

WBCCC Ride Report

Date: 11 July 2016

Day: Monday

Start time: 10.30am

Finish time: Approx 2.30pm

Ride Name: Delamere Forest

Distance: 30 miles

Numbers attending: 10

Weather conditions: Rain stopping and starting throughout the ride but fairly warm.

General comments: The commencement of the ride was delayed due to delays on the motorway due to the rainfall. Several members withdrew from the ride and two did not turn up on the morning.

Phil was leading the ride but immediately hit a problem as his new Garmin Edge Touring seemed to have locked up and nobody could resolve the problem.

Fortunately, Thelma had downloaded the ride onto her Garmin and offered to lead the ride with Phil. The early morning heavy rain had subsided when we set off and thankfully it didn't rain heavily during the ride.

The ride was largely uneventful. We had the occasional Garmin navigation problem but nothing to cause concern. We arrived at Delamere around 11.30am and decided to have a short stop to use the facilities and then take to the trails before lunch. It was pleasing that the trails around the forest were in sound condition despite the recent bad weather. After completing a circuit of the trails we decided to go round again before taking lunch at the café.

During the lunch break Pete managed to fathom out how to get Phil's Garmin working and so Phil and Thelma were able to guide us round the route for the rest of the ride. The weather was a bit kinder after lunch and some of us chose to shed our waterproofs as we warmed up. We encountered one or two impatient car drivers during the afternoon who undertook stupid manoeuvres which thankfully did not result in any accidents. At the end of the ride most of us retired to the Legh Arms to enjoy a drink and a chat before heading for home. It would be good to repeat this ride in better weather.