YCC Committee Meeting
held at
the Abbey Rooms, The Forum, Yeovil
on 14 July 2025 at 1930

Next meeting: 10 November 2025 at 1930

Those present:

	Dave Notley	Chairman
	Derek Todd	Treasurer
	Martin Wills	Runs Secretary
	Sandra Wills	General Secretary
	Mark Fisher	Press/Records Secretary
	Mark Boxall	Membership Secretary
	Rob Galvin	
	Mark Edwards	
	Sue Nisbet	Welfare Secretary
	Alec Thomson	
Apologies:	Jane Baker	

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Chairman's Opening Remarks
3. Actions from Previous Minutes
4. General Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Time Trial Secretary's Report
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. Runs Secretary's Report
9. Records Secretary's Report
10. Newsletter Secretary's Report
11. Welfare Officer's Report
12. Press Secretary's Report
13. Any Other Business

Action

1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Jane Baker.

2 **Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The chairman opened the meeting and thanked the attendees for their presence.

3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

4 **General Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

5 **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer gave the following report:
Transactions since May 2025

Income:	
Membership	£49.50 (total paid this year = £2242)
Bike box hire	£36 (total this year = £141)
Evening ~TT entries	£485.40
Total income:	**£570.90**
Expenditure:	
Davis Hall hire	£108.00
Total expenditure:	**£108.00**
Current balance:	**£18,145.50**

6 **Time Trial Secretary's Report**

The Time Trials are continuing to go well, with entrants usually reaching double figures.
Several volunteers helped at recent TTs.
Because of security breaches at Brize Norton, parking is now much stricter at the perimeter of RNAS Yeovilton.
HQ will be booked again for next year.

7 **Membership Secretary's Report**

There are 129 fully paid-up members (includes 6 new members in 2025), 6 have not yet renewed and not responded to reminders. 8 will not be renewing.
There is one junior – Alexander Maguire who is 17 years 4 months. He will remain a junior in British Cycling's classification until 31 December 2026.

8 **Runs Secretary's Report**

On the 18th May we all went to Maunsel Lock canal Centre by the usual two routes.
The weather was starting to warm up and it was a nice morning out.

The week after we enjoyed a medium ride to the Barley Mow Farm Shop near Chard and a shorter ride to the Potting Shed Cafe at Chard Garden Centre. When I contacted the Potting Shed they said they expected to be busy, so I warned to medium groups not to bypass the Barley Mow. As it turned out the Potting shed was quite quiet. Hardly a shrub buyer in sight. Anyway all went well for the three groups out.

The better weather continued into June and on the 1st, we all went to Burnham on Sea, although there were alternative options of Sweets and Godney. Three groups made good time to May's Cafe but the usual Short route group decided to go a different way, that took in the much improved King Sedgemoor Drain Cycleway, which turned out to be closed. The hastily improvised route added about 4 miles and meant a late arrival at Burnham but that was probably a good thing, as most of the other groups were leaving, so seating at a very crowded May's Cafe was available.

The 8th of June saw everyone heading to Dorchester, by a different route than normal. Due to road closures in the Frome Valley, we went south through Frome St Quinton and came back up the Cerne Valley. Unfortunately, a cyclist coming in the opposite direction on the Dorchester cycleway, had a head on collision with Paul Baker, which left Paul with a deep cut to his arm and multiple bruises. Paul phoned home for Jane to come to the rescue and the rest of the group headed on to find a cafe.

The following week the destinations were Shearwater, Stourhead or Round Chimneys Farm but with the good weather continuing, two groups plumped for Stourhead and two for Shearwater. All went well except for a stiff breeze from the south west, that made it hard work coming home.

On the 22nd of June we all went to Sweets at Westhay. It was a nice warm day and Sweets was packed, so one group retraced their steps to the Avalon Marshes, where it rained. Quite heavily at one point. Because of the fine forecast, several of us were caught out without a coat. Anyway the rain stopped and we came directly back, in case it started again.

The 29th June saw two groups do Cheddar Backwards, Where the ride comes down the Gorge instead of up. All went well as far as I know. The usual Short route group went to Middlewick Farm , which I thought would be deserted due to Glastonbury Festival, just along the road. How wrong I was, When we got there, it was teaming with Corporate types, who were accommodated at the farm and were being bussed into the Festival. Anyway it was a bit makeshift but we all got a drink and a bite to eat.

On the 6th July the ride went to Wincanton via Marnhull. There was a short ride on offer but there were no takers. I was unable to attend but I think all went well.

Yesterday, we were scheduled to ride to either Lulworth Cove, Moreton or King Stag.
Two groups did head for Moreton and one plumped for Kings Stag. I joined the King Stag ride, not at my best but it turned out to be a really nice ride despite really warm temperatures. Steph Riley reported that her group on the Moreton ride had a good morning although a bit warm.

There have been several good Thursday rides recently, including an excellent away day at Ottery St Mary. We did this ride in 2023 and it was a great success then but sadly when it was scheduled last year, the weather was bad and it never happened. This years ride went very well and about 15 riders took part. We also visited the Quantock Hills, a ride that went to both the Canal Centre and Sweets and The John Butler Memorial Ride to Bath, which I didn't attend for some reason.

It was agreed that the occasional duplication of Thursday/Sunday rides is not a problem.

Sue would like to offer returning members the opportunity to do shorter, slower rides. Jane already does a shorter ride on a Saturday but it is not recognised as a club ride. Jane will be asked if it will be ok to have her rides recognised as club rides.

9 **Records Secretary's Report**

Trophies are almost ready to go to the engravers. Some trophies are in very poor condition. Mark has found a shop in Taunton that may be able to refurbish the trophies. Many trophies have already been repurposed.
The points cup is still with Irina.
Mark will email details of proposed new trophies to the committee for approval/comment. It was proposed to offer a trophy for the “best ride” which would be decided by a vote and could recognise any achievement not necessarily a race.

10 **Newsletter Editor's Report**

The next newsletter will be published at the beginning of August.

11 **Welfare Officer's Report**

Jane has now qualified as Welfare Officer, Sue will remain as co-welfare officer.

12 **Press Officer's Report**

The TT results and photographs have been published in the Western Gazette. Derek suggested that an opening sentence would make the posts more interesting.

13 **Any Other Business**

With the exception of Martin and Sandra the existing officers are willing to stand again. Mark Boxall stated that he may not continue after next year.

Mark Fisher placed a poll on Facebook regarding a club dinner, with Friday evening being the preferred option. He proposed that East Coker village hall would be a good venue with an evening for food plus trophy presentation. Trophies will need to be completed prior to a date being agreed.

We also discussed Mark Fisher's application for financial support via the Race Support Scheme. Mark left the room whilst this was discussed. It was decided that this event did not meet the criteria that the scheme was originally designed to serve, namely he was neither entered as a YCC rider, nor riding in club colours. The

National Championship element was entirely discretionary. Mark was informed by email with an explanation of the decision.