

Annual Reports, Accounts and Agenda for AGM 2021-22

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Chair's Introduction

Audax UK is the long distance cycling association for the UK, and is the regulating body for cycling events held under the rules developed by Audax Club Parisien and developed further in the UK by Audax UK itself. It is at the same time a membership club for cyclists enthused by the concept of long distance cycling.

Audax UK is a company limited by guarantee under UK company law, governed by a Board of Directors elected by and from the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Board reports back to the membership at the AGM, and this is their report for 2021-22. This period corresponds to AUK's financial year which ran from 1 September 2021 - 31 August 2022, although some officer reports refer to activities and figures relating to the UK Randonneur season which now runs from November to October.

During the year the Board has:

- sought to reactivate our pre-application for National Governing Body status covering Randonneur cycling in order to consolidate and protect our current position. Changes to the way that Sport England handles such applications and Covid-related constraints upon Sport England's operational capacity had led to pre-applications being held in abeyance. We await developments.
- arranged third party insurance cover for London-Edinburgh-London, at a considerable saving in cost to LEL.
- continued the essential, on-going background work of guiding organisers and members on the regulations and Covid-related guidance, and acting as adjudicator on disputes;
- continued to review the levels of honoraria paid to directors and delegates to try and ensure that the system operates fairly, both to the delegates and directors receiving recognition of their work, and in the interests of Audax UK itself;
- used our best efforts to continue to liaise with the organisers of London-Edinburgh-London regarding the 2022 event.

Governance and People

Since the last AGM there have been comings and goings, including on the way out

- Pat Hurt, who stepped down after a lengthy stint as Events Delegate for South East England
- Rob McIvor, whose term as Communications Director ended at the AGM in February.

Our thanks go to them for making their contributions, with best wishes for the future. If I've missed anybody out, please let me know and I will mention you next year.

We welcomed on the way in

- Paul Renshaw, who was appointed to the role of Communications Director late in 2022 and is standing for election by the members at the AGM
- Paul Haxell, who was appointed Non-Executive Director in late 2022 and is standing for election by the members at the AGM
- Adam Young, who became Events Delegate for South East England

Aukweb

Francis Cooke has continued his long association with our legacy website and administration system, aukweb, ably assisted by Terry Kay. Between them they have kept aukweb going while also enhancing and improving it. Our IT manager Kevin Lake continues to have overall responsibility for aukweb, reporting to the Board, but it is Francis and Terry who do the work on that element of our IT. Any volunteers to assist Francis and Terry would be appreciated. Please contact Kevin at it@audax.uk

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Work on Phase 3 of our IT development continues to be managed by our IT Manager, Kevin Lake, with the able assistance of Dave Allison and Caroline Fenton. They work in association with our paid developer who used to do that work for the company which we contracted with before they were wound up a few years ago. Current work is based around all to do with events and results, with consultations with AUK delegates and directors being a crucial part of the process.

Financial

The accounting function within Audax UK is now firmly established.

- The accounts continue to be produced using professional accountancy software (Sage On-Line)
- The accounts continue to be produced by a book-keeper on a paid for basis.
- The Finance Director role continues to be more involved in strategic financial development of the organisation with an overseeing and reviewing role for the accounting function.

In considering the effects of Covid on the company's financial situation during 2021-22 and the future, the Finance Director has provided the Board with detailed forecasts for different scenarios, enabling decisions to be taken on as sound a basis as possible. We have been fortunate to be able to weather the situation without being forced to take any drastic actions. However, given the current rate of inflation, we need to raise the level of member subscriptions by a modest amount.

Forward projections have included recognition of the future need to employ an administrator to deal with the increase in scale and complexity of our finances.

More to come in 2023

1. We continue to hope to move the IT Refresh project towards completion of Phase 3, although would not be surprised to see to see a continuing need for future proofing - IT development needs to be an ongoing task.
2. We still hope to be able to progress our pre-application for National Governing Body Status for randonneur cycling to the full application stage.
3. We hope to make a start on a new Board strategy for 2023-2028, a mainstay of which is likely to be the move towards employing paid staff in order to ease the volunteer workload.

Participation in Calendar Events 2021-2022

One aspect of the varying Covid restrictions imposed across the UK was to reduce the number of people able to take part in calendar events. As restrictions eased before a brief lockdown in early 2022, and afterwards, participation in calendar events and the provision of such events improved. Analysis of calendar events collated from organiser results lists shows some interesting figures, from the calendar events that took place.

