

## Two Mills (Wirral) Early Season Challenge Ride

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Our event is designed as an early season 'challenge' or reliability ride. Participants enjoyed especially warm, sunny spring weather to help turn those pedals. 203 cyclists completed either the 50mile or the 50km course. A great mix of ages included super-vets riding alongside juniors; seasoned club members as well as a large local peleton from the Gresford and Marford Velo Club; friends and families spending time together in the quieter lanes of Cheshire and the North Wales borders. And as well as the excellent cycle ride, there was a generous buffet lunch provided midway. No hot soup this time due to the limited kitchen facilities, but still a decent spread.

This year, our popular annual event was part of Cycling UK Challenge Ride Series which meant that finishers received:

- a handsome Challenge Ride Series medal and ribbon branded with the event name
- a certificate
- a Cycling UK goodie bag
- the option to gain a special commemorative bronze, silver or gold medal by taking part in more rides in the series.



Two Mills also took the opportunity to launch our smart new group jersey. It's been a few months in the design but those members who sported it on the day got lots of favourable comments. Our second bulk order for short-sleeve tops is now with the supplier, Impsport. We are planning winter long sleeve, arm warmers, gillet ...at very reasonable cost. Contact us if you are interested in buying.



Two Mills New Tops



All round, a very successful event. My thanks to:

- Our team of volunteer helpers who made everyone welcome on the day
- Mark Watson and his staff for catering arrangements
- EntryCentral for hosting the on-line registration and payments.
- John Ferguson for photographing our riders
- Janet Atherton Cycling UK Trustee (and Tricia) for presenting goodie bag to finishers
- Julie Rand at CUK head office for organising delivery of material to support the event
- Cheshire West and Chester Highway Engineers and McPhillips contractors who kindly enabled our riders to use the 'closed' Sibbersfield Lane
- Members of Farndon Community Club for use of hall and car parking facilities

Our date is set for next year, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Janet Gregory, Event organiser and Secretary, Two Mills group**



**Some finishers Riders with their Cycling UK Goody Bags**

**Gresford and Marford Velo**

