SDCC AGM

Minutes of meeting held on 21st Oct 2026 @ 7:00pm

At The Limes, Needham Market

Apologies: Mark Ormond, Martin Presland, Harley Wenman, Chris Howells

22 members present

Annual Reports:

Chairmans Report – Paul Moss

My final year as Chairman of this great club and what a season it has been!

Firstly, thank you to the committee for all their hard work and commitment. This year I have had less to do than ever, thanks to them, so thank you for making my job easy. Thank you to all the people who volunteer at our events and especially to the organisers of all our wonderful events. We say it every year, but without you, this club would not be the best club in the region.

In February four of us went to Hulst to see the cyclo cross world championships. What a trip and what a place. If you haven't been to Hulst, go, the place is spectacular and the cross course is like nothing else you'll ever see.

The reliability ride in March was as good as ever with an excellent turnout. Thank you Colleen and the Buckle family

I won't steal the thunder of the other officer reports but suffice to say I am incredibly proud of the way the club continues to provide top class events when other clubs cannot. We still provide a quality open TT, we provide 2 road races, 4 evening TT's, two reliability rides and 1 superb cross race. Not to mention Monday/Tuesday ladies rides, Wednesday rides, Saturday rides and Sunday rides. We continue to attract riders from other clubs looking for quality club rides where their own clubs are failing to provide for them. We should be very proud.

I truly believe we single handedly saved the Suffolk fire ride, such was the turnout from SDCC riders.

We supported the Stowmarket celebration of cycling, thanks to Andy and his crew for looking after that and to any riders that rode the sportive. I think changes are required to make the event better next year so watch this space.

In July I went to France with Jase and Gazza but the less said about my descending ability the better and we won't mention Gazza's little visit to Annecy hospital! A trip to remember for good and bad reasons!

Wolfy fell off and bust himself up but he still organised the excellent Wednesday evening rides which continue to attract good numbers. Thank you Wolfy and hopefully you'll be back riding them next year.

We've been somewhat fortunate to have the sunniest and driest summer in decades this season which has rather spoilt us. Now the autumn and winter is upon us, it's been a bit of a shock. Whilst I'm not sure we should wish for the same weather next year, hopefully, it will continue to be dry when we ride and wet when we don't!

As you know this was my final year as Chairman. I took over shortly before the lock down years so to say the start of my tenure was a challenge is an understatement! But I've enjoyed every minute of it and wouldn't change a thing. I've had the support of an incredible committee, been on some amazing trips and been leader of (I don't like that description but I guess that's what it is) an incredible bunch of people. I'm not going anywhere and am happy to stay on the committee in whatever role needs filling. I do feel that now is the time for change, a little refresh and I hope I can continue helping the club get bigger and better and yet stay the same friendly inclusive club we have always been.

Thank you

Ladies Report – Charlotte Harrison

Wow what another amazing year for the ladies section. The ladies rides this year, due to the weather, were able to run for a longer period of time. We made an executive decision to move from a Monday night to a Tuesday night to allow a couple of ladies to be able to access this. We started with the normal 15-mile loops and with the consistent four or five regulars made an informed choice to increase these to 20 and 25 miles respectively with the longer days and beautiful weather. These again allowed a few ladies to access group riding to either support them in their training for a triathlon auto allow them to feel comfortable with the distance for a Saturday ride.

It's also been lovely this year to see the return a Verity Smith a well-known club member and TT rider back on the road building her fitness back up. Along with Nicola Flynn who joined us for the tail end of the ladies' rides.

It's been lovely to see a mixture of club ladies out on a Wednesday evening Saturday morning Sunday morning in both the faster and social Sunday ride as well as on the cyclocross field and in time trials. As a minority among most cycle clubs, it's been great for us to have women across the board in different speed groups as well as different events.

It certainly encouraged fellow female club members to have a go at the inter club TT. Which Soros host 3 ladies on the start line one of them TT-ing for the first time and one returning to put a number on the back after a number of years off.

Thanks again to all the members who've recommended to friends, families and neighbours to come along to the ladies rides or to contact myself to meet up for chat and an explanation about what's expected or to go for a ride. All this is really does help to break down the barriers to women accessing sport and cycling.

Here's to another great year for women in our club, any suggestion or ideas gratefully received.

