

Some Information for Prospective Members.

The main focus of our club is time-trialling but several of our members also ride sportives and take part in road racing, track cycling; touring, cyclo-cross or mtb racing as well as other sports such as duathlon & triathlon. We aim to be a friendly club, not too intense about our racing but we have some really good riders and a set of really good, enjoyable courses which generally keep away from the main roads. We have a wide range of abilities but all members are equally welcome (& important) to the club. As well as racing or training we also arrange various social events throughout the year, such as our summer barbecue; Annual Prize-giving Dinner; Christmas lunch; and the occasional pub ride.

We stage a time-trial event every Tuesday evening of the racing season, from mid April to late August, as well as some Sunday morning events in March; April & September - you can see the schedule on the Events page of our website. We have a mixture of distances for our events but mostly 10 miles or 25 miles and the courses are spread right across the New Forest, so we get real variety. We are proud of our set of courses (15 at the last count!) and firmly believe that we have the best choice of courses of any local club.

Most of our club time-trials are run on a 'come-&-try-it' basis, to encourage newcomers into the sport, so you are welcome to turn up and try a couple of our events without needing to be a club member. If you decide afterwards that you want to regularly take part in time-trialling then you will need to join a CTT-affiliated club (such as ours) which will then entitle you to ride in any time-trials organised by us or by other clubs, either locally or nationally.

Our events cost £3.00 (£1.00 Junior) (pay at the start) and the evening events mostly start at 7pm (you need to be there 30 minutes early to sign on). Other local clubs have similar events on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

There are Saturday & Sunday morning training rides as well, taking place on most weekends throughout the year. The Saturday group usually starts from Brockenhurst and the Sunday groups start from Pennington (near Lymington); from Dibden Purlieu; and occasionally a slightly slower ride starts from Ringwood. During the winter the Saturday ride becomes an organised programme of pre-season training rides running throughout January; February & early March and building progressively from easy 35 miles to hard 55 miles (and more) ready for the return to racing in March/April. You are welcome to join a Saturday or Sunday ride where you can meet some of the members and see what goes on so that you can decide if we are what you are looking for. But please contact us a few days before your first ride so that we can put you in touch with the ride leader for more details. Also have a look at <http://newforestcc.co.uk/about-the-club/group-rides>

Club membership is currently only £20 per year (over 18) but we also require our members to join either CTC or British Cycling (Silver or Gold membership) in order to be covered by their Third Party Insurance. (CTC & BC are both £35 approx, but membership of New Forest CC will entitle you to a discount on BC which gives you your first year for around £23 Adult or £12 Junior). Membership of BC will also give you access to a racing licence which will allow you to enter some mass-start road races if you want.

That should be enough info to start with but please get in touch if you want more detail on anything specific. Hopefully we'll see you at one of our events soon.