

Eden Valley Group of Cycling UK

Committee meeting 9th April 2026 – Daffodils Penrith 1:00pm

1. Present Nigel P, Tony S, Rachel W, Mike B, Adella S, Bill O, Geoff A, Nigel L, Mike K, David F
Apologies Chris J
2. Minutes of meeting 26th February 2026 were reviewed, no corrections required and approved by the committee.
3. Matters arising from last committee meeting
 - Modifications have been made to the new website to show the next couple of rides on the home page. All agreed that the new web site works and looks very good. Discussed how we might be able to add photographs from the latest rides as an advert for the club. However, there is no easy way of allowing members to add their own photographs, and it would probably work better if we had a Facebook page where they could be posted.
 - Cycling UK financial returns due 11th May – Gill has completed the audit, and everything is ok Tony S will sign off and return to Cycling UK. Many thanks to Gill for this work.
 - We will claim all the available £250 club benefits from Cycling UK, we can use it to offset some of the cost of the challenge event, and the cost of the banner and flag.
 - The new flag and banner have been received. We may need a base for the flag?
 - Challenge ride
 1. Langwathby hall provisionally booked for 28th June, £192
 2. We will support Eden Valley Hospice, entry fee for the event will be £20, £10 from each entrant will go to the charity. A Just Giving page will be available for anyone who wants to raise additional funds for the charity. We will not involve or ask for any support from the charity on the day but simply present them with a cheque at the end of the event.
 3. Cost estimates for the club. - for 40 entrants, about £12 per head. For 80 about £8.
 4. Food. The riders will be offered a hot drink before the start, and a tray bake and/or banana to take with them. For lunch there will be soup and an unfilled roll, for those doing the shorter rides there will also be crumble and custard. For those doing the longer rides, the crumble and custard will be offered on completion of their event.
 5. Catering will need some helpers, as well as helpers for other activities on the day, rider registration etc. Do we need an emergency broom wagon in case of an unfixable bike? problems? Geoff A to set up a form requesting helpers – I think we did this last time as well?
 6. Geoff A has prepared some printouts and web stuff for advertising the event, they just need completed with the details discussed here, the aim is to go live with them on Monday 13th April. Tony S has some preprinted leaflets which just need the challenge ride details QR code etc. attached to the bottom; these can then be delivered to as many bike shops and notice boards around the county that we can think of.
The various information will include links to the Just Giving page, links to the route maps, etc.
 7. Geoff A will set up a web address which will accept the entries, and he will control (possibly manually) a spreadsheet to keep a tally of entrant's personal details, chosen event (50, 100, or 160km) any dietary requirements etc. The web address could be made available to more than one person, but Geoff A is happy to host this, and it therefore seems to be an unnecessary complication to make it available to anyone else.

8. Payment preferred by Bacs into the RBS account or a cheque handed to Tony S, David F or Nigel P made payable to Eden Valley Cycling UK. Any one of us can scan the cheque directly into the RBS account.
 9. Geoff A will reuse the various forms we had last time for entry, and update all as required - young rider, etiquette, final details. The actual route GPX's will be available nearer the time of the event, in the short term a simple map of the proposed route will be provided.
 10. Previous risk assessment can be reused but will need reviewed and routes checked for road closures etc. nearer to the event date.
 11. Targeting Monday 13th to go live with all the event information
 12. We did originally suggest a closing date of the 14th June, however we will wait to see the take up numbers and review as we go along, many people leave it to the last minute to enter, and previous experience shows some drop out or don't turn up on the day.
 13. We can provide finishing certificates to all riders who complete their chosen event; we will prepare something in advance and hand them out on the day.
4. Officer Reports
- Chair
Looking at the possibility of a Facebook page for the club, this may also be the ideal place to post ride photographs.
Chair is now officially our new Safeguarding officer. However, for future we should possibly consider having a second Female representative; this seems to be common practice with other clubs and would provide an option for anyone in the club to contact if they have any safeguarding related issues.
May look to take the Cycling UK safeguarding course sometime in the future.
 - Treasurer
Considering all the plus and minus for the year financially we are in credit by £6, considering all the activities, Tri-Vets, Club Jerseys, Banners and Flags, Web hosting Fees, Cycling UK funds, this could not have been managed any better.
 - Secretary
I still need to chase up the riders whose membership has lapsed (18).
The Cycling UK Annual Survey is completed and submitted
I have updated all the committee roles hopefully they will appear on Cycling UK register at some point. David F is now our Chair and Safeguarding officer; Nigel L is now our Publicity officer (and our Campaigns officer). Everyone else has been submitted as per their role with the club and/or committee member.
At the AGM, the club committee should be officially dissolved and re-elected, with re-elections seconded. I think we did this in part at the last AGM, and I think there was an error on my part as I should have made this clearer in the AGM notes. I will endeavor to get this right next time.
Cycling UK recommends we have our AGM in April/early May. We propose to continue with October as previous years.
 - Safeguarding, as noted above.
 - Other officers
Run Coordinator Mike B. As usual we have a lack of ride leaders, and rides are often posted at the last minute. It is now even more important with the home page of the web site showing the next two up and coming rides that we keep these populated with some rides.

Self-led rides have proved to be very successful however these have superseded the 2 rides to some extent which rarely appear now. We will continue to post the self-led rides and keep the calendar filled.

5. Any other business

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

Unsure how many people plan to attend this; we need to post something on the blog or the WhatsApp group to check how many people are booked.

David F will add something into the Newsletter to remind people about the holiday.

- The Settle to Carlisle Railway will celebrate its 150th Anniversary on the 1st of May. Suggestion of a club ride at some point this year from Settle to Carlisle which would be almost exactly 100miles. Details dates and logistics of getting people and bikes to Settle to be confirmed.

Possible bike trailer to get all bikes to the start and riders on the train?

6. Date of next meeting

28th May 1:30pm Fox and Pheasant Inn Armathwaite.