

# YEOVIL CYCLING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Room, The Forum, Yeovil BA21 3TL

Monday 14 September 2026 (7.30pm)

Chairman: David Notley

## **Attendees:**

Bob Galvin, Stuart Wroot, Mark Fisher, Doug Martin, Neil Cochran, Steve Talbot, Marius Evans, David Notley, Derek Todd, Clementina Davies, Martin Wills, Dave Driver, Mark Edwards, Jane Baker, Lynn and Ady Hawkins.

### **1. Apologies:**

Alec Thompson, Mark Boxall, Steve and Andrea Price, Marc Powell, Paul Baker and Roger Hitt

### **2. Matters arising**

Review of 2025 minutes. All matters have been dealt with or will be covered in 2026 AGM reports.

### **3. General Secretary's report**

Doug Martin has been acting General Secretary (thank you) and now will change role to assist the Treasurer.

All secretarial duties completed.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Report as attached to email.

The Treasurer notes that whilst there was an excess of Expenditure over Income this was mainly due to the chosen voluntary investment of funds; subsidising the two social events, the purchase of a new bike box, two new trophies and two charitable donations.

The attendees noted that normally there would only be one social event per reported year. The club is in a strong position to prepare for the 100-year celebrations in February 2028. Suggestion for the next social event to be held in February 2027 at Westlands.

Currently the club owns 3 bike boxes and is confident that the recent purchase will justify the investment cost through hiring revenue.

The club thanks Tim Watkins for his support in the financial sign off of the YCC 2025-26 Income and Expenditure.

### **5. TT Secretary's Report**

Report as attached to email.

Good year for TTs, >40 riders including juniors and good attendance by both YCC and many other clubs. 21 events – 3 lost to weather.

Course records have continued to fall over the years.

The objective remains to cover the costs.

No reward for the Volunteers currently. The club thanks the Volunteers. Costs might have to go up in the 2027 season.

### **6. Memberships Secretary's Report**

Report as attached to email.

Membership comparison to other clubs was discussed. The Membership Secretary does follow up with all leaving members. Reasons cited are normally 'change in family circumstances'. No specific feedback to consider.

#### **7. Run's Secretary's Report**

Report as attached to email.

Aware of issues. Full details outline at end of notes.

Nest steps: Further consultation with the Runs Secretary to discuss how we can best implement the aims set out below and the issues raised at the meeting.

#### **8. Records Secretary's Report**

Report as attached to email.

An audit of club records will take place.

#### **9. Newsletter Editor's Report**

Report as attached to email.

The Editor always welcomes content from members. If anyone would like to become Editor the role is open.

The website was updated this year.

#### **10. Welfare Officer's Report**

Report as attached to email.

Although no major incident has occurred on a club ride, the members question whether there should be a way to track any accidents. Welfare Officer to review the suggestion.

The Club has a policy of contacting the parent/guardian to make them aware of the guidelines for riders (policy shortly to be added to the website) and to ensure that they consent to their child participating.

#### **11. Press Secretary's Report**

Report as attached to email.

The Press Secretary will find the log in details for the Instagram and Strava accounts to review whether this could be a good way of building the profile of the club with a younger demographic.

#### **12. Motions: None received**

#### **13. Election of Officers**

Thank you to all those who have volunteered for roles in the club.

Unanimous agreement to approve all proposed officers.

#### **14. Affiliations and Appointment of CTT and BC delegates.**

Road Peace is in liquidation. The Treasurer received an email earlier in the year (though before we had made payment).

All other current affiliations to be maintained.

The club thanks the currently delegates for agreeing to continue in role.

CTT David Notley

BC Nick Armstrong

## **15. Any Other Business**

Club clothing shop is now open until 20<sup>th</sup> September, full details on the website.  
Special anniversary kit needs to be designed.

### **Sunday Club Run discussion.**

The attendees discussed how to ensure that club rides are enjoyable for all participants.

#### **How to improve Sunday rides for everyone. Summary:**

The participant numbers for Sunday rides have gone down so the groups have a bigger disparity in capability and rider objectives, namely in the mid-range groups. Principle problem is riders being dropped. There is not a simple solution. Poor communication is a key issue; slower riders not saying they are struggling and those at the front are not checking in on the group.

