

Chairman's report (Andy Watson)

The DA and its members continue to be active in promoting all aspects of cycling. I would like to thank all the committee for their hard work and dedication over the year. This year a number of committee members are stepping down after making very significant contributions over the last few years.

Alastair Campbell has carried out the role of DA Secretary with quiet efficiency. The work done behind the scenes to deal successfully with both local administration and HQ policy has taken much time. I would like to thank Alastair for his contribution and to wish him well both on and off his bicycle.

Irvine Shaw has now stepped down as our Webmaster. He created our first website which has been very successful in communicating the activities and aims of our DA. We should be proud to remember that our web site was one of the first DA sites. I would like to thank Irvine for his hard work.

Diana Wood has been at the forefront of cycle campaigning in Alton and Hampshire for many years. Her work has benefited all of us especially through improved cycle routes and safer riding. Diana will not be standing for re-election this year. I would like to thank Diana for her outstanding contribution and to wish her and Ray happy cycling.

Andrew Heaton has been running both Basingstoke road rides and our off-road section. He has stated that he wants to concentrate on off-road organisation in the coming year and I would like to thank Andrew for his efforts in establishing the Basingstoke on road section.

To round off this part of the report I would like to propose that a formal vote of thanks be recorded for each of the committee members above.

Turning to our activities we have held regular rides starting in Alton, Petersfield, Basingstoke, Farnborough and Fleet. 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 hold DA Touring Competition events and have expanded our Audax events which are attracting increasing numbers of entrants. On behalf of the committee I would like 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.

This coming year will be a year of transition with new committee members taking on the responsibilities for organising and running the DA. I am sure that they will be successful and that they will be able to count on the support of all the members.

Secretary's report (Alastair Campbell)

As usual I have spent most of the year in awe of the dedication and efficiency with which everyone involved in our group and events go about their work. Two people in particular have impressed me beyond 'the regulars':

- Bob Bending in his enthusiastic development of the new North Hampshire CTC website (contact him with any further suggestions on bob.bending@btinternet.com)
- John Buckley with his ongoing efforts to promote cycling through cycle training and family rides from Whitchurch.

My activities have included:

- handling queries from a number of new joiners or new starters, some of whom have become regular riders
- supporting an event sponsored by East Hampshire DC aiming to get new cyclists on their bikes
- various efforts to connect our people to other initiatives and events I have heard about
- liaising with HQ on various administrative issues.

This has been my last year as Secretary and I'd like to express heartfelt thanks for the support I've received over the last four years and wish the best of luck to my successor.

Treasurer's report (Mark Beauchamp)

The year ended with the accounts in a very healthy state. All of our outdoor events made a profit especially our Audax Test Series rides which continue to be very popular. We have received further commission from Wiggle following purchases by members using the link from our website. Thank-you to those members.

Accounts have not been received from two organisers, Dave Mackenzie and Ken Robson. (Ken's events are cash neutral as profits are donated to charity). I have spoken to Dave and he has promised to send the £12.89 profit from the Sausage & Mash evening in 2004 and the accounts for the 2005 Hampshire Hundred event.

Five badges were sold this year and the money received from a further two sold at the Phil Hampton Memorial Ride was passed on to the Cyclists' Defence Fund. A total of £398 was received at the Phil Hampton ride and after deduction of expenses the sum of £296 was donated to the Fund. I thank Caroline Brodie very much for organising this DA event that was very well supported.

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

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

Publicity Officer's report (Jacky Billington)

No report received.

Membership secretary's report (Sarah Gould)

This year membership information has been provided regularly and used to support the DA communication with our members. The October 2006 membership list, which excludes all lapsed (temporarily or otherwise) records 644 fully paid up members. This compares with 590 in October 2005. It is noted that the membership list without exclusions totals about 720.

The membership data is used to support our regular email distribution of the DA magazine. It is noted that email addresses are still not being provided in the latest membership data. This has been queried again and no response has been received. 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 riders have enjoyed a full programme of organised rides in the past year, and I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to lead during this time. We continue to attract around 6 – 12 riders each week, and sometimes when there have been two rides on offer, the total has been even greater. Despite advertising only one ride aimed at beginners, a good number of new riders have tried our rides this year and I am pleased to report that several have now become regulars. However, I am not aware that any of these joined us in the first instance as a result of receiving the springtime mailshot. We are looking forward to continuing with our varied programme of rides in 2007.

