**CYCLING UK LOUTH’S ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

It’s been another busy and rewarding 12 months for Cycling UK Louth with average numbers attending the rides typically four to six and on occasion we’ve had attendances of ten. In addition to the club stalwarts, we welcomed new member Ty Harness into our fold and we’ve also had some guest apparencies with Paul Reynolds more recently joining us on our Sunday and Wednesday rides. Great too to have had John Weeks and Mike Housley joining us on a number of our rides.

The club has two cups which we award annually and having had the ‘Effort Cup’ presented to Tim Newbery back in April (Tim’s been religiously polishing the cup ever since), we were delighted to award Paul Linder with the ‘John Ambler Louth Cup’ on 27th November at the Winter Rides meeting held in Louth. Great too to have had John Ambler available to present the cup. This award was in recognition for the resilience and great effort Paul has made in recovering from his injuries sustained in the Spring. Certainly a ‘Best Newcomer’ award having had to wait several months before joining us again in October. Special thanks to Steve and Kerry for the presentation of an expertly crafted ‘Temperature Blanket’ which was awarded to Tim.

Rides have included familiar destinations but we’ve also returned to those we haven’t been to for years along with some new venues. We’ll return to the likes of The Little Village Tea Shop at Saltfleetby and Annex Café at Market Rasen again. Thanks to Steve for suggesting lots of new venues and it’s good to try something different. Some venues have closed for good such as Claythorpe Water Mill.

In May we organised a ride as part of the Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival, promoting all that our organisation has to offer whilst on 15-16th of the month Tim, Steve, Paul, Martin and John rode to Beverley for a night away. The weather just about behaved. Steve enjoyed a challenging cycle holiday in Wales in the summer whilst John chose a diagonal route from Chepstow to Holyhead. Tim meanwhile chose the flat Zuiderzee Route of the Netherlands for his cycle camping holiday but encountered very unseasonal mid-summer weather. Rob too had some mixed weather on his epic cycle camping ride to Sweeden. We were able to provide a contingent for the Blood Cancer Charity Ride in May and the DS Smith Charity Ride in September.

Tim Newbery and Rob Cook took part in Cycling UK Louth’s Spring Camp in Rutland whilst also enjoying cycle camping around Beccles for the Autumn Camp where we’d meet up with Alan and Barry Jepson. Rob would extend his travels into Essex eventually reaching Jaywick. A return to continue into Kent next year.

We look forward to more adventures in 2025 with a ride and overnight stop at Beverley in May and a ride and an overnight stop at Southwell in June. Cycling UK Louth’s Camps start off with a Spring edition to Rutland in April. A full and varied Sunday and Wednesday programme will also continue throughout.

Tim Newbery

Cycling UK Louth