

ILKLEY CYCLING CLUB

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the period were: -

Liz Barrett	
Sally Black (Chair)	Appointed 20 April 2023
Scott Blau	Appointed 20 April 2023
Andy Burnett	
David Collier	Appointed 20 April 2023
Ian Grant	Appointed 20 April 2023
Debbie Harrison	Appointed 20 April 2023
Stephen Richardson	
Alizon Talbot	
Arthur Wilson	Appointed 20 April 2023
Louise Alder	Retired 20 April 2023
Karen Kempton	Retired 20 April 2023
Euan Mackay	Retired 20 April 2022
Jonathan Riley	Retired 20 April 2022

Independent Examiner

Ewan Farrow

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Trustees' Annual Report for the 18 months ended 30 September 2023

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the Accounts of the Ilkley Cycling Club (ICC) for the 18 months from 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2023.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The purposes of the Club are to promote the amateur sport of cycling in Ilkley and the surrounding areas, and of community participation in the same area.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The Trustees plan the ICC's activities and events with these requirements in mind, ensuring that public benefit can be demonstrated in all that the Club does.

Achievements and performance

Club rides

Regular Club rides happen every Thursday evening and Sunday morning. A range of different rides are available which cater for beginners through to experienced riders. Rides are posted on the ICC website and Club Rides App in advance so people can choose the best ride for them.

In addition to these rides, other rides are available during the week including regular Saturday morning "chain-gang" for racers, a women-only ride on Mondays and off-road and gravel rides to help riders improve their fitness and bike handling skills. The youth section of the Club occasionally organises "family rides" which enable parents and children to ride together as a group. This provides both a safe, but social environment where children can learn to ride on the road.

These organised rides are typically available to support all abilities throughout the year. They are only cancelled in the event of extreme weather conditions that could threaten rider safety or in-line with official directives (such as British Cycling/Government directives during the Covid-19 pandemic). During the winter months, or periods of poor weather, Club members are encouraged to remain active, keep riding and continue to interact through virtual ride apps such as Zwift and Rouvy.

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Children, Youth and Junior Riders – coaching and training

The youth section of the Club continues to promote riding from the very youngest up to junior riders (16-18). We also try to accommodate riders who have specific needs and, where possible, work with parents to make reasonable adjustments. Our aim is for cyclists to learn the basics such as balancing, looking ahead, cornering and pedal position. This helps them with the transition from riding in the youth environment to the adult rides and competitions. The youngest group start with "Pedal in the Park" using games and activities and then move on to more formal coaching at the Boddington Circuit at the Brownlee Centre. We hope to make cycling a lifelong habit.

Four clubs have come together to form a training cluster known as the Yorkshire 4 Race Training (Y4RT). Each club provides coaches to run evening sessions and in addition ICC provides the back-room support such as bookings, finances and the first aid on the night. This type of cooperation also allows children to form bonds and friendships in the cycling fraternity which hopefully will follow them into adulthood. When riders reach a certain standard, they can move to advanced coaching sessions which are for teens who are serious about racing.

ICC is a "Go-Ride" club and we work with British Cycling to maintain standards of care (safeguarding) and to promote racing, higher level coaching and introduction to all the cycling disciplines including mountain biking.

Activities and sessions that the youth section of the Club provide on an ongoing basis include:

- Starter sessions for young children riding a bike for the first time
- Bike loan scheme
- Kit "swap-shop"
- Children/youth coaching locally and in conjunction with British Cycling
- Promotion of race events for youths.

Competitive events

The Club has many members who are racing enthusiasts, ranging in age from young schoolchildren through to veterans. The Club is regularly represented in time trials, circuit racing, hill climbs, road racing and cyclocross. ICC also promotes and helps organise events in the local area that draws in local club riders plus many riders from further afield. These have included time trials, cyclocross, circuit races at The Brownlee Centre (particularly focusing on female participation) and the Club's own midsummer Town Centre Races.

The Town Centre Races is a closed-road criterium event and part of the National Road Racing Series and open to all ages and classes of competition licence holders. The mens and womens races attract local and national sponsorship and is also seen as an important and entertaining event on the Ilkley community's summer calendar.

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The youth races attract a healthy field of young cyclists, many of whom will hope to go on to race successfully at a senior level. Young spectators at the event may also be encouraged to take up the sport.

The continued success of the Town Centre Races has been completely dependent on the dedication of the Club's race organisers, as well as Club members, who administer and promote the event, find sponsors, run registration and prize giving, marshal and do all the behind the scenes tasks that the event requires. The dedicated main organiser for this event since its inception, Mike Firth, stepped down after the 2023 races but already his successors are hard at work organizing the 2024 races.

