Lowri Evans John Mather (part of the meeting)

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

The minutes were agreed. Action points from the minutes to be covered under other agenda items.

### 4. Secretary's update

a. **Arthur Miller** – sadly Arthur Miller has passed away. He had been very active in the Club organising and leading rides, Club Secretary and later archivist were some his posts and roles. A letter of condolence was sent on behalf of the Club and about 8-10 members attended his funeral including Dave Mathews, Sue Booth, Peter Williams, Mike Cross, Lowri Evans, Glennys & John Hammond. The family were glad that the members had attended and that some had the C&NW CTC kit. Sympathy goes to Arthur's friends and family.

b. **BT emails** – it appears that most of the issues with group emails that arose from a BT update in the summer have now been resolved (although Paul Mills still hasn't been receiving the emails that the Secretary is sending out to the group **Action**: Secretary to try to resolve the issue)

c. **Groups News Letter** – committee members should have received a Groups Quarterly News Letter on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November for Cycling UK. Several at the meeting didn't appear to have received it. **Action** Secretary to forward to those who didn't think they had been sent the new letter. (See also section (Registration Officer)

Most of the work in recent weeks has been related to the Audax badges, new kit and 2026 events list.

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

Figures were discussed. Although the President's Ride & Lunch appears to show a loss this is due to the hall deposit for the 2026 event (£125) being paid in this financial year. As the income/expense is so low for the Hill Climb & Freewheeling it is shown as the profit (£6) rather than paying entry fees in and reclaiming the costs – the receipts for expenses are sent to the treasurer as well as details of the entry fees collected.

It was agreed that both the Bob Clift events and the Vets 100 had made good profits this year thanks to the work of organisers & volunteers.

It is planned to use some of the money to subsidise club kit, purchase the new audax badges and to purchase some more emergency blankets (see later sections for these topics).

### 6. Events 2025 & 2026

**Recent events 2025-please see appendix for full details of the 3 events**

Huge thanks to the organisers and volunteers for all their work.

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Momma Audax Events John Gallager mentor Brandon Edgeley**

A very successful day which started with the presentation of the President's trophy to Brandon Edgeley by Dave Matthews. Over the 3 events there were 40 entries; there were 25 starters. All finished the longer & shorter event, but only one complete Momma's Mountain Views out of a

starting field of 4. There were no accidents or incidents. Thanks were noted for the organisers & volunteers.

#### **Sat 19th October 2025 President's Ride & Lunch Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C.**

19 people booked for the event, with 12 deciding to ride on the day and some others coming by car. The poor weather forecast resulting in some people who had booked deciding not to come. Caffi Cariad provided an excellent starting venue and Mark Watson did a very good job of the catering, and only charged for the number confirmed (19) rather than the estimated 30.

There was discussion about ride leaders – possibly having the option of a lead ride might encourage some riders to attend and ride in unfamiliar areas (as some don't use route sheets or GPS). Dave Matthews & Lowri Evans were thanked for organising the event.

#### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Hill Climb & Freewheel – from Llanbenwch (postponed from 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

Due to weather warnings for Storm Amy the event was postponed from 4<sup>th</sup> October. As has been the case in recent years there was a small turn out of competitors (6) but a very good turn out of volunteers. Once again Ben Hughes was victorious in the hill climb; Mike Gilbert won the freewheeling. All were made very welcome at Llanbenwch where there were refreshments available before & after the event (which was important as it is mainly a social; event). Thanks to all the riders & volunteers.

#### **Future events 2026 and beyond**

The draft timetable was discussed -

<b>Provisional dates</b>	<b>C&amp;NW Events 2026</b>	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026</b>	New Year's Day Meet -Carden Arms Tilston Dave Matthews making the arrangements 15 places booked 12 for 12.30 To be publicised on Facebook & set up as event	Dave Matthews & Allan Samuel
<i>Possibly Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026</i>	C&NW CTC AGM Pulford Venue agreed if available – some said 19 <sup>th</sup> April preferred date. TBC if current officers can attend and hall available	Lowri Evans
<i>Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Easter weekend</i>	<i>Three County Towns &amp; Fun Day in the Park Audaxes</i> <i>Not C&amp;NW CTC event but C&amp;NW CTC riders may want to ride</i>	<i>John Gallagher</i>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Prospect	Brandon Edgeley
<b>Sunday 31st May 2026</b>	Bob Clift Memorial Rides 50mile and 80mile events from Duddon	Dave Matthews 50 Robert Wardle and David Robertson 80
<b>6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	Audax events in the west of the C&NW CTC area. Caeathro Caernarfon Saturday - Glan Gwna 200 & 120 Sunday – Cylchdaith Yr Wyddfa 100K <b>New</b> Menai a Lon Eifion 50 K (62k) 😊 Riders may wish to make a weekend of the events	Graham Hines
	Fab Ladies Weekend date TBC	Sue Booth
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	Bert Bailey Memorial Vets 100.	Ian Slater
<i>Thurs 23rd to Tue 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026 TBC</i>	Welsh Festival CTC Cymru Ruthin– rides on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday	?? & / Lowri Evans