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

Sunday rides

Despite the warmest and driest summer in years the numbers of those riding on Sundays actually reduced!! My only explanation for this can be the choice of reducing the D.I.Y list and the pull of the B-B-Q was greater than the thought of losing pounds sweating it out on the bike.

The remaining "hardcore" have still maintained the two groups offering a fast paced ride for those would be racers and a mid – paced ride for those with Eurosport subscriptions!

The combination of the CTC and Alton CC saw Shaun, Andy and Dan racing in the colours of Alton CC in the LVR league, whilst the early races were a baptism of fire for both Andy and Shaun they hung on and made great improvements as the season progressed. Dan returning to the racing scene rode consistently and will be a favourite for podium places next season. Not to be out done the mid-pace group had a racing representative, Alan after a 40 year break dusted off the legs and joined in with the youngsters. (Rumour has it that the legs have been hung up again)

In addition to all this racing members of the groups participated in local DA and Audax events. The fastest growing trend in cycling is the "Sportive" members of the group participated in the Test Valley rides, The Dragon Ride and the inaugural Southern Sportive a testing 150km ride starting in Petersfield, Andy, Alan and Caroline gaining one Gold and two Silver medals for the pain on the day.

As winter approaches in addition to the Sunday rides (the search for new café stops continues – see the website for the latest list) there is a full programme of track sessions available at Calshot, these sessions are open to all DA members so if you fancy a go speak to Andy or Alan for more details.

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

We have ridden throughout the year with at least one road-ride a month. Through the summer, we were able to weave our rides around the Audax rides and other events provided by Robert Watson and Ken Robson so we could provide two rides a month.

Through the varied ride programme, riders have been able to stretch themselves and build up their endurance transitioning from 20 mile group rides to 80km Audax events.

A spring mail-shot was sent out to all CTC members in the Basingstoke Area and drew in several new riders though none became established regulars. Attendance on some of the rides and events has been disappointing. I shall be stepping down as Basingstoke Road Ride co-ordinator at the AGM.

Off-road ride co-ordinator's report (Andrew Heaton)

At the start of 2006, off-road rides started being listed together rather than being part of the Saturday or Sunday ride programmes of the various sections. The rides have been co-ordinated together rather than have off-road clashes between the different sections. Listing the rides together made them easier to find and have avoided road-riders turning up by mistake. We have ridden throughout the year in all sorts of weather and conditions (though mainly good) with two rides a month in the summer and one ride a month during the rest of the year. Good support from ride leaders has allowed a programme without repeats. Only very occasionally have we ridden the same bridleway twice over the course of the year. The standard and stamina of riders has increased through the year and we will be running some "off-road improvers" rides soon to help riders transition from green lanes to single-track.

The more varied programme has included rides in the Surrey Downs and Brecon Beacons as well as closer to home rides in Berkshire and Hampshire. Some rides have also included before and after lunch sections giving riders the choice of retiring after lunch or working off lunch in the afternoon.

A solid core of riders has supported the rides throughout the year.

We were requested by Hampshire County Council to tender for reviewing their entire set of off-road routes. However, the size of the task together with the short times wanted by the council (24 routes to be audited plus additional ten routes to be created and way marked all within February and March) and the indemnities they required took the task beyond our capabilities and so we chose not to tender.

We hope to be able to provide routes for download from the web site and to provide CTC's "Cycle" magazine with a North Hampshire Off-Road "Down Your Way" article to try to attract some of the local CTC riders who don't currently ride with us.

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

No report received

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

We increased our rider numbers and tried to be more adventurous this year. A few of our *'last Sunday in the month'* rides didn't start from Petersfield so that we had new areas to explore. Also, some of us rode the wonderfully scenic Prealpine Randonnee, a nine day trip from Geneva to Venice. This wider approach was welcomed by those of us who enjoy challenging and time-committing rides (with necessary training). However, it might have excluded some others who have to fit their cycling into very busy working and family lives.

Changing my PC gave me the impetus to weed out from my group address list anyone who had not been out with us during the year. My intention was to stop lots of worthless e-mails flying round cyberspace. I hope I haven't offended anyone who read them with interest but never quite got round to riding their bike.

We will e-mail our regular riders to weigh the balance of requests for adventure versus accessibility before fixing a full programme for next year. However, we have a few ideas already....

