

Eden Valley Group of Cycling UK

Committee meeting 26th February 2026 – Daffodils Penrith 1:00pm

1. Present:

Mike B, Mike K, Nigel P, Geoff A, Bill O, Nigel L, Rachel W, Chris J, David F.

Apologies:

Tony S, Adella S.

2. Minutes of meeting 8th January 2026

The minutes of the last meeting on the 8th of January 2026 were reviewed, no corrections required and approved by the committee.

3. Matters arising from last committee meeting

- Web site progress, any issues?

New web hosting and domain name fees £34.38 (Geoff has paid and needs reimbursed by the club).

Suggestion of a link to the up-and-coming ride or rides on the front page (as possibly seen on some other club web sites). Acts as an advert for club rides.

Mike B to change the rides list, so the date appears as a data type DATE rather than as text as it is now. Geoff to have a look at how we would then include this information on the home page.

- Flag/banner ordered £168.60. Delivery is expected in March.

- Challenge ride planning

a. Langwathby hall provisionally booked for 28th June 7am to 5pm at a cost of £192

b. Save the date message to be added to the blog?

c. Langwathby hall will be the start finish and lunch stop.

d. Maximum number of riders 80, but we will not turn riders away as we did for the Trivets as we had a few did not turn up on the day.

e. We propose raising funds for a charity again, but we will organise ourselves and not ask for charity volunteers. Possibly the Northern Centre for Cancer Care or some charity linked to this unit.

f. We will use the same routes as the last challenge ride (2024), figure of 8, with 100mile, 100km, and 50km options. Geoff A to track down the previous route files.

g. Start time 8am for the longer route, possibly 10am for the shortest route TBC.

- h. Refreshments will be provided at the start, finish, and lunch stop; we need to request volunteers to help staff with the various roles required.
- i. After reviewing the pricing info provided by Tony S we propose an entry fee of £15 per person. Depending on the number of entries, the estimated cost to the club might be £11.83 per head.
- j. Geoff A, to look up the previous flyers we had printed, we should be able to overlay the old QR code with a new one and produce pdfs for emailing.
- k. Once we have some flyers/pdfs, we will distribute to organisations and previous trivets riders, other local cycling clubs, audax clubs, local bike shops, etc.
- l. David F will contact other clubs in the region to help spread awareness of the event.
- m. Online entry form will be produced by Geoff A, closing date for entry provisionally set on 14th June.
- n. We have risk assessments from the previous time we rode these routes, produced by Tony S. These worked well last time so we will review and reuse them.
- o. We will provide certificates to all finishers – something based on the charity we decide to support.
- p. We do not intend to provide ride leaders, but if some entrants prefer to have a ride leader, we will ask for volunteers.
- q. We will need volunteers for various roles including, Meet and greet, registration, catering, possibly some ride leaders and broom wagon. David F, to include a note in his next monthly club email, we may put something on the blog.
- r. Full challenge ride details to be confirmed at the next meeting.

4. Officer Reports

- Chairman (David F)
 - a. New club update email due shortly.
 - b. Investigating the use of a Facebook page for the club.
- Treasurer (Tony S)
 - a. Provided the check list and estimated costs associated with the challenge ride based on the Trivets event last year.
 - b. Current closing balance on the accounts

CBS	£2,242.64
RBS	£276.41 (after banner and web site fees should become £73.43)
Petty Cash	£41.69

Anticipated year end surplus of £7.31

- c. We need to consider moving some more funds across from the CBS to RBS
- d. We need to consider whether to request some or all the annual subscription allowance from Cycling UK. (Up to £250).
- Secretary (Nigel P)
 - a. Look up tool / rider check now launched. After checking through our member list, we are showing 18 riders with expired membership/not members of Cycling UK, which means they no longer have insurance on the rides. Nigel P to contact them to see if they still want to remain club members?
 - b. Cumberland and Westmorland Herald contacted us regarding the TDF 2027, although they did not give us any time to respond on this, it did give us a contact point with the newspaper which might be useful in the future for some free advertising for the challenge ride for example?
 - c. Cycling UK Annual Survey due 11th May – Nigel will be contacted on 2nd March. We have received a preview of the questions to allow us to prepare our answers. Nigel P fill in as far as possible and pass a copy to CJ and Geoff for their comments/information on some of the questions.
 - d. Cycling UK financial returns due 11th May – Tony will be contacted on 2nd March. Gill has agreed to check returns.
 - e. AGM details to be delivered to Cycling UK by end of Feb (Done NP)
 - f. Volunteer info to be updated and completed. Checking the records it can be seen that our club is not correctly showing volunteers for the various roles and it is out of date, on completing the Cycling UK questionnaire this should correct it all, NP to check again in May to see if we are showing correctly.
- Campaigns Officer (Nigel L)
 - a. Dunmail Raise link between Grasmere and Thirlmere. Westmorland and Furness Council are planning to improve the route for walkers and cyclists; there is a consultation in progress which anyone can contribute to via a web site and online form. Nigel L is providing positive feedback from the club. We recommend anyone with an interest in this to contribute and encourage this upgrade of the route.
 - b. Still in contact with Sustrans (Now Walk Wheel Cycle Trust WWCT) but finding it difficult to communicate with them due to the App/document handling system.
- Rides Secretary (Mike B)

The 2nd quarter rides list is due out soon, so far, we have had 5 self-led rides which dependent on the weather have been very successful. We want to continue and possibly expand this into the next quarter to include more self-led

rides; the option for a led ride will always be there. The self-led rides will be aimed at the 25-to-35-mile range. However, the onus should not be on Mike B to produce all the rides; he is looking for volunteers to provide some and with different start points (so far, they have been centered around Penrith).

5. Any other business

- Holiday Cote Ghyll Mill, Osmotherley, 4th to 7th September 2026

6. Date of next meeting

Thursday, April 9th 1.00pm Daffodils Cafe.