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Corwen July Audax events starting from Ruthin Rugby Club: The Clwydian 200k & Y Dyffryn Clwyd 100k	Graham Hines
August Bank Holiday	Wild Wales	Merseyside CTC
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Momma Audax Events	John Gallager mentor Brandon Edgely
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Barmouth Boulevard 200K & 120k Brenig Bach & Bala Mini Bash 60k starting from Corwen	Graham Hines
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> October?	Hill Climb & Freewheel – from Llanbenwch Date not yet set	Lowri Evans
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	President's Ride & Lunch Tilston details TBC Hall booked by DM & paid for	C&NW CTC President

**CTC Cymru AGM** – hopefully it will take place online early in the New Year

### 2028 Tri Vets

There have been email discussions between Cycling UK and groups that have organised Trivets events to ensure that the events are better supported in 2028. This will coincide with Cycling UK's 150 anniversary celebrations. Thanks to Ian Slater and others who have been involved in giving feedback.

**Event insurance** the insurers were contacted in September when the contracts with Cycling UK were renewed. It has been confirmed that activities associated with events (e.g. tea & biscuits at the start of an event) are covered, but things such as a bar and meals produced by a caterer should be covered by the commercial provider.

### 7. Link

Not certain if Mark Jones is closer to having the magazine ready for publication as he seems to have issues with the software. Material has been sent in.

### 8. Publicity update

#### a. Website

#### b. Facebook Paul thanked for his posts and for updating Facebook

#### c. Banners flags etc

The secretary has been in touch with Cycling UK. Earlier in the year they were going to send out a survey regarding updating publicity material, however they have now decided against this. They have sent a link to the pull up banner design they have used

<https://www.instantprint.co.uk/largeformat/rollerbanners?paper-size=2000-x-800mm&paper-type=330...> It was agreed not to use this design.

Information about replacing the material section of the feather banners has been requested but not yet received.

### 9. Registration Officer's Report (see August update following last meeting – circulated)

The registration officer did a check of members recently lapsed with the intention of getting in touch to remind them about membership; when the report was then checked against the records that could be accessed by the Cycling UK membership team it was found that the data was unreliable so there was no further progress with this.

The groups Quarterly News Letter has given an opportunity for member groups to trial the new system for checking membership lists online which should hopefully be easier to use,

and have more up to date data. It was agreed that the Club should express an interest in doing this. **Action:** Registration Officer & Secretary to express an interest.

## 10. Safeguarding

Safeguarding officer confirmed no safeguarding issues reported.

There was discussion about emergency contact details. Due to the varying structure of groups all had different systems. Fab Ladies collected information at the start of each ride. Other groups as new riders if they want to be added to emergency contact list used by ride leaders.

## 11. CAN updates

### CANs reps in Cheshire

John Violet who was CANs rep for many years has been in touch about the need to get Cycling UK representation at meetings – see below from email 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2025:

*I was chatting with a CWAC Councillor today and he spoke of a recent meeting between Transport for Wales and the Council regarding cycles on trains, cycle parking etc. He commented that there had been no representation from CUK which of course I used to attend. This is a typical example of where we need to be campaigning in my view. I persuaded him to press for a 3 minute speaking slot at the Transport Committee for the likes of CUK so if you can find somebody he/she will have an effective voice to the Council.*

There was considerable discussion about aspects of campaigning in the area that weren't currently being covered. It was suggested that volunteers in the Chester/Cheshire area should be sought and that the national organiser of the CAN Network might be a way forward (as only CAN representatives can access the list of CAN Reps via Assemble currently none on the committee can see the list of names). Allan Samuel agreed to raise the matter with Watson's Wanderers.

### Close Passes

There have been worrying incidents of assault by drivers. An incident was related where a cyclist was on the ways to the doctors and raised an arm after a close pass. The driver then came back and hit the rider. This was filmed by a bystander, and although the rider was encouraged to report the incident to the police they declined. Sadly such incidents appear to be on the increase.

## 12. Club Archives

No recent issues.

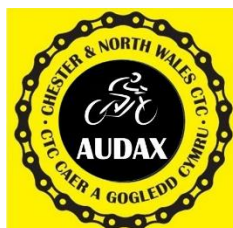
## 13. AOB

### a. Recent awards

Congratulations to Brandon Edgeley who was presented with the Presidents Trophy for his work organising Audax events and for mentoring new organisers. The date for the 2026 Presidents Ride has been set & Brandon will be attending.

