



Cycling UK Stevenage
(previously Stevenage & North Herts CTC)

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STEVENAGE CYCLISTS WIN LOVE TO RIDE – 10,000 Miles In Lock Down November

Lock Down Two meant they could not ride together but that did not stop the Cycling UK group in Stevenage winning a national competition in November. Against stiff competition from all over the UK their team of 32 WON the “Love To Ride” contest with more than 10,000 miles.

They won the most miles ridden in November with 10,089; they had the greatest number of participants 32; had the most rides 481; had the greatest number of cycle commuting days 25; commuted the most miles on bikes with 1,860; and came second in the collective days ridden with 29, missing just one day.

All of this with members only cycling in ones and twos. Their team included Penny Schenkel, Tina Saunders, Jana Labajova, Christina Austin, Bev Aldwinckle, Helen Flynn, Julie Tribe, Elaine Walker, Tina Walker, Rosa Manning, Vanessa Brooks, Phil Whitehurst, Steve Little and Chris Reed.

As well as motivating people to cycle their efforts also raised funds for the Mayor of Stevenage’s charities and Jim Brown (the Mayor) rode ten times. You can find more about the Mayor’s charities via <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JimBrown20>

Small group rides, up to six, will be possible again soon. To find out more about Cycling UK Stevenage visit www.stevenagectc.org.uk; go via the national website through <https://www.cyclinguk.org/local-groups/stevenage-north-hertfordshire>; find them on Facebook or ring Jim Brown 0793 968 7509, Penny Schenkel 07787 816434 or Tina Walker 01438 235881.

Cycling UK Stevenage have published a number of virtual routes on their website www.stevenagectc.org.uk which you can ride whenever you choose and they have been very active with their “Reclaim our Routes” campaign.

Normally Cycling UK in Stevenage organise more than 200 local cycle rides and events every year and thousands of people enjoy their activities. Of course Cycling UK Stevenage are looking forward to being able to publish a full programme again and being able to welcome people to turn up and join in when they can but at least the small group and virtual rides mean they can get out on bikes, get some exercise, explore the surrounding countryside and enjoy some company.

Cycling is a brilliant form of transport but it can also be fun and a great way to get exercise. The Local Cycling UK offer lots of opportunities. Have a look at their Facebook page Cycling UK Stevenage; visit www.stevenagectc.org.uk or contact Jim on 0793 968 7509; Tina on 01438 235881 or Penny 07787 816434.

To join Cycling UK please go to www.cyclinguk.org

Remember Cycling UK ride with each other not against each other. Stevenage Cycling UK group rides have experienced ride makers, a leader and sweeper with a radio link, on the front and back – no-one gets left behind. You can get more details by contacting Penny (07787 816434); Jim (0793 968 7509); Nicola (0791 643 8610) or Tina (07775 538830 / 01438 235881), by visiting www.stevenagectc.org.uk or by emailing jim@stevenagectc.org.uk

Cycling with your local Cycling UK group is a great way to get fit and enjoy the local countryside in good company. Cycling is fun, it's good for the environment, sociable and it's also good for you. Cycling UK Stevenage is the local group of Cycling UK – formerly known as CTC, the National Cycling Charity.

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More from JIM BROWN 0793 968 7509; Penny (07787 816434); or Tina Walker 01438 235881. For national information contact the national Cycling UK press office on 01483 238 315, 07786 320 713 or email publicity@cyclinguks.org

The CTC, now known nationally as Cycling UK, is the national cycling charity. It is run by cyclists for cyclists. The national website is at www.cyclinguks.org

Cycling UK works to promote cycling by raising public and political awareness of its health, social and environmental benefits, and by working with all communities to help realise those benefits.

Cycling UK has been protecting and promoting the rights of cyclists since 1878. It now has more members than at any time in its history. CTC is a not-for-profit organisation funded through memberships and donations. We focus on the social side of cycling as well as being a powerful and independent voice on behalf of ALL cyclists. CTC offers a range of benefits, including insurance and legal advice, for every type of cyclist. By joining CTC YOU are supporting UK cycling and giving us a louder voice on issues that are important to all users of cycles.

Notes to editors:

Cycling UK, the national cycling charity, inspires and helps people to cycle and keep cycling, whatever kind of cycling they do or would like to do. Over a century's experience tells us that cycling is more than useful transport; it makes you feel good, gives you a sense of freedom and creates a better environment for everyone.

Local Website www.stevenagectc.org.uk

To join Cycling UK / CTC visit <http://www.cyclinguks.org> or 'phone 0844 736 8451

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