

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2018

A review of the year

Following on from last years CTC collaboration with Cycling Dumfries a number of joint rides were arranged, these took place over the winter months. and included rides to celebrate Halloween, St Andrew's day, New Years Day, Robbie Burns and St Valentine's Day.

Sunday 14th January saw us once again at the Laurie Arms, Haugh of Urr for our festive lunch, an excellent meal enjoyed by approximately 16 people

Sunday 22nd April Five members of Team Knockagh Cycling Club from Northern Ireland came over the water to visit our shores and were joined by a number of local riders. the route from Cairn Ryan included stops in The Isle of Whithorn and Sandhead. before a high speed chase back for the evening ferry

Wednesday 6th June We had our only East meets West ride this year, meeting in Wigtown. Severn of us enjoyed a lovely sunny day and leisurely ride down to the Isle of Whithorn. and back.

16th and 17th June The SW300 Cycle Challenge was held in our area - not a CTC event but a couple of our members did help out and managed to raise just over 14,000 pounds for Charity

Sunday 1st July We were invited to join Cycle Ayrshire on a ride they had organised in our area, 18 Ayrshire and 6 local riders met in the car park in Castle Douglas, and set off on a fabulous sunny day around the Solway coast going via Gelston, Dalbeattie, Colvend, with lunch on the green in New Abbey before heading back via Beeswing and Haugh of Urr.

Sunday 8th July Sadly due to lack of entrants The Stewartry Sportive was Cancelled
3 members + 1 Sportive entrant did however ride the course, ensuring we got something out of the day.

Thursday 19th July Once again we had the pleasure of joining forces with Cycle Ayrshire for a ride around the Rhinns of Galloway.

13-19th August Two of our members attended the CTC Holidays "Birthday Rides" which were held this year in Yarnfield, Staffordshire - Sadly the decision was taken to make this event the last, due to nobody willing to take up the mantel of organising the event plus increased costs and falling attendances.

13th -16th August "Tour de Trossachs" a mini holiday based in Callander Having seen the TV program "Britain by Bike" presented by Larry and George Lamb we were keen to do a featured ride around Loch Katrine followed by doing the classic climb of Dukes Pass - sadly I came to grief going over a

cattle grid, on day one around Loch Katrine, so the Dukes pass will have to wait.

With no prepared ride list the members in the eastern end of the region relied on telephone contact to arrange any outings - but reported very low attendance.

For members in the western end of the region there was a regular program of Sunday and mid-week rides undertaken throughout the year, Many of the mid-week rides meeting up with the Wednesday Wheelers. Notification for all these rides were posted on Facebook Attendance although not great, has been fairly consistent normally ranging from 3 - 5 people

Finally can I once again thank all the office bearers and Committee Members for their efforts and input throughout the past year.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Rostock.