- We have booked a col-climbing week in the central Pyrenees in May and a mountain bike week on the Tour du Mont Blanc in September.
- We might move to a programme of regular locally-based *'last Sunday in the month'* ride with additional rides outside our area on other Sundays.
- We hope to continue our successful family rides (I thank Jim MacDonald for organising these and other *'last Sunday in the month'* rides) and to try out a few *'ladies only'* rides.
- We are aware that our locally-based *'last Sunday in the month'* rides may be too hard/fast/far for some riders, so we will try to offer a few easier alternatives next year.

I didn't send a mail shot to all Petersfield area CTC members this year because I was abroad for large parts of the Spring and Summer. I could not have responded had there been strong interest in organised rides. We will try a mail shot next Spring, after we have established the amount of time we are able to devote to ride leadership in 2007.

I was very unhappy that a café list has been published on the club website. My worst fears have come true. An informant circulated this list to the Petersfield riders and I have received several e-mails demanding more tea stops and less cycling. Are cyclists going soft?

Alton Right to Ride report (Diana Wood)

Attended East Hampshire Cyclists' Forum meeting 9.8.06. Assisted with organisation of Family Cycle ride in June 06 run by Active Lifestyles Co-ordinator (East Hants District Council).

Correspondence from Hindhead Together Partnership with suggestion that despite further delays, work should commence on the A3 tunnel scheme late 2006.

Attended 5/6 of the monthly Community meetings of East Hants District Council and have contributed to discussions on local transport schemes. Was recently invited to Alton Town Council meeting where I put forward my suggestions to enhance Mill

Lane industrial site with special regard to using developers contributions from Focus Do-it-All (and other retail outlets moving into the site) on improving the River Wey path for cyclists/walkers to connect Holybourne and Alton in a safe and environmental way. Our town clerk has now written to Peter Savidge, Cycle Policy Officer at HCC endorsing these very proposals. Now await reply.

After experimentation by H.C.C. with traffic calming on old A31 at Bentley, it has finally been decided that the chicanes would be removed altogether as they were causing more trouble than they were helping!

Opening in April 2006 of NCN23 Alton to Alresford and Basingstoke. Have reminded the Council and Sustrans that a sign is still needed in Chawton Park Woods to assist direction (also a dropped kerb at western end of Jubilee fields).

Basingstoke Right to Ride report (Heather Rainbow)

- Lobbied intensively to get changes made to the cycle unfriendly traffic calming on St Michael's road
- Lobbied unsuccessfully to have dropped kerbs across new buildout on A30 at the Hatch which forces cyclists into the fast overtaking lane
- Cycle route along St Michael's road to Leisure centre with at grade crossing of B3400 now completed summer 2006
- NCN 23 Basingstoke to Alton and Alresford officially opened in April 2006
- Cycle "snagging" programme now launched (e.g. barriers on Western Greenway now modified to be more cycle friendly). Phase 1 of "Cycle Links" project has received a budget of £400.000.
- Friends of the Earth Basingstoke branch launched in September 2005. I liaise with them and attended their well supported public meeting on Climate Change where I spoke to Maria Miller MP one of the speakers.
- Maria Miller has shown interest in having a cycle lesson to become confident on Basingstoke's busy streets.
- QMC Green Fair in September 2006 – sadly unable to attend
- Basingstoke Council had a cycle exhibition with 6 stands during National Bike Week. CTC and RtR attended. Much interest in cycle training, how to get to places by bike and the new Basingstoke cycle map
- Chaired CTC Hampshire Cycling and pushed for better infrastructure design, cycle training and promotion of cycling.

North Hampshire District Association Accounts for Year to 30 September 2006

Assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2006

	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	
Current Assets		
Stocks: badges, clothing etc.	82.70	
Cash and bank balances	1651.35	
Total Assets	1734.05	
Less Liabilities		0
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities	1734.05	
Accumulated surplus at 1 st October 2005	1727.43	
Add surplus for the year	6.62	

Income and Expenditure for year ended 30th September 2006

Net interest received		17.68
Grants from headquarters		97.35
Profits on DA events	3.39	
Costs of running DA	85.37	
Subscriptions and donations to other bodies	30.00	
Commission from wiggle		15.07
Donation of two badges at Phil Hampton ride	5.72	
Total	124.48	131.10
Surplus for the year	6.62	