

Chairman's report (Andy Watson)

This year the DA has continued the success of previous years. I would like to thank all the committee, which has met four times, for their hard work and dedication over the year. We now welcome Stephen Olivant (Petersfield ride co-ordinator) and Andrew Heaton (Basingstoke ride co-ordinator) to our meetings and their support is much appreciated.

We have held regular rides starting in Alton, Petersfield, Basingstoke, Farnborough and Fleet. For the first time rides have been held in the Witchurch area thanks to John Buckley. I would like to thank all our ride coordinators and the volunteers who lead the rides and continue to find new routes and unexpected sights.

We continue to hold DA Touring Competition events and have expanded our Audax events which are attracting increasing numbers of entrants. Once again Ray and Di's French trip was very successful and enjoyed by all. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all the event organisers, their volunteer helpers and the BBQ chefs for hard work and time that they have put in to make these activities so successful.

Cycling campaigning continues to be a strength of the DA with our representatives making important contributions throughout Hampshire. I thank them for the work they do to make cycling safer for us and the general public.

Once again the DA has been active and lively and I look forward to another successful year with many miles of happy cycling.

Secretary's report (Alastair Campbell)

It's great to see all the activity in the different corners of the DA, with events and rides for a diverse set of interests as well as effective campaigning on many local and national issues. In particular, I'd like to recognise those who have continued to organise and lead rides and events despite occasional lapses in demand due to weather and other considerations.

We plan a targeted mailshot to members in the spring with the aim of growing attendance in each of our local groups.

Many members competed successfully with personal bests in time trials, road racing and off-road events as well as the epic London Edinburgh London audax.

Ken Robson continues to expand his audax event programme from Oakley (anyone who has not tried audax before, try his 'my first audax' event next year). Robert Watson and a large support team continue to run the ever-popular Taste of the Test series (profits providing much of the funding for the DA!) and other events are making substantial charity donations. In all this our off-road programme reduced somewhat this year – an area for us to focus on next year I think and something Andrew Heaton is already addressing.

Two accidents on rides this year (both riders fully recovered now) have proved the importance of our incident management arrangements. Any ride leaders who are unsure of exactly what is expected of them should contact Alastair.

The CTC has launched a consultation paper on future relationship between the central CTC and local member groups to be discussed at our AGM.

Treasurer's report (Mark Beauchamp)

The year ended with the accounts in a very healthy state. Our Audax rides continue to be popular and the profits made enable us to support new events, make donations to cycle campaign groups and to cover all of our running costs. We have received further commission from Wiggle following purchases by our members using the link on our website. Thank you to those members.

Not shown in the accounts are two events organised by Dave Mackenzie. No money has been received from the Sausage & Mash event in April 2004 and no accounts have been received for the Hampshire Hundred Audax event held in April this year.

Another seven badges and several of our remaining club jerseys were sold this year.

There is plenty of money for new events and cycle campaigning. Please let a committee member know of any project that you want to promote in North Hampshire.

I thank the organisers and campaigners for the work you have done this year and give a big thank you to Jeff Gibbs for his advice during the audit.

Publicity Officer's report (Jacky Billington)

It's been fairly quiet on the publicity front this year. This is partly because, with numbers on the Saturday rides in the summer of 2004 reaching almost unmanageable proportions (sometimes up to 24), it was questionable whether any extra publicity was desirable. Also, for the first half of the year I was preoccupied with family problems.

The rides continued to be publicised in the local press and sent to Snowdon's for the Cycling Weekly website.

The Phil Hampton ride received its usual pre and post-publicity and got a good showing in the Alton Herald. A mid-season progress report appeared prominently on the clubs page of the Herald's East Hampshire editions. A couple of pre-event publicity pieces have been submitted to the Basingstoke Gazette, but I do not know if they appeared.

Attempts to create a poster using an Alton version of Bob Bending's excellent design for the Basingstoke rides were unsuccessful as I couldn't get my computer software to comply. It's now a bit late in the year to create an alternative - best left until the spring.

The Bordon Post has expressed an interest in running a picture, but there again, I think the spring would be a more appropriate time.

Membership secretary's report (Sarah Gould)

This year membership information has been disrupted due to HQ difficulties with the membership services contract. Discussions are ongoing with HQ concerning the status of some 120 members. The precise membership numbers are not known, but it is believed to be in the region of 700, a slight increase on last year.

The membership data is used to support our regular email distribution of the DA magazine. It is noted that email addresses have not been provided in the latest membership data and this has been queried. We have been using the membership

updates to incrementally send out a printed copy of the DA magazine to new members.

Alton Saturday rides co-ordinator's report (Janice Montgomerie)

The Saturday 'A' and 'B' rides have continued to be well supported this year, with a varied programme of rides leaving from Alton Community Centre or other start points in the area. In contrast, there was no interest in the shorter 'C' rides to the local fetes, either from new riders or current riders, who were generally reluctant to lead them. I would be interested to hear other members' opinions on the value of organising these again next summer.

Alton Sunday ride co-ordinator's report (Caroline Brodie)

Sunday rides

This year has seen the re-introduction of the 9am start for both rides leaving from the Alton Butts on a Sunday morning. This has proved to be very popular with the "fast boys" and the "not as fast" meeting up at coffee and the lunch venue.

On several occasions both rides have joined together, either when numbers have been low at the start or for a sociable ride from coffee to the pub.

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to lead rides throughout the year, especially Alastair and Alan who have taken on the role of leaders for the medium paced ride.

Phil Hampton

The event this year moved from Binsted to Medstead Village hall complete with a new route and to avoid clashing with the Easter w/e took place on the first Saturday of March. Despite the forecast and the icy conditions 78 hardy souls signed up to ride, the route which took the riders from the village hall down Common Hill and for the vast majority that was where the ride ended.