	50km	100km	150km	200km	300km	400km	600km	1000km&+	TOTALS
<i>Entries</i>	729	8397	1119	8858	2393	1396	986	2290	26168
<i>Did Not Start</i>	139	1890	287	2521	725	477	322	588	6949
<i>Did Not Finish</i>	72	591	93	621	179	126	130	668	2480
<i>Validations</i>	515	4576	739	5706	1490	795	534	1034	16731

In all events there were 484 Super Randonneurs, approximately 5.4% of the membership. This has only been bettered in 2015 and 2019, which were PBP years. There were 158 first time Super Randonneurs.

807 members were identified as Randonneurs, i.e. they rode their 1st BR/BRM event of 200km or more.

Total distances ridden: -

3887905 km by members in rides of 200km or more - approx 432km per member

4447318 km by members in all rides

5809569 km by all riders in all rides

These are not quite record figures but are close to 2019 (record year)

Sources: <https://www.aukweb.net/results/statistics/detail/activitysr/>
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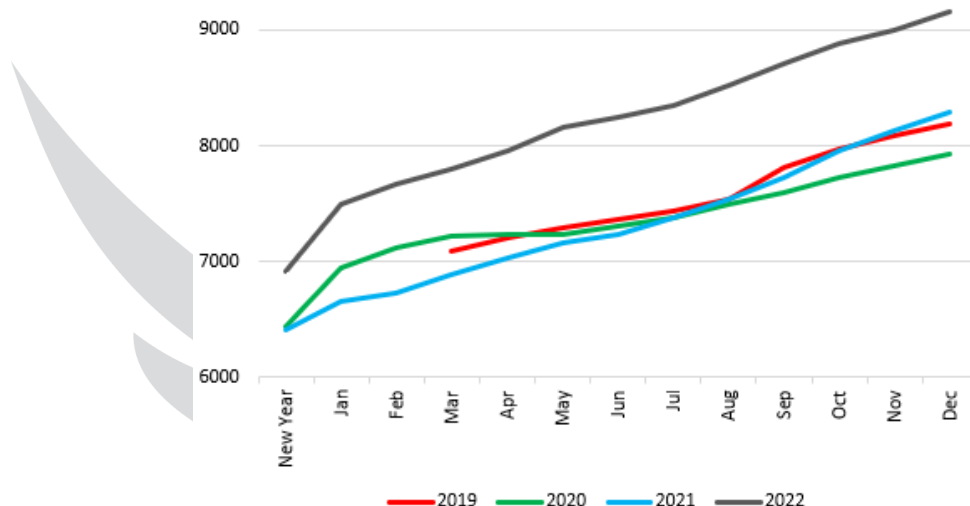
Many people contribute to the work and success of Audax UK; the delegates who manage membership, validation, calendar events, DIY events, event services, and all the other back office functions; the organisers and all the support teams who make the events possible and enjoyable and the IT teams that are supporting our current systems and managing the move to the new.

All our volunteers are vital to AUK's operations, and we must not take their efforts behind the scenes for granted. We are fortunate to have them, and their continuing dedication and hard work deserve our thanks.

Chris Crossland,
Chair, on behalf of the AUK Board

Director Report: Membership

At the beginning of 2022 we had 6913 members and, by the end, 9150 members which is the highest number ever. As always, not all will renew so we started 2023 with around 7150, although no doubt we will have quite a few renewals in January too. Looking at the membership trend (figures for the end of each month) we can see that the Covid trend is now (fingers crossed) behind us.

