Eden Valley Group of Cycling UK
Committee meeting 20th August 2026 – Fox and Pheasant Inn Armathwaite 1:30pm

1. **Present:**
   Mike B, Nigel P, Bill O, Nigel L, Rachel W, David F, Tony S, Adella S.
   Apologies:
   Geoff A, Chris J, Mike K.
2. **Minutes of meeting 28th May 2026**
   The minutes of the last meeting on the 28th of May 2026 were reviewed, no corrections required and approved by the committee.
3. **Matters arising from last committee meeting**
   - Web site updates.
     - It has been claimed that some emails from people responding to the club website have not been responded to. We believe this is not the case, all contact using the website should go via a google account to Tony S, depending on the enquiry Tony will forward on to David F and Nigel P. Tony S to check if a rule can be added to the google account to automatically forward emails.
     - Tony S, to check again the google drive to see if others can access it ok (via share), if so, he will add more EV club information which is currently held on his personal computer/google account?
     - If you try to access our old web site (the .org version) it now comes up with a gambling web site. Not much we can do about this; we will monitor to see if it becomes a problem?
     - There seems to be a few people that cannot access the blog on the web site to add a led ride for example. We do not know the reason for this; can we fix it? (Everyone can read the blog, but some despite being given access rights can still not access it).
     - We would like to unpin the holiday from the blog, but we don't know how? This raised the question in general of being more competent with controlling the blog and web site; we rely on Geoff who is brilliant and very accommodating for these IT related issues. Discussed on the possibility of an IT sub-committee who could be trained to carry out some of these tasks?
   - Cycling UK financial audit complete, we have requested the £250 we should know in Sept if ok.
   - Challenge ride – What did we get right and what could we do better next time?
     - The general feedback was that everyone enjoyed the day; the hall and food provided were excellent, and the event raised around £1500 for charity. We have a certificate and letter from Eden Valley Hospice.
     - Advertising. We found we needed to keep posting our leaflets on notice boards and Facebook comments on a regular basis as the original ones quickly disappeared.
     - For our next event we should provide a "save the date" as early as possible.
     - Helmets, we stated in the info we sent out that everyone **must** wear a helmet, but this is not a Cycling UK rule. Next time we will **recommend** everyone wear a helmet. (We think there were a couple of people who rode without helmets anyway).
     - We did provide certificates for all riders who completed the event, however due to the difficulties of knowing who had completed the rides and when none of them had been handed out. No one seemed to be interested in them anyway, so for the next event we won't include these.
     - We had a significant number of riders who changed distances or rode one distance for the north loop and a different distance for the southern loop. This made it difficult to track people, although we did have everyone signed out at the end. Suggestion we change our sign in/out forms for the next event, so riders sign in/out at the lunch stop also, and they

notify us each time they sign which loop they intend to do, just in case there is an incident then we know where to look.

4. Officer Reports
   - Chair
     Nothing to report.
   - Treasurer
     - The club's challenge ride was cost neutral; any profit from the event was paid to Eden Valley Hospice.
     - The Cumberland Account has £2102.64, the RBS account £213.43 giving a club total of £2316.28.
     - Apologies from Tony S, he will not be present at the AGM in October.
   - Secretary
     - I have completed the rider membership check; I will amend our rider list and send to Geoff for updating the ICE contacts list etc. within the next few days.
     - Information on the Cycling UK website regarding risk assessment of led rides is unclear. We do not intend risk assessing every led ride it is too onerous a task and no one would lead a ride if this became the requirement. We have our Generic Risk Assessment which we will review periodically, we have our guide for ride leaders which includes safety information and we carry out dynamic risk assessments on route such as shout outs and hand signals, all of these are acceptable according to the Cycling UK guide for groups handbook.
   - Safeguarding
     - Tony S will add a link to the club website which points to the Cycling UK guidance for safeguarding.
   - Other officers (not obligatory)

   Campaigns and Publicity Officer Nigel L
     - Cumberland Council is advancing design work on the Thirlmere West Active Travel Route.
       We should see...
       Quiet Route Designation: Upgrading the U7003 minor road on the western side of Thirlmere between Wythburn and Raven Crag.
       A591 Crossing: Installing a new signalized crossing facility near Bridge End Farm for cyclists, walkers, and horse riders. This area of the A591 will be changed to 40mph.
       Surface Upgrades: Improving the road and path surfaces along sections of the U7003 and near the dam road.
       Connection Link: Integrating with the Grasmere to Dunmail Raise active travel scheme to build a continuous safe corridor toward Keswick.

5. Any other business
   - Holiday Cote Ghyll Mill, Osmotherley, 4th to 7th September 2026
     - To date, we have 16 people booked for the trip using the campsite or B&B.
     - The restaurant is booked for a club meal on Saturday night.
     - The men's tour of Britain is nearby during the holiday!
   - AGM provisionally Saturday, October 17th
     - Langwathby hall may be available as work has not started on it yet (Possibly due to planning issues)? Failing this, Nigel L will investigate Melmerby Hall as a 2nd alternative and then Mungrisdale Village Hall as a possible 3rd alternative.
     - We need to inform club members once we have the details.
     - Number of members who might turn up?
     - Lunch and club ride for the event?

- We will continue with the Jersey subsidies; any new riders wishing to purchase a club jersey will be given a club £15 discount. All orders to go through Adella, if we can get another 10 orders then they will be discounted by IMP Sports as well.
- Nigel P to check availability of Roundthorn for Christmas Lunch provisionally proposed for 11th Jan 2027.

6. Date of next meeting – AGM Saturday 17th October, more details to go out nearer the date.