The conditions were unrideable for most, and unfortunately resulted in one lady rider being taken to hospital with a broken pelvis. Rosemary has made a full recovery from her injuries and is back on her bike, she was in fact on her bike in the hospital as her husband had permission to bring her turbo trainer in!!

The event this year was self sufficient, without the DA subsidising the costs and despite everything that happened the hall, food, flowers for Rosemary, were covered due to many of the participants purchasing cakes, quiches and donating money for sandwiches and hot drinks. The CTC Cyclists' Defence Fund received £200.

Basingstoke ride co-ordinator's report (Andrew Heaton)

Spring this year coincided bad weather with each of the Basingstoke rides and attendance was poor. Since then a more diverse programme and better weather has started to increase the number of riders including some new riders who've come back for more. Off-road rides are firmly established as part of the monthly programme and are well attended though some riders have ventured up from Alton where off-road rides have diminished. Scheduled off-road taster sessions were poorly attended but arranging sessions on an ad-hoc basis seems to be working better. Keeping in touch with riders between rides can be difficult. Please register your Email addresses so I can keep you up to date with ride information. We hope to keep our programme varied through 2006 but this needs ride leaders. The current core is hard-working and you have my thanks but I'd like to increase the number of

leaders we have. If you've a favourite route on or off road you'd like to share please get in touch so we can add it to the programme.

Farnborough ride co-ordinator's report (Adrian Ashurst)

A fairly successful year - with numbers at a steady level average of 10 people / ride through year.

The rides themselves destinations etc. were not so different to what we have had in previous years i.e between 5 and 20 miles at a very relaxed pace.

Rise in traffic levels on Sundays makes planning more difficult and the off-road cycle path network seems to expand only slowly.

I think priority next year is trying to bring back people who may have dropped out of regular attendance - after all we are the only local group that caters for beginner riders so we should have a core audience.

We are looking at the ride leaders issue again. Charlie and I have been leading most rides. Peter Callow was leader for a couple but I think his riding is really at faster pace than we do. By now a couple of new leaders have registered. Perhaps all of us need to look again at the instructions to ride leaders Alastair recently sent out - to ensure we are fulfilling our legal obligations.

We may also look at strengthening our links with the Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership e.g., talk to officers re: what we do etc. Plus The Blackwater Valley cycle path is ideal for rides we do.

Petersfield ride co-ordinator's report (Stephen Olivant)

Rides from Petersfield on the last Sunday of each month continue to be very popular with a regular attendance of eight or so riders. We know each other well now and we all look forward to our group ride. There is a vocal minority who press for tea stops during the ride, but we do our best to ignore them. Besides the Sunday rides, we do Audax events, two of the group did the Etape du Tour in July 2005 and some of us are planning a week's col climbing trip from Geneva to Venice in May/June 2006. A family section of the group (tandems and tandems plus trailers) is also beginning to take shape.

Alton Right to Ride report (Diana Wood)

I have attended all committee meetings of NHDA plus 7 East Hampshire District Council meetings. Have also contributed information to Hampshire Cycling and to Sustrans. I have had correspondence with District Councillors and also my Member of Parliament. Also contributed rights articles to the newspapers.

- National Cycle Network Route 23 now completed between Alton and Basingstoke/Alresford (couple things outstanding). Official opening now March 2006.
- A339 cycle route to Beech open but insist the path should commence in town (Alton) at least as far as New Odiham Road roundabout.
- South West Trains have dropped the idea (for the time being at least) of extinguishing right of way over the line at Bentley.

- Have opposed several requests via HCC to prevent motorized users claiming rights given historically to horse drawn carriages.
- Planning applications. Have commented on several larger applications (particularly in Lower Farringdon) and have requested developers contributions should be ringfenced to provide safer movements of cyclists and pedestrians, therefore improving sustainability.
- Request from Emma Kenning (HCC Access Development Officer – Cycling) for the 2 packs (i.e. 24) off road cycle routes to be updated.
- In correspondence with HCC Engineer (as also Robert Simpson) re proposed traffic calming in the village of Bentley. Chicanes are possible (not good for cyclists) and we have asked for adequate cycle by-passes.

Basingstoke Right to Ride report (Heather Rainbow)

- Consultation. HR involved in consultation processes on town centre changes, New road, South View (including cycle routes to station), Old Kempshott Lane, NCN23 Sustrans route, Brighton Hill roundabout, Northern quadrant (incl station to Sherborne road), A33
- Site visits for/with borough to sustrans route and Chineham area
- New infrastructure - cycle counters installed in Jan 04 and Jun 04 show seasonal variation and success of Sustrans route.
- Last 2 years has seen little actually changing on the ground due to staff shortages. Chris Gregory, new Senior Planning officer, has seen the implementation of the Sustrans route and has started a more rigorous marketing approach - cycle exhibition at Big Wheel, Winchester Bike week, Queen Mary College bike day; cycle maps distributed to all school children.
- Eli Lilly has an enthusiastic Green Transport Manager who has joined BBUG and secured a local government grant to improve facilities for cyclists at Lilly's.

North Hampshire District Association Accounts for Year to 30 September 2005

Assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2005

	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	
Current Assets		
Stocks: badges, clothing etc.	102.72	
Cash and bank balances	1624.71	
Total Assets	1727.43	
Less Liabilities		0
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities	1727.43	
Accumulated surplus at 1 st October 2004	1402.05	
Add surplus for the year	325.38	

Income and Expenditure for year ended 30th September 2005

Net interest received		19.36
Grants from headquarters		103.70
Profits on DA events		479.83
Costs of running DA	218.36	
Subscriptions and donations to other bodies	130.00	
Commission from wiggle		70.85
Total	348.36	673.74
Surplus for the year	325.38	