

CTC Devon Annual General Meeting – November 2013

Secretary's report

The Devon committee has met 4 times during the year, in Newton Abbot and Stoke Canon. Minutes of these meetings are available [on our website](#)

I also attended a meeting of the Member Groups Steering Committee in London in June. These are held 3 times a year, but I'm disappointed by the number of actions outstanding from previous meetings. In particular progress on support to Groups with marketing appears slow. On a positive note we can now add event details directly to the National website.

Events throughout the year have generally been well attended and profitable. The larger events need a considerable number of helpers to run smoothly and this has been a concern at times.

The Committee has debated the considerable reserves in our accounts, but we've been largely unsuccessful in identifying suitable ways of spending the money. £570 was spent on water bottles to be handed out at events for publicity. However a shortage of volunteers meant we missed some opportunities to man stalls at events such as the Dartmoor Classic.

The Coast to Coast audax was advertised as a charity event, which appeared to attract additional entries. The profit of £340 from the event was donated to The Alzheimers Society.

Following discussion at last years AGM, I investigated options for training leaders, but the available courses didn't appear relevant to our group rides. However, a number of members did undertake training to become Sky Ride leaders. If there is still sufficient demand I can organise similar training through a local company.

It was disappointing that we were unable to organise the Devon Anniversary Lunch as a get together in May, but we hope to be more successful next year.

Torbay and Exeter groups and the Coffee Pot are doing well with healthy numbers. South Devon appear to struggle to find additional members because of their rural catchment, but are continuing to advertise.

Plymouth have a healthy core of members with 14 attending their recent AGM. However this number should be considered in the context of the total population of Plymouth, which is approximately twice that of Exeter or Torbay. Julie has tried to attract additional members over the past year without much success. The group is now continuing without a secretary.

Finally I'd like to thank all of the committee members and the event organisers for their hard work during the year.

Roy Russell
Secretary CTC Devon