White Rose Classic "Sportive" ride

We organise the annual White Rose Classic Sportive, a non-competitive challenge event which allows riders to choose between a short (40-50 miles), medium (80-90 miles) or long route (110-120 miles) in the rather hilly Yorkshire Dales. This typically attracts 300-500 riders of all abilities for a day enjoying riding in the countryside and testing themselves against one of the three challenging routes offered.

The success of this event has been completely dependent on the voluntary efforts of the principal organiser, Gary Carr, supported by dozens of other Club members who marshal the event, run feed stations and support riders.

In the last two years we have managed to hold our Town Centre Races and the White Rose Classic on the same summer weekend to create a weekend of cycling for the town and surrounding areas.

Other activities

The social side of the Club continues to be strong and vibrant. Many organised rides include a café stop either during or after the ride, and there is quite a post-ride Thursday "Club Night" culture that has reformed after the interruption of COVID-19. Groups have also organised trips to Mallorca, mainland Spain and France.

Financial review

Activities have recovered well after Covid-19 and the Club as a whole broke-even for the 18 months under review. This compares to a substantial deficit in the previous year. The White Rose Classic event managed to support itself while the Town Centre Races required some subsidy from Club funds.. The Committee have managed to maintain annual member subscriptions at previous levels and club membership sits at a healthy 600 members at the end of the year.

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The Club continues to invest in its website and on-line presence. It's own successful Rides App helps and encourages people to participate in club rides and also for ride leaders to post rides (and virtual rides) that others can join.

The Trustees seek to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to provide financial security for the Club. The reserves include a designated reserve which ring-fences a sum of £65,000 that the Trustees intend to be invested in an enduring cycling facility, such as a track, that will benefit the community in line with the objectives of the Club. It was agreed that this reserve should not be used without the agreement of a simple majority of the membership.

During the period the Trustees decided to change the accounting year end from 31 March to 30 September in order to better incorporate the two main activities of the Club, the Town Centre Races and the White Rose Classic, wholly within each accounting year. Previously the 31 March year end often had the effect of splitting the income and expenditure for each event between two financial years.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 27th March 2011 as amended on 13th February 2014 and operates as a Community Sport Club.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and will normally serve for the year until the next AGM. The trustees may co-opt club members during the year to serve until the next AGM. Trustees may be re-elected or re-co-opted without limit.

The Annual Report was approved by the Trustees of the Club on 29 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Sally Black

Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Report of the Independent Examiner

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ("the Club") for the 18 months ended 30 September 2023. As the Club's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Club's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Dated 6th March 2024

Name: Ewan Farrow

Qualification: ACA

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the 18 Months Ended 30 September 2023

FOR THE YEAR TO 30 SEP 2023

	Unrestricted funds period to 30 Sept 2023 £	Unrestricted funds year to 31 March 2022 £
Income and Donations:		
Town Centre Races & other events	40,835	11,442
White Rose Classic sportive	20,675	16,041
Membership subscription	13,539	6,966
Youth training and activities	1,917	806
Club kit sales	1,098	2,514
Sundry income and donations	1,700	0
Savings interest	312	6
Total income	80,076	37,775
Expenditure on:		
Town Centre Races & other events	47,199	18,543
White Rose Classic sportive	21,377	23,404
Youth training and activities	3,079	980
Infrastructure/web costs	3,241	1,630
Subscriptions	1,017	1,343
Club kit costs	0	2,130
Membership cards & postage	643	149
Sundries	3,410	820
Total expenditure	79,966	48,999
Net movement in funds – Surplus/(Deficit)	110	(11,224)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total cash funds brought forward	95,083	106,307
Total cash funds carried forward	95,193	95,083

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Assets and Liabilities as at 30 September 2023

	30 Sept 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
Cash Funds		
Bank current account	3,931	25,211
Bank deposit account	22,051	65,640
Money market account	65,000	0
Paypal account	4,106	4,106
Cash account	105	126
Total Cash Funds	£95,193	95,083

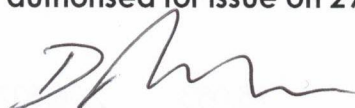
Other club assets:

The Club has purchased various assets in past years to facilitate the operation of the Town Centre Races, White Rose Classic, Youth Training, Time Trials and other events. Their current disposal value is considered to be negligible. This includes bicycles available for loan, event shelters, signs and banners, PA equipment, walkie talkies and a storage unit.

Club liabilities:

The Club has no significant liabilities as at 30 September 2023.

The accounting statements on pages 7 and 8 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 February 2024.



David Collier
Treasurer