



Welcome

Welcome to our first issue of the Ashby Ivanhoe Road Cyclists newsletter. We would like to thank our sponsors for helping to get our club off the ground and all those who have joined the club over the past months for making the club a success.

Club Membership

We are keen to keep membership costs to a minimum but need a small amount to fund the club. As from January 2024:

- * Yearly membership (Jan 24-Jan 25) £15 to be paid by 31st December.
- * Trial rides before signing up to make sure we are the right fit for each other.
- * Visiting riders. We are happy to accommodate friends on social rides, we just ask that members let us know prior.

New for 2024

We are looking to expand the opportunities and events we offer in 2024. We are looking into our first gravel ride. If this is something you would be interested in, please get in touch with Jonny.

We are also hoping to have some ladies only rides throughout the year.



New Club, New Members

Ashby Ivanhoe Road Cyclists (AIRC) go from strength to strength. Since the club started in January 2023 we now have:

- * 19 members (6 new in July & August)
- * Weekly Sunday Social rides
- * Professionally created website and club logo
- * Envious high quality club cycling jersey made by HUUB
- * Newly established race team, race team manager and regular team training sessions
- * Club opportunities to enter sportives, local time trial events and Crit races.
- * Club WhatsApp group for organising additional rides

Our membership is beginning to grow, but we still want to encourage others to join us including ladies. The club is now advertised through the Ashby Sports website and we are continually looking at how we can promote the club. Let us know if you have any ideas. We want new members to feel welcome and there will be no obligation to join the club straight away.

Coming Soon

- * One piece speedsuit for racing
- * 2 casual t-shirt designs
- * Closed circuit track experience evenings



C4C Charity Ride 2023

July 8th saw some of our members cycle from Swadlincote > Wales > Ashby in one day. The team raised over £6000 for Burton and District Mind. Well done to all those who took part, a massive achievement. The C4C team (Cycling for Charity) have already started thinking about next years challenge. If this is something you might be interested in then please speak to one of the C4C team.



Social Rides

Our Sunday Social rides are increasing in popularity. Any new route suggestions locally or further a field are very welcome. Contact Jonny.

With more members we are hoping to put out x2 Sunday Social rides in 2024, catering for all abilities including those new to cycling who want some support to get going.

Christmas Socials

We are planning a Christmas Social ride in December to include a festive food stop. So get those thermals out! Date TBC. We are also hoping to have a members Christmas party - Let us know if you have any suggestions.

Racing Team News. Ready, set, go....

There are now 5 team members competing regularly in Crit races and we are fast becoming a well known team on local circuits. All of the race team members have scored enough points to get their 3rd Category license in their maiden season with some impressive results along the way. We've had a race win, 2 x 2nd places and have been consistently getting our riders in the top 10.

Race Result: Lichfield 14th JULY. 4th Cat only

- 1 Alex Smith Wylde Green Wheelers
- 2 **Jonathan Robinson Ashby Ivanhoe Road Cyclists**
- 3 Maan Al-Rawi SPRNT
- 4 **Mathew Day Ashby Ivanhoe Road Cyclists**
- 5 William Perugini Lichfield City CC
- 6 **Tommy Nolan Ashby Ivanhoe Road Cyclists**

Crit racing is one of the fastest and fun forms of bike racing but because of the speed and ferocity of the race it may seem intimidating to some. Scott Broadhurst the race team manager says "Anyone who would like to take those first tentative steps into the world of Crit Racing will get all the support they need. We will go through all the necessary training, tips and tricks to make sure you're ready for the track." Although a very competitive event the team are really enjoying what the races offer and especially meeting up and sharing experiences with each other and riders from other clubs. If you are interested in joining the racing team / just having a go, please contact Scott.

