

## CTC WOMENS FESTIVAL July 2020

Well, this turned out to be a much busier month than anticipated with our Wednesday rides stretching into August, as well as our Sunday ride.

**7 Womens rides in all.** Some of us found this really helpful as it has been difficult riding alone during lockdown and easy to lose confidence. And it turned into good fun for us finding new venues for picnics or coffee stops.

We will be programming a **regular Sunday Women's Ride** each month which will be publicised widely when we have some more women leaders available.

The new **Whatsapp group** gave out information and encouragement to more than 20 riders, **300 messages** over the festival period. And we will keep this going to arrange weekday pop up rides when lead riders can make it happen, as well as a means to share links with other resources, the Cycling UK website and the Women in Cycling Facebook page have been quoted frequently.

News bulletins with links to resources to help with bike maintenance, fitness and well being were also published on the groups website  
[live.coventryctc.org.uk](http://live.coventryctc.org.uk).

Zoom meet ups provided a chance to discuss issues such as improving access for more women to cycle. We decided to have these meetings once a quarter in future to keep every one in touch.

Lucy Watherston, Events manager for Cycling UK joined the group for their last festival meeting by zoom and wrote afterwards "It was great chatting with you yesterday and to learn more about all the amazing work you're all doing to get more women cycling. "

## Well done and thank you to everyone who participated and to our ride leaders

Our aims for the year ahead are;-  
to get more women cycling in our area,  
to hold an even bigger Women's festival next July  
to have all of us riding in the Clubs Centenary 100k in September 2021

If you are interested in joining the club for a trial ride or two, contact Vicky Palethorpe: email [secretary@coventryctc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@coventryctc.org.uk)