Membership and Finance Report – Colleen Buckle

Membership numbers stable and bank balance around 10K. £500 donation given to two charities this year, EACH and EAAA with ad-hoc donations to several others in support of member challenges.

Whilst the club once again ran a surplus for the year, it is not the aim on an annual basis.

It was agreed that Paul Moss would take on the role of Treasurer and that the bank account authorities would be amended as soon as possible.

SDCC Income/Expenditure 2025/26

Year Ended 30th September 2026

Income	2025/26	Expenses	2025/26
Subs	2960.00	Kit	4336.70
Awards Evening	1017.93	Stow Scramble	3554.00
Kit	3333.70	Spring Reliability	592.95
Stow Scramble	4551.23	Summer Reliability	560.00
Road Races	2221.54	Road Races	1590.89
Spring Reliability	707.80	Debenham TT	45.00
Summer Reliability	232.82	Awards Evening	1368.20
Sponsorship	1500.00	Affiliations	428.00
Debenham TT	237.00	Young Rider Support	258.00
IDCA Series	94.31	Xmas Eve Ride	153.00
Quiz Nights	0.00	Engraving	97.95
Bike Box Hire	105.00	Bank Charges	3.20
Social Kit	0.00	Social Kit	0.00
		Internet Costs	177.44

	AGM Expenses	0.00
	Committee	202.74
	Misc Expenses	1166.02
	Charity Donation	1409.50
16961.33		15943.59

Balance Sheet 2025/26

Balance at 1st Oct 2025	£8,879.93
Income	£16,961.33
Expenditure	£15,943.59
Surplus	£1,017.74
Balance at 30th Sept 2026	**£9,897.67**

Road Race Report – Luke Manning

Several SDCC members have taken part in the Hare and Hounds series this year, which has been a great way to gain road racing experience. I would highly recommend it to any members looking to get started in road racing. Steve King has had some excellent results, and the club encourages others to participate.

Our own road race was extremely well received, with the change of HQ better suited to the course and a fantastic day of racing enjoyed by all. We also made a profit from the event, making it a great success all round.

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise, marshal and support the event. Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated and helped make the day such a success.

TT Report – Jules Bosley

I would like to share my enthusiasm for grass-roots cycling's most inclusive racing category – time trialling. Whilst it is possible to go full "Aero Geek" most events have road bike categories ensuring a level playing field for those without all the gear….and of course, TT racing isn't about the win, it's about listening to your body, testing your limits, and trying to improve. If you enter a race series, there will always be someone of similar ability, and you soon find yourself locked in an epic rivalry with that individual.

It's fair to say at 2026 has seen a resurgence of interest in Time Trialling in the club, with seventeen members participating in the friendly IDCA Time Trial series. The IDCA series includes nearly six months of weekly events, including several hosted by SDCC at Battisford – thank you Gazza for running these, and all timekeepers and marshalls who help make these events a success. Top results in the series include Kendra Boag and Deirdra Keating achieving

category wins in individual IDCA events, and Jake Mower's second place (22.46) on the winding and undulating Copdock "10". On a road bike, this was an exceptional ride! All of these riders would have been podium placed in the series had they participated in more events, as the series scoring tots up results from a dozen or so qualifying events.

Fifteen SDCC riders represented the club in the interclub TT battle against CC Sudbury, winning convincingly. The event will be hosted by SDCC this coming year. Lets win it again!

Our top IDCA series placings include Jason Everett coming second in the 50-60 male category, and outgoing chairman Paul Moss 3rd overall in the men's road bike category. (He was top in his age category in the road bike competition as well.)

The club has been well represented in Open events, including our own early season fifteen-mile time trial based in Debenham. Both competed on the fast E2 course attaining times of 21:58 (Jason) and 20:59. The club was also represented in the SPOCO (SPOrting COurse) East competition by Dave Shoulders and Paul Moss. Results have not yet been published. This is a regional TT competition run only on single carriageway roads.

It's easy to enter an open event – just sign up for a free account on the "Cycling Time Trials" website. How do they differ from club events? They are open to a wider range of riders for a start, and allow access to a wider range of courses. Also they feature copious tea, coffee and cakes at the end. There are some prizes to be won, but they are modest (as are entry fees compared to many other cycling events) reflecting the grass roots nature of the sport.