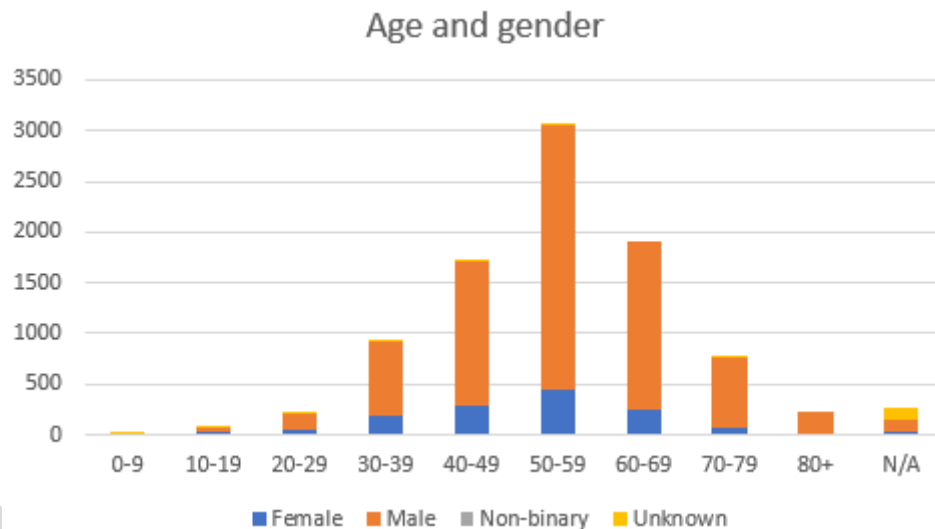


Some headline numbers are:

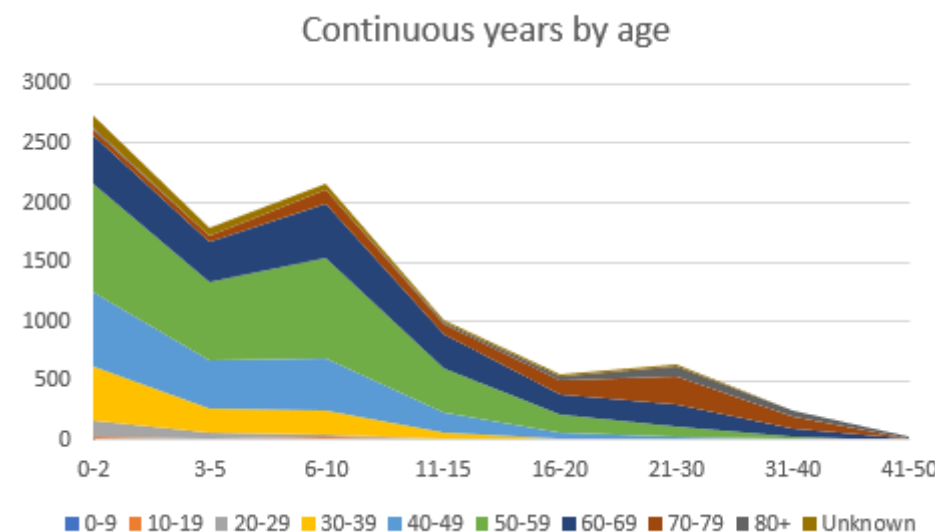
- 7432 Individual members (with no household)
- 885 Household members in 833 households (most households are only two people)
- 941 of our members qualify for life membership – approx. 65% subscribe to Arrivée
- 190 members live overseas
- Approx. 18% members are female and they do have a lower average age (50) than the men (54) – this statistic is very little changed from 3 years ago

And some demographic analysis:

- 1) By region, South West England still has a higher number of members than any other
- 2) By age – again not much change, 50-59 is still the dominant age range, although this does not necessarily reflect the members actually riding events



- 3) By continuous years membership – obviously we would expect the longer continuous memberships to be linked to older members, however the 0-2 years is skewed by around 450 members of all age groups who let their membership lapse and have now re-joined, most likely due to the Covid pandemic. This gives the impression of a more transient membership than is really the case.



Our membership system has been stable this year with no significant changes made and it continues to allow most transactions to be carried out online as “self-service”, including addition/removal of household members, password reset and updating of details. Direct debit continues to be popular - we now have over 1500 members paying their subscription this way.

As part of the new event entry system we have now added a terms and conditions acceptance date to members’ records. This avoids the need for the terms and conditions to be accepted each time, and importantly has allowed members to enter on behalf of their household members as well as for themselves, and has facilitated online entries for

under-18s. If the terms are updated in future, we will be able to check that members have re-accepted them and only allow online entry again once they have done so.

In line with the new way of managing terms and conditions, we now ask non-members entering online to register with us. This has the main benefits of validating contact details before they go on to enter, allowing multiple events entries without inputting all information again, and facilitating conversion of a non-member registration to a subscribed membership later.

In August we ran a promotion for LEL riders and volunteers to offer a discount on membership – this resulted in 63 new members joining us. I was able to add the new membership numbers to the riders before the validation of the results, which meant that new members could see LEL as a completed event on their record without needing to ask the validation/recording team to make any updates. With the next LEL now less than 3 years away, the “guaranteed entry” list process starts again with all members who joined before 12/09/22 and renewed by 31/12/22.