### b. Audax badges

Glennys Hammond has produced an excellent design which has been approved by the C&NW CTC Audax organisers; see image below:



<https://www.badges.org.uk/embroidered-badges-20/#> price per badge will vary according to the size and number ordered. Agreed to order circular 63mm badges; probably 250 or 500.

**Action** secretary to look at Audax numbers for 2025 as rough guide and calculate prices so that costs can be compared to order stock for one or more years.

**c. Club Kit**

Several groups have had new members since the last kit order so it was hoped that at least 16 items would be purchased which would mean the bulk discount would be triggered. It was agreed in principle to set up a new order window for C&NW CTC kit with the £10 per item subsidy as agreed at the AGM.

A document was belatedly circulated with costings, links to the manufacturer's website and previous order forms. The new Cycling UK logo has been sent to the manufacturers in a suitable format and now awaiting a proof.

**Action:** once proof arrives circulate to committee for comment and Cycling UK for approval. Update order forms and agree procedure with the treasurer.

**d. Watson's Wanders rider accident & silver blankets.**

There was considerable discussion relating to an incident when a rider came off on a club ride and was airlifted to hospital having been unconscious for several minutes and 4 or 5 broken ribs. It appeared that no one else was involved in the accident, possibly it was caused by hitting a pot hole. The group treated the casualty at the scene and contacted emergency services. Emergency blankets were used to keep the casualty warm. Following the event incident report was sent to Cycling UK.

Since 2019 the club has held supplies of emergency silver blankets to issue to ride leaders via the informal groups & at the Vets 100.

**Action** secretary to check how many are left and re-order if required so that they can be given to any ride leaders who require them. Groups to be contacted regarding distribution.

**e. Watson's Wanderers Christmas Dinner**

This has been arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Golden Lion Ashton Hayes

**f. Ynys Môn group** – very few of the members are still able to ride by now. Currently there are no group rides as such but Ken Williams does pass information on to group members on an informal basis.

**g. Rough stuff Fellowship** Sue Booth is trying to arrange some rides in the area and has set up a WhatsApp group that currently has 8 members. She is looking into insurance etc and starting to plan a few dates for next year.

**Date of next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 7pm Jitsi**

## Appendix – Event reports

### Report from 2025 Momma Rides – John Gallagher

The Momma series of audax events were ridden on Saturday 6th September. The paragraphs below will hopefully give you a flavour of the day from the organiser's perspective.

The Momma series of routes are three rides of different durations, the 211km Pistyll Packin Momma, the 130km Momma's Mountain Views and the 55km Momma's Leafy Lanes. All started from the wonderful Barbour Institute building in Tattenhall at 08:00, 08:30 and 09:30 respectively. The riders were given a pre-start briefing including details of the route controls and any hazards which had been identified.

Riders in the Pistyll Packin Momma event were also encouraged to visit the Dafarn Newydd Stores at Abertridwr (near Llyn-y-Vyrnwy) as the proprietors are great supporters of other audax events and will stay open overnight to supply these riders hot drinks and hot snacks. Similarly, riders of the Momma's Leafy Lanes event were encouraged to visit Tilly's Cafe in Bunbury.

Helping at the start and kindly giving their time were Caroline Wrench, Dave Sale and Brandon Edgeley. The riders enjoyed tea, coffee, cold drinks and a range of pocket-sized snacks which were all included in the modest entry fee - plus good conversation with old friends or new acquaintances before departing. The weather was set fair, temperatures were mild and it stayed dry all day. Winds were initially a fairly gentle southerly breeze, although windspeed increased in the afternoon and evening.

Before the departure of the 55km Momma's Leafy Lanes, the President of Chester and North Wales CTC Dave Matthews (resplendent with the presidential chain of office) presented the President's Trophy to Brandon Edgeley for his services to organising audax events, particularly those under the Chester and North Wales CTC banner.

Each rider for the three events was issued with a brevet card, prominently marked with the Chester and North Wales CTC 80th Anniversary logo. For those who don't know what a brevet card is, it provides a record of the ride: simple questions are asked at some control points, other control points are timed by virtue of obtaining a till receipt from a shop or cafe. There was also the option of using e-brevet, using a GPS-based phone app to register at the various control locations along the route.

Looking at several Strava posts from the riders, it looks like all had a good day and enjoyed themselves. There are plenty of photos to enjoy and I saw the Pistyll Rhyadr waterfall had a fairly good rate of flow. Various positive comments were made by riders at the finish and there were no grumbles, both of which are pleasing.

The finish location was the garden area of The Sportsman's Arms in Tattenhall. Brandon also kindly stayed for this and in all, had a long shift. The pub had a chef on duty from 12:00 to 19:30, hot meals were enjoyed by those who wanted to have one. Tea, coffee and cold drinks were also available to purchase.

