

## **Road Ride Leaders Coordinator Report AGM 2021**

Obviously COVID has impacted greatly on the Road Group Rides this year. Following the lead of the Monday Group Off Road Tourers, we were soon up and running with Group rides as soon as the first lockdown restrictions were eased.

Touring Rides seem to have been the success of the summer, with the rule of 6 restrictions necessitating a different approach with smaller groups. This allowed a greater combination of speeds, so we now have 3 speeds for our rides "Easy Touring", 11 -12 mph average and generally B graded for terrain, "Touring" 12 -13 mph average and mainly C graded routes, and a newly created "Touring Plus" group riding at a 13 -14 mph average including some more challenging longer and hillier rides.

These smaller groups have been popular and posted 104 rides for the year, most of which were full. All the groups follow the Tourers winning format of a social non-competitive ride and when permitted a café stop for coffee. The Tourers have two new Ride Leaders Sarah Webb and Joe Hamilton so chapeau to them putting themselves forward to assist the Club.

The combined Intermediate/Sportive rides are still popular. Mark Smoker is currently the only ride leader living locally for the faster road groups. He would be very grateful if one of the faster road riders could consider becoming a leader for either the Intermediate or Sportive paced rides. The ride Leader assessment process is very straightforward. So please [contact](#) Mark if you feel you would like to help keep these rides running, or would like to speak to Mark about joining a ride when circumstances permit.

All the Road Ride Leaders are looking forward to 2021 and seeing you out on the road on your bikes.

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