As in previous years I would like to thank the membership delegates Peter Davis and Howard Knight for their work in mailing out magazines, letters and stickers to new members. This year they sent nearly 1900 packs out.

Caroline Fenton
Membership Secretary
Jan 2023



Director Report: Permanent Events

2021/22 has given us the first post-Covid season and, as we hoped, the number of Permanent Events ridden has increased. The greatest percentage increase was from fixed route events, but with a greater overall number the 13% increase in DIY events contributed most to the improved overall total.

Disappointingly, while the number of longer (400km and 600km) events increased last year, the total number of these Permanent Events ridden in 2021/22 has fallen again.

Last year 15 riders completed long Permanent events (1,000km or more). In 2021/22 this number fell to 12, but did include one ride of 2200km.

As in most years, Some Permanent events have dropped out of the calendar, others have been handed on to a new organiser and some new Permanent event organisers have come forward with new event routes.

The increase in validation by GPS continued as it has for the last few seasons, now becoming the norm for DIY events. Validation by e-brevets has also grown since it was first trialled in 2019/20.

A new process for payment of brevet cards and validation fees using Stripe as the payment method in place of Paypal was introduced with six organisers trialling the new process as early adopters. This will be further rolled out through 2022/23 initially for organisers wishing to offer validation by means of a GPS track as proof of passage for their Permanent Events.

Since the end of the 2021/22 Season and upon receiving a proposed change from AUK member, Darrell Whittle, the AUK Board have considered the possibility of offering a greater range of options for gaining Proof of Passage (PoP) on Permanent Events. Traditional events, with turn by turn route sheets, brevet cards and PoP typically collected by means of time and date stamped receipts, will continue. Organisers may also apply for these events also made available for PoP by means of a GPS track or E Brevet app. In addition there will also be advisory route Permanent Events introduced where PoP may **only** be obtained by means of a GPS track or E Brevet. This should allow organisers of Calendar events that have relied on Information controls to maintain the event minimum distance also to offer Permanent Event versions of these routes. Other mandatory route Permanent Events based solely on GPS track PoP will allow more freedom of routing including 'interesting' or 'scenic' roads that would otherwise be hard to pin down with conventional controls, and also ensure avoidance of possibly dangerous main road 'short cuts'. These new versions of Permanent Events will require IT system changes and there will be a notice in Arrivée when they are available for organisers to submit new Permanent Events based on GPS PoP alone.

Once again my thanks go to all Permanent event organisers, with a special mention for the DIY team (Andy Clarkson, Rob Baird, Julian Dyson, Martin Foley, Mike Kelly, and Paul Stewart), and to those volunteer organisers who have trialled the Stripe fee payment system.

Summary Permanent Event numbers for 2021-22

Fixed Route events	1081	16% increase on 2020-21
DIY events	4713	13% increase on 2020-21
ECE events	361	106% decrease on 2020-21
TOTAL	6155	17% increase on 2020-21

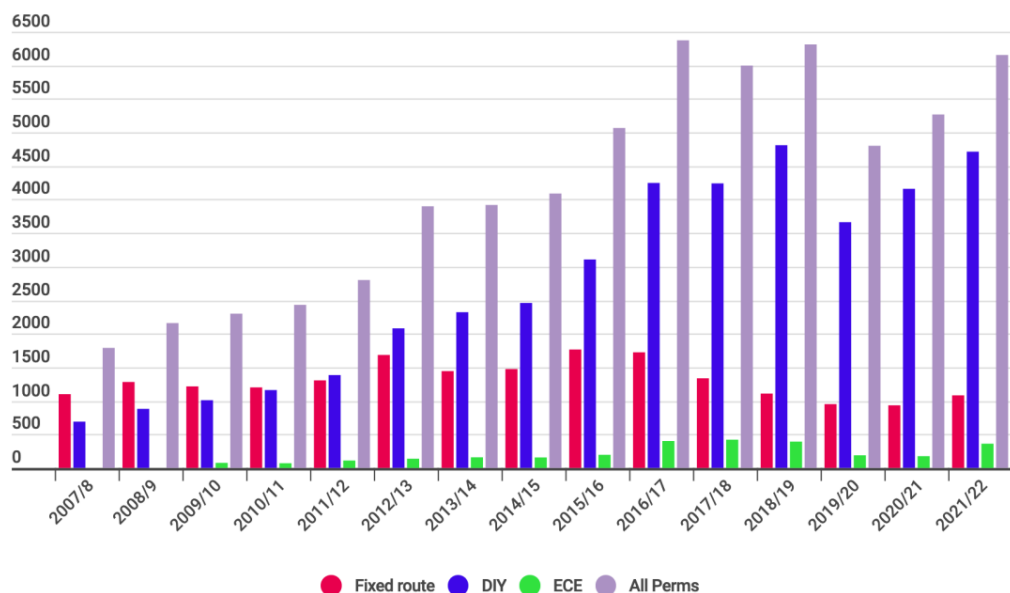
6,155 Permanent Events results, including ECE events have been recorded for 2021/21.