These issues are not occurring on the Thursday rides where there is a clear leader and a single agreed route.

The Chairman has said 'Club runs have always been informal and the preference is for them to remain this way however there needs to be some changes to ensure that all members have a positive experience'.

Suggestions discussed by members:

#### **Better group formation before the start of the ride**

Could the frustration be taken out of the ride by clarifying objectives (informally) before the ride begins.

|                         |                                                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Route:</b>           | Who is doing which route? Who does not know the route? |
| <b>Pace:</b>            | Slower, Medium, Fast                                   |
| <b>Attitude:</b>        | Social or Training                                     |
| <b>Informal Leader:</b> | To ensure everyone has a good time.                    |

#### **Could YCC have designated Leaders?**

There is the excellent BC Ride Leaders course. Should each group have a pre-ride Leader assigned to manage the group?

##### *Considerations:*

This brings the challenges of- will people want to volunteer to lead? Will this responsibility always fall to the same members? (Level 1 BC Ride Leader course is £195 per person).

#### **Could there be a token which implies the Leader?**

Currently there is not formal requirement to ride with a first aid kit on club runs. However, this could potentially be a way to indirectly nominate a leader.

If each group was required to ride with one person known to be carrying a first aid kit then they would assume the responsibility of the group well being which could extend to ensuring no one is dropped or struggling.

##### *Considerations:*

How do you manage the kits? Where are they stored? How are they returned/maintained? Will people want this responsibility?

#### **Could YCC conduct a survey to understand how the members would like to improve the Sunday Club Rides?**

This could be a way to collect everyone's views.

*Considerations:* There is going to be a broad set of views and not all can be supported.

#### **Group Ride Levels**

Group ride levels used to be defined on the website and this could be re-instated.

### **Current club guidelines**

When participating in a club ride and you wish to start a new group then you should:

- a. Make clear what the aims of the group are and to stick to them.
- b. Start as a separate group.
- c. Adhere to the general guidelines on club runs as circulated to the membership.
- d. Follow the designated route or use one of the approved routes on the YCC website

If, however, there are not sufficient like-minded riders to form a new group then we do expect everyone to adhere to the basic principles that you start as a group, ride as a group, and at a pace suitable for all riders unless there is agreement within the group to split.

It is common for the slower groups to form sub-groups each week, depending on the number and ability of riders. As soon as it is clear there is a disparity the group splits into two and the quicker/fitter riders will go on ahead. So, I am surprised that this is not happening in the other groups too.

## Yeovil Cycling Club Membership Secretary's Report

September 13 th 2026

133 members at 31 st December 2025 -25 have left or not renewed in 2026 +11 have joined as new members or returned in 2026 119 total paid up members year to date 2026 Of which:

1 Under 23 members (over 18) 4 Junior member (under 18) Notes:

Membership down by 14 from this time last year.

It is possible that we have some members who have forgotten to renew and haven't responded to email reminders. I haven't been able to chase members at club runs this year due to a longterm health issue. This will be a task for the incoming membership secretary.

Mark Boxall 13 th September 2026

## Newsletter Editors Report

The newsletter has been published in January April and August this year, the next one will be Jan 2027.

As well as a selection of information that I hope members will find useful there have also been a number of items on specific activities club members have been enjoying. Thank you to those that have contributed, and if you have participated in an event this year, or have one planned, please let me know so it can be shared with your fellow club members.

I have been editing and printing the newsletter since the early 1990s and although I do my best to keep it fresh and relevant I am sure there are things that I miss. If there is someone else that feels they are more in touch with the cycling world and club members I will be happy to relinquish the role. If it helps I am happy to carry on with the printing and distribution.

Website: As I am sure you are aware the website was updated this year. Whilst it looks and works better it is not quite so straightforward to administer. We are aware there are quite a lot of things that have not made it across from the old platform but there is a plan in place to get those done. Thanks to Mark Edwards for all his work on this.

## Time Trial Secretary

It has been a good year for the time trials. We started well with fields of 20, however the numbers declined when the heat waves hit, down to a dozen or so most weeks.

