

With a fair wind we should be recommencing club rides again on the 5th December following our month of tighter restrictions.

Things have been a bit different from typical club rides since we were first able to restart the rides on 22nd August. The feedback has been incredibly positive from those who have led or participated in the reduced groups and it will be great to get back out riding with others once again.

The hundred plus member response to the club ride survey helped guide the club that the time was right, and enough members were ready to return to organised rides. Thanks to all who took the time to give feedback. There is now a little more structure needed to enable our compliance with British Cycling and Government guidelines which took a bit of time and input from a number of members to get the new processes in place. Their aim is to provide a level of protection for all ride participants and the public, whilst retaining the integrity of the club's insurance with BC.

We have so far successfully managed to get the B, C+ and C groups going well again, whilst the D's have so far managed one group ride, which hopefully they will now build on. Currently, Andy Lee is organising the B's, Tim Goldsmith for C+ and Mike Kirby for the C's. We also need someone to represent the D's and it would be fantastic to have an A group again. Each of the group leaders give their time and energy overseeing the organisation of rides week by week, leading rides and contributing to the overall approach to club rides. We all need to give them our support to help keep our club rides going.

We have welcomed some riders new to the club alongside others returning to the ranks after some time away. The numbers in the C's has been really encouraging with some great enthusiasm and riders readily stepping forward to lead.

A number of new leaders have stepped up in recent months which has been much appreciated by all. An upside of the small groups is that they feel safer to ride in, the smaller numbers are less intimidating and hopefully it feels easier to lead a group of mates that you ride with week to week.

All in all, 14 members have led 34 rides since the restart. Two leaders have notched up 5 leads each, closely followed by one on 4. Top work Tim G, Alun DJ, and John Ritchie.

Bring on the next phase. We're ready to go again on Saturday.