990 AUK members completed one or more Permanent events, which is a very slightly higher than in 2020/21. 32 Fixed Route Permanent Events were completed by non-AUK members.

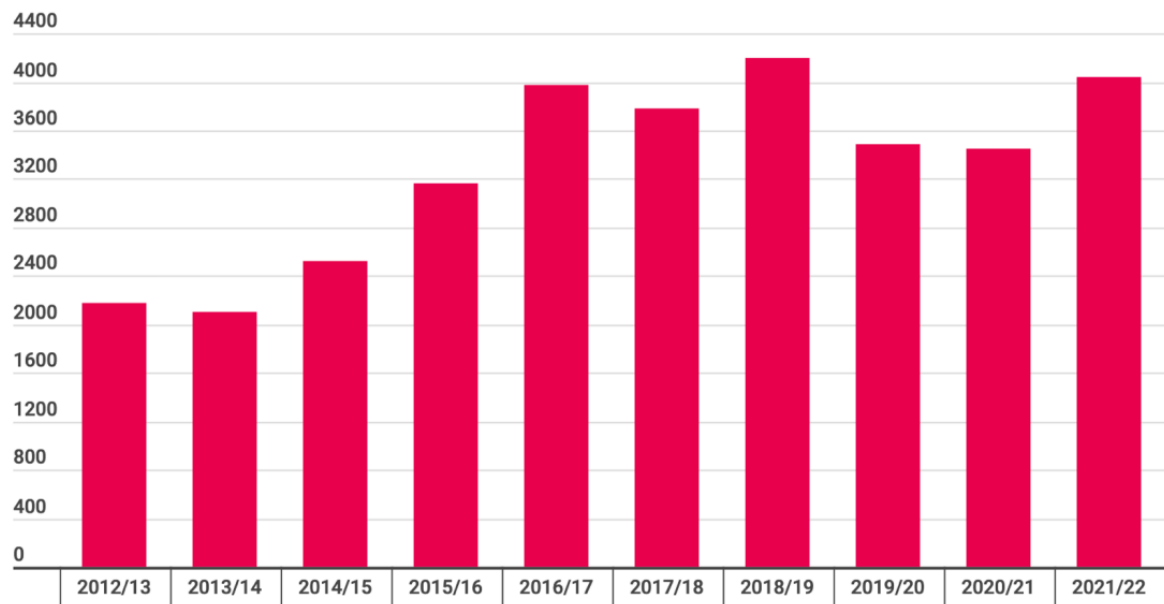
80% of Permanent events ridden were BR events, and 20% were BP events, almost the same proportions as 2020/21

As in previous years, DIY riders follow much the same pattern as the overall Permanent events results. 84% of DIY Events ridden were BR events and 16% were BP events. 74% of all DIY events ridden were 200km.

