



Annual General Meeting 2026 Minutes

Date of Meeting: 6th October 2026

Location: Banner Cross Pub

Time: 7pm

Committee Present: Delia Watts (Chair), Gillian Wilson, Sue North, Ellen Dhawan, Kym Martindale, Becca Potton, Ellie Wildbore, Jane Harriman, Chrissie Garnock-Jones, Sharon Ward

1. Apologies for absence: Julia Jackson, Fran McLean, Linda Fitzpatrick, Tracey Bradburn (members). 26 members attended (including committee).

2. Minutes of last meeting

Any comments or matters arising from minutes of last AGM available online at <https://yorkshirerose.cc/agm-minutes/> - minutes agreed

3. Committee Reports

Chair: DW welcomed everyone. It has been another successful year for the club, which is celebrating its 10-year anniversary, having started in 2016. We have a range of riders out, including some recent new members referred from Sheffield Tri Club. The Road to 100km programme was particularly popular. Recently we have tried suggesting shorter versions of the longer routes, and this has resulted in sub-groups forming to ride a less challenging route. Other activities included bike maintenance workshop, Roaches bunkhouse, evening pizza ride, garden party and day ride to Liverpool. Membership is currently around 68 members, which is less than last year (80) although we seem to have more active members, with good attendance at most rides & events.

Finance Report: GW Treasurer

Gill took over as Treasurer from Marian earlier in the year. Our club account holds a healthy balance of around £4,000. This year we have been successful in reducing the surplus with a variety of expenditure (kit stock, free socks, bike maintenance sessions, pizza social, bunkhouse, water bottles).

Membership renewals will be due in February, which is likely to bring in around £1,000, so we remain well funded and able to subsidise activities for members next year.

GW provided a printed copy of full accounts for any members wishing to view details.

Rides: KM

We have received positive feedback from several new members recently, who have enjoyed joining rides and built confidence and fitness from doing so, and expressed their appreciation to the club for enabling this.

One member requested shorter rides, as they are often not able to commit more than 2-3 hours for a ride, and others agreed. There was also interest in an earlier start time in summer months, so that the ride would finish by lunchtime.

Recently ride organisers have been suggesting shorter route options, if they organise a long ride. Some members were not aware of this, partly as they may not have looked at the details of the ride if the title suggested it was a long route. Ride organisers should try to make clear in the title if there are different options. Members are encouraged to read the event details to see if there is an option to suit them, and to post in the event if they are interested in a shorter (or different) ride.

ED pointed out that posting a comment on the ride event is often all it takes. Whenever one person has posted that they would prefer a shorter route, they have always had at least one other person join them to ride (usually more). If everyone sits on their hands wishing there was a shorter ride, one won't happen, so we encourage everyone to speak up so a group can form.

One member said that this requires a certain level of confidence to suggest a different route. KM confirmed that posting such a comment does not mean you are a 'ride organiser' or are 'leading the ride' (we no longer use the term 'ride leader' anyway). The aim of the club is to bring together members who wish to do similar types of rides, and do a ride which is enjoyable for them. This includes the ride organiser.

EW, CJ, MD & ED commented that they have in the past offered shorter rides and had few or no takers. So, although there is certainly some demand from members for shorter rides, the numbers probably aren't huge on any particular day. It is also an idea to post a shorter ride with a longer option, not just the other way around (EW). DW reminded everyone that our ride library contains a wide variety of routes.

EW suggested that it would be helpful if rides were posted earlier, to allow members to plan ahead. Usually, rides are posted on Facebook during the week leading up to the ride, which can only be a few days notice. Some ride organisers said they preferred to do this once the weather forecast was clear, particularly in the winter months. There was discussion around whether it would be confusing to have rides several weeks ahead as Facebook events, as we have in the past only had one upcoming ride on Facebook. ED said that the ride schedule goes further ahead and is available on our website; some members were not aware of this.