Over 40 different riders have participated, and I am pleased to say there were a number of new riders from YCC, including Juniors, that have started to ride on a regular basis. We had good support from 1<sup>st</sup> Chard Wheelers, Wincanton Wheelers and Total Tri Training. The events continue to attract YCC riders that do not regularly participate in other club activities.

We ran 21 events, lost three weeks to the weather, which provided 228 rides in total.

The course records have continued to fall over the year.

The aim is to cover the costs and as such we have fallen slightly short this year. Total income was £859.10. Expenditure was £240 on HQ hire, and the levy we have to pay to CTT, £3 for each rider, will be £684.00. This leaves a slight loss of £64.90. None of the volunteers receive any remuneration for their time or expenses. We will review the entry fees for 2027.

## **Mark Fisher – Press & Records Sec – AGM Report for 2026**

### **Press**

We've benefited from regular reports in the Western Gazette, with them more than happy to publish pretty much everything submitted together with all the photographs. YCC have had some significant 'column inches' since the last AGM, primarily for the cyclo-cross races and the Tuesday Evening Time Trials.

On the downside, the circulation/readership of the Gazette has been in serious decline over recent years and many people, including those featured, have been oblivious to these reports.

My contact at the Gazette was made redundant last week, but I will continue to submit articles, results and race reports in the hope that we continue to get similar coverage to what we've enjoyed recently.

I will continue reporting the efforts of the Cyclo-cross team on Facebook, which seems to reach far more people than the traditional printed media. However, I doubt that people will see this 'good press' unless they are already familiar with YCC and cycling in general.

### **Records**

The club trophies are now all up to date and were awarded earlier this year to the 2025 recipients, for the first time in a few years.

Two new trophies were introduced to reflect the current interests of the membership and cycling in general, one for cyclo-cross and one for gravel. Both were awarded for 2025 and both trophies were very well received by all who have seen them.

The idea of a 'non-competitive' award, for the 'most noteworthy ride of the year' was tabled, but unfortunately received very little support or feedback from the membership. The idea will now be 'mothballed', unless support for this award is forthcoming.

The next activity is to audit the club records and unsure that all these are up to date (if Will has anything to do with it, some will most likely need amending).

The 'Westlands' venue for the club dinner was considered to be a success and it is recommended that we book it for early next year to get the club dinners back to their traditional time of year.

### **Unofficial role as Cyclo-cross 'Team Captain'**

The recent club cyclo-cross coaching session at ShamXross in Keynsham was a bit of a disaster, with only one member from YCC and two riders from Clevedon and District Road Club (CDRC) participating. Other than the very low numbers the session was really beneficial. It is thought that the time of year (the weekend before the August Bank Holiday) may have been the reason for the low numbers.

Three YCC riders participated in the first SWCX league race of the season, with Xander unfortunately taking a nasty tumble on the tarmac start finish straight, requiring an ambulance ride to hospital. Thankfully it looks like no broken bones or serious injuries, but he did take a nasty blow to his chin and forehead.

## **Runs Secretary Report – September 2026 – AGM (Alec McDonald-Thomson)**

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has attended the club rides for the last 12 months, come rain or shine, we have had riders appearing each and every week which makes this all worthwhile. So thank you for taking the time and effort to come and ride with the club.

The weather over the last 12 months, this won't be new news, has definitely been a mixed bag, from floods to heatwaves, strong winds to light breezes which has tested us all I am sure at some point, but the weather just adds to the enjoyment and as I am always told "it is character building".

We have had a total of 108 Sunday planned rides, and around 48 Thursday rides in the last 12 months, so a total of circa 156 rides and routes taken. Riders' attendance has ranged from small groups of 4 in the really foul weather to 20-25+ riders appearing as we have had better days and out the back end of winter (not sure when it ended but I think we then hit a heat wave straight after).

Routes have ranged from trips to the coast, some with hills, some with fast flats, some with countryside views some without, but hopefully a mixture to keep everyone happy or as happy as we can. If you ever have a route that you feel is a good one for the club, please send it over, I am all ears (or should that be all GPX) and would be happy to add it to our rides list and schedule it for a Sunday ride.

We shouldn't forget about the Café's who welcome us every week, even when turning up wet and muddy, some are still open, some have unfortunately closed which does make route planning sometimes a challenge for existing routes so I am always happy to hear of any new cafes that are open especially on Sundays that we can plan to use. We have also revisited some old cafes that we stopped using and these provided to be a worthwhile visit and are now back on the list.