Next year's SDCC Open Event will be entitled "The Renny Stirling memorial time trial". Renny Stirling was a long time member of the club, regular ride leader and a great TT enthusiast, including being holder of the team prize in the "British Best All Rounder" competition back in 1978. The 2027 event will be at 1401 hrs on 10th April 2027. Get the date in your diaries now, and if you ride only on TT in 2027, make it this one. The IDCA series starts in April 2027, dates TBC

I will be organising the open event in 2027. I am standing down from the TT secretary role due to competing demands on my time.

Off Road Report – Glenn Davey

Gravel seems to be the new offroad this year with mtb all but a memory with no real events except the Travers races where a few members have taken part including Steve King, Barry Clarke and Paul Bird who came 2nd in his class overall this season.

Gravel races are becoming more popular with the Gralloch in May attended by myself, Luke Manning, Matt Denny and Simon Howlett plus the Glorious Gravel races at Thetford. And the Marston mega cross in August which is a great fun relay race.

I have been running a gravel route on occasions on a Sunday as an alternative to the road ride this year with some new places explored and these are becoming more popular and are great

fun and I'll continue to run these if there's demand. Gravel alternatives at the Reliability & Summer Sportive events have also been well supported by club members.

Cross season is now upon us and so far this year Mark Powell has been flying, with race wins and is currently leading the v50 league.

Our Stow Scramble event is just a couple of weeks away and this will be my last year running it. I hope to pass the baton onto Steve King and will help him get sorted next year if we still have a venue to use.

Social Report – Mike Brown

Summer Social went well, with excellent food and service from the Ramp afterwards. Quiz night not held in 2026 but hopeful that it will return. Committee continues to discuss what the best format for the annual awards night is and will likely consult members in due course.

Up & Coming Events:

Curry Night – 13th November 2026

Halloween Ride – 31st October 2026

Xmas Eve Ride – 24th December 2026. Finishing at the Rampant Horse who hope to have a marquee outside for us.

Election of Officers:

SDCC COMMITTEE 2026/27

Name	Position	Proposed by	Seconded by
Andy Mann	Secretary	Paul Moss	Colleen Buckle
Colleen Buckle	Membership Secretary	Gary Buckle	Chris Wilson
Paul Moss	Treasurer	Andy Mann	Colleen Buckle
Gary Buckle	Kit representative	Andy Mann	Martin Hosking
Mike Brown	Social Secretary	Andy Mann	Jules Bosley
Vacant	Race Representative		
Charlotte Harrison	Ladies Representative	Paul Moss	Colleen Buckle
Paul Moss	Youth & Welfare Representative	Andy Mann	Dave Schindler
Ali Borrman	Deputy Youth & Welfare Representative	Paul Moss	Andy Mann
Deirdre Keating	Committee Member	Gary Buckle	Dave Schindler
Chris Howells	Committee Member	Gary Buckle	Dave Schindler
Alan Everard	Committee Member	Gary Buckle	Dave Schindler

New Committee Members standing:

Name	Position	Proposed by	Seconded by
Dave Schindler	Chairman	Andy Mann	Jules Bosley
Harley Wenman	TT Representative	Andy Mann	Mike Brown
Martin Hosking	Off Road Representative	Dave Schindler	Alan Everard
Nigel Coton	Committee Member	Andy Mann	Paul Moss
Trevor Harrison	Committee Member	Andy Mann	Paul Moss

CYCLING EVENTS PROGRAMME (for HELPERS ROTA) 2026-27

- **Stow Scramble** 22nd November 2026
- **Reliability Ride** either 14th March or 21st March 2027
- **Renny Stirling (Debenham) Time Trial** – 10th April 2027
- **Road Race** – 6th June 2027. Will look into hosting a Ladies Road Race on the same day.
- **Inter-club time trials with Sudbury CC to be investigated.**

AOB/MEMBERS QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS

Trevor Harrison requested that consideration be given to purchasing two new bike boxes that are specifically suited to bikes with integrated headsets. The existing club boxes are quite old, and Trevor feels that the club could recoup the cost over the next few years by slightly increasing the cost of hire when bearing in mind the increasing cost to hire bikes abroad.

Incoming Chair Dave Schindler gave thanks to Paul Moss for his time and commitment to the club as Chair.