



Swindon Wheelers Cycling Club (SWCC)

Group ride policy.

This policy has been written to define and clarify what constitutes a SWCC club ride. The policy should be read in conjunction with other related club policies and guides found here on the SWCC website: <https://swindonwheelers.org/club-policies-and-constitution/>

Definition: *A SWCC club ride is a road bike or gravel ride/cycling activity which is led by a SWCC recognised Ride Leader or coach*

- The primary target audience for club rides are members or prospective members of SWCC (or their guests with permission of the designated ride leader)
- Rides and other cycling activities (such as away days and special events) are placed on TeamUp and advertised on the SWCC group rides Facebook page.
- Gravel bike rides utilising unpaved roads and trails are run in the same way as club road bike rides. An additional risk assessment has been written to cover the specifics of these rides...(insert hyperlink to gravel risk assessment)
- Under normal circumstances, the maximum number of riders on a club group ride is 12 (including the ride leader) This is to ensure a safe and enjoyable ride. The maximum is set by the individual ride leader and may be less than 12.
- If riders who have not signed up to the ride, turn up at the start of a ride; the ride leader may turn them away if the maximum number of riders for that ride are present.
- The length, elevation and pace of the ride is determined by the ride leader following the SWCC group ride guide and at all times bearing in mind the relevant risk assessment: <https://swindonwheelers.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/SWCC-Risk-Assessment-for-group-road-rides.pdf>
- All riders must read the ride brief carefully to ensure that they are able to complete the ride/activity.
- As a club we encourage all members to join British Cycling (or a similar cycling organisation) as these provide third party liability insurance and legal support.
- Club volunteers, but not club members are covered by the club's British Cycling third party (public) liability insurance.
- Please note the SWCC club disclaimer and need to take personal responsibility when out riding with the club: <https://swindonwheelers.org/rides/#disclaimer>