The way audax events work is there is a minimum average speed to discourage dawdling and a maximum average speed to discourage racing. The time allowed for all events includes stoppages for e.g. food & drink, mechanical problems, etc. (the clock doesn't stop!) and the key for successfully riding an event is time-management to minimise them. The minimum speed is quite generous, none of the riders were out of time but the time-frame for arrivals in all three events were between 11:42 and 22:04. The Sportsman's Arms opens at 12:00, this is the reason for the hour-long gap between the start times for the 130km and 55km events.

There were quite a few DNS and three DNF. No one was out of time. There were no accidents or incidents. The basic statistics for the three events are on the attached spreadsheet.

### **211km Pistyll Packin Momma, 08:00**

#### **start**

Entries	DNS	Starters	DNF	Finishers	OOT	Incidents	Accidents	Comments
19	9	10	0	10	0	None	None	None

### **130km Momma's Mountain Views, 08:30 start**

Entries	DNS	Starters	DNF	Finishers	OOT	Incidents	Accidents	Comments
6	2	4	3	1	0	None	None	None

### **55km Momma's Leafy Lanes, 09:30 start**

Entries	DNS	Starters	DNF	Finishers	OOT	Incidents	Accidents	Comments
15	4	11	0	11	0	None	None	None

The next series of Momma audax rides is already in the Audax UK diary and planned for Saturday 5th September 2026. Save the date!

### **C&NW CTC President's Ride 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 report & notes from meeting**

The President's ride was in the Vale of Clwyd, starting at St Asaph and riding to Neuadd Eleanor Llanfair DC for lunch. It was anticipated that numbers would be lower than when the event has been held in Cheshire; 19 booked for the event with 16 attending on the day. Although Mark Watson had originally been booked for about 30 people, he only charged for the 19 who had been confirmed as coming prior to the event.

Bad weather was forecast, which reduced the number of riders although several people attended by car. There was a warm welcome at Caffi Cariad, part of the St Kentigern Hospice in St Asaph where people had refreshments before starting the ride. 12 rode out from St Asaph in windy conditions with some rain (some described the weather as not too bad; others thought it was awful). After negotiating the lanes, people arrived at the village hall where Mark Watson had prepared a very welcome meal of soup followed by tea and cake.

Dave Matthews, the president welcomed people and explained that the President's Trophy had been presented to Brandon Edgeley for his work in organising Audax events. As Brandon was unable to attend the award had been presented early at the Moma Audax rides where Brandon was mentoring John Gallagher a new organiser.

After the meal riders either rode back to St Asaph or directly home.

Dave Matthews was for organising the event with help for the secretary.

To encourage a better turn out for 2026 it was agreed that the event should be booked early so that people could save the date, and that the possibly of having some ride leaders should be considered some riders are reluctant to follow a route sheet or navigate by themselves.

### **Hill Climb & Freewheeling 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

The event was originally scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> October, however Storm Amy struck that weekend with forecast winds of 50mph so the event was postponed to the next date that Llanbenwch could accommodate the riders & marshals. Those who had made excuses for clashes preventing them riding on the 4<sup>th</sup> had to suddenly find other reasons not to ride on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

It was still rather windy on the 25<sup>th</sup>, but unusually there was a tail wind for the hill climb, and thankfully the forecast rain for the hill climb didn't materialise. There was a very good turnout of volunteers to help with

the events, they almost outnumbered the riders. Everyone met up at Llanbenwch Café to register and get briefed for the events, before heading to the hill climb.

As anticipated Ben Hughes repeated his previous victories and was a very clear winner 7 minutes 7 seconds. In second place, 1<sup>st</sup> Vet & 1<sup>st</sup> lady was Lowri Evans at 11minutes, closely followed by Andy Barber who was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> male vet in 11minutes and 17 seconds. There was also close competition between the Super-Vets with Geoff Siddell 4<sup>th</sup> overall in 15minutes 34 seconds and Mike Gilbert on 15 minutes and 42 seconds. After a short break to recover, everyone headed down to the Freewheeling course.

The wind played a part in the distances covered, as some riders were caught by strong head winds. Mike Gilbert won the event, with Andy Barber second and Ben Hughes third. Geoff Siddell was 4<sup>th</sup>, with Lesley Lee 5<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> lady, Lowri Evans was 6<sup>th</sup> a considerable distance behind.

Riders & volunteers then went to Llanbenwch where the times & results were calculated and presentations made (and people enjoyed more refreshments).

Thanks to everyone who attended; riders and volunteers and to Llanbenwch for the welcome. All agreed that it was an enjoyable social day out (if you disregard the time spent actually trying to ride quickly up hill).

(Volunteers Dave Matthews, Lesley Lee, Pete Dilworth, Ros Firth, Paul Mills, plus 2 spectators)