We had our Sandra's annual hundred in August, the turn-out was not as large as previous years, I am putting this down to holidays, maybe weather, but sufficient numbers took part and a good sum of money was raised for the Charity again this year.

We have had 2 new riders, both under 18 come along for some rides with the club and enjoyed it so much that they then joined after their 3 rides. This is a credit to all of you, our club riders for looking after them and making them feel so welcome. Lets hope they can encourage their friends who also ride to come along and give the club rides a try. My only concern is that they are so fast so I'm going to have to up my game to keep up!!

So on that happy note, this is my report for the last 12 months, I look forward to riding with you all and until the next AGM, Chapeau to you all and thank you again for being members and riders with the club and making the rides fast/slow, and definitely enjoyable.

# Yeovil Cycling Club Income & Expenditure 2025 – 26

| INCOME                                                                                                                                                               |                 | EXPENDITURE                                                                     |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Opening Balance                                                                                                                                                      | 16904.10        | Affiliations:                                                                   | 60.00           |
| Membership Subs                                                                                                                                                      | 1984.50         | CTT (2026)                                                                      | 20.00           |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | WTTA (2026)                                                                     | 86.00           |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | British Cycling (2026)                                                          | 88.00           |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Cycling UK (2025-26)                                                            | 0.00            |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Road Peace (2026) (In liquidation)                                              | 104.50          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Forum Venue Hire (2026)                                                         | 358.50          |
| <b>Race Promotions:</b>                                                                                                                                              |                 |                                                                                 |                 |
| Evening TTs (2025) After CTT levies of £897.00                                                                                                                       | 134.40          |                                                                                 |                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Social Eve (Westlands) Costs                                                    | 787.20          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Social Evening (Davis Hall) Costs                                               | 1431.79         |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Catering (Sandra's 100)                                                         | 113.00          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | PoW Baps                                                                        | 135.00          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Engraving / Trophies (2025)                                                     | 380.05          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Davis Hall, West Camel hire for TTs (2026)                                      | 244.00          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Newsletter Postage / Printing                                                   | 209.10          |
| Social Eve 2 Income (Westlands)                                                                                                                                      | 421.00          | Equipment Storage (Stenners)                                                    | 468.00          |
| Social Evening Income (Davis Hall)                                                                                                                                   | 840.00          | Members Racing Expenses & Coaching                                              | 560.00          |
| Bike Box Hire                                                                                                                                                        | 30.00           | Membership Sec. Expenses                                                        | 167.79          |
| Deposit A/c Interest                                                                                                                                                 | 115.21          | BC Membership - (Welf Sec, Memb Sec)                                            | 119.99          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>20429.21</b> | Bike Box Purchase                                                               | 695.00          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Donations / Cards / Flowers (Dave Rayner, Ride for Charlie)                     | 535.00          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Santander Bank charges                                                          | 49.90           |
| <b>Income for Year</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>3525.11</b>  | <b>Total Expenditure for Year</b>                                               | <b>6254.32</b>  |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | <b>Santander (Current A/c)</b>                                                  | <b>2751.26</b>  |
| <b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>2729.21</b>  | <b>Santander (Deposit A/c)</b>                                                  | <b>11372.19</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | <b>Cash in Hand</b> (inc £60.78 float/cash + £801.76 DTs FD a/c)                | <b>862.54</b>   |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 |                                                                                 | 14985.99        |
| N.B. 2026 evening TT income & expenditure will be included in 2026 - 27 accounts, but income received by the treasurer to date is shown in the summary on the right. |                 | Less current year's eve TT income to date                                       | 811.10          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 |                                                                                 | <b>14174.89</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Sep 2025 Balance less current year's deficit                                    | 14174.89        |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | <b>Non cash assets:</b>                                                         | 800.00          |
|                                                                                                                                                                      |                 | Stop watches, (£50), Trophies (£200), Display boards (£30), Safety signs (£500) |                 |

Reviewed by Tim Watkins 10/09/2026

Derek Todd (Hon Treasurer) 31/08/2026

*Tim Watkins*

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