Ride to 100k Rides were discussed. This year club rides were run in parallel, particularly on the shorter rides, and this helped to keep numbers more manageable. We had 11 rides in the programme, starting at 30km. A total of 36 different riders attended, with an average of 9 members on a ride, and a total of 101 rides completed in the series. The 100km finale ride was out to Clumber Park.

The Liverpool ride was very popular, with the 12 slots filling up surprisingly fast. Possibility to do a similar ride next year with option to stay over, to reduce pressure on train spaces, which is the limiting factor. This may also allow a steadier pace group and make the day inclusive to more abilities, as suggested by CJ. This to be considered in future. Returning by train had meant an early start and fairly brisk pace, to complete the ride in time for the booked trains. ED felt that there was limited potential for a slower group on that route, as the day had been from 7am-10pm with stops kept minimal [subsequently checking Strava, it was 130km ridden at 17.8 km/h (11mph) average].

Everyone was encouraged to complete our feedback survey which EW is conducting. 17 responses so far.

Contributions by other Committee Members

1. **Kit.** CJ had brought a range of kit for members to try on and buy. She was able to supply all requests from stock, so there is no need for a kit order currently, but we are now out of stock of jerseys. Most members have now collected their free socks but should get in touch if not.
2. **Social** DW gave a summary of events over the year - Christmas meal, garden party, bunkhouse weekend, pizza evening, bike maintenance, Liverpool ride. The

bunkhouse trip was less well attended than previous years; the September date seemed to be less popular and there was also a request (via SW) to visit an area with flatter rides in future, perhaps with a hotel.

A raffle was held. Prizes were mainly some sample T-shirts and hoodies which were inherited from the previous committee, plus some socks, water bottles and mudflaps.

Election of Committee

Chair: DW to continue (proposed by GW, seconded by KM)

Secretary: ED to continue (proposed by SN, seconded by DW)

Treasurer: GW to continue (proposed by DW, seconded by KM)

Membership Officer: GW to continue (proposed by ED, seconded by BP)

Rides Co-ordinator: KM to continue (proposed by DW, seconded by BP)

Rider Rep: Sue North (proposed by KM, seconded by GW)

Events/Social Organiser: DW to continue (proposed by ED, seconded by GW)

Welfare Officer: JH to continue (proposed by CJ, seconded by GW)

Website & Communications: ED to continue (proposed by GW, seconded by KM)

New Member Enquiries: Becca Potton to continue (proposed by SN, seconded by DW)

Kit Officer: CJ to continue (proposed by KM, seconded by GW)

Support Roles: Ellie Wildbore & Sharon Ward to continue (proposed by DW, seconded by CJ)

There were no new volunteers for any of the posts, so the committee members are unchanged from last year. SN moves from additional Ride Co-ordinator to Riders Rep, replacing Sinead, who is no longer a member.

AOB

Some members put themselves as 'Maybe' on rides & events. This is not helpful to organisers, so members were asked to commit by the morning of the ride at the latest. It is not necessary to put 'Not Going' unless you are changing a previous 'Going' response. If 'Maybe' really means that you'd like to go but would prefer a shorter/longer route, please also comment this on the event so that a group can form it enable it.

A member asked if there might be an alternative to using Facebook to organise rides. Several members agreed that either they were not on Facebook or preferred not to use it. Various alternatives were discussed (WhatsApp, Signal) but such chat groups do not offer the structure that we currently enjoy with our Facebook Group and events. Some members said that their running clubs used WhatsApp groups but that it was very confusing and not effective. Sarah R agreed to look into any possible alternatives.

EW reminded us that the Tour de France Femmes race would take place locally on 31st July 2027 and the club may like to plan an event for that. There may be an increased interest in women's cycling following the race.

DW mentioned the GlowRide on the evening of 22nd October 2026, which is a mass cycle ride to call for safer streets and better cycling infrastructure, especially for women riding after dark. DW will post an event for this.

The meeting closed and all enjoyed a social & food from Urban Choola. DW had baked a delicious cake to celebrate YRCC's 10th anniversary.