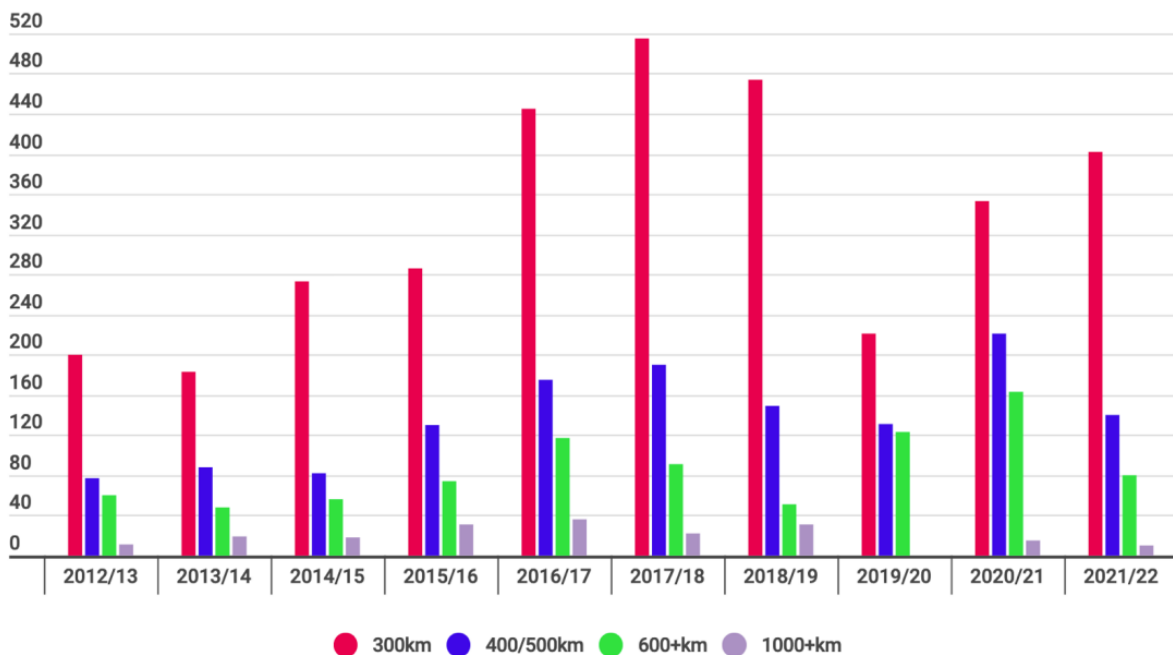
Permanent Events Completed Compared with Previous Seasons



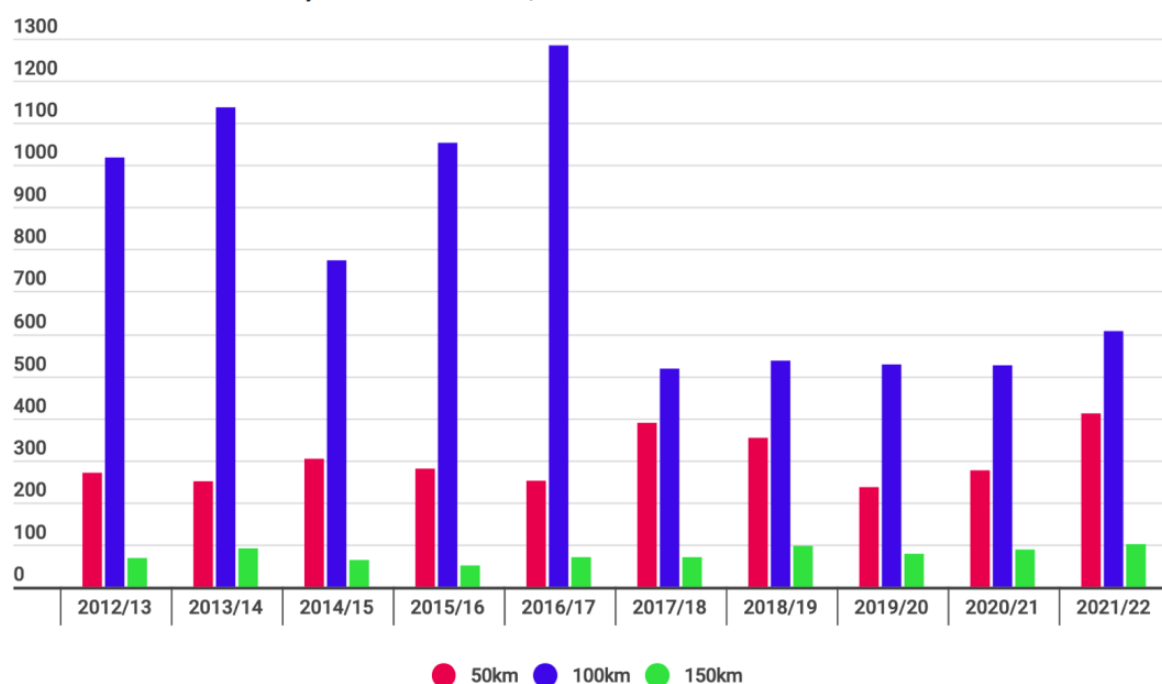
Permanent Event Totals by Distance for 200km BR Events



Permanent Event Totals by Distance for 300km, 400km, 600+km and 1,000+km BR Events



Permanent Event Totals by Distance for 50km, 100km and 150km BP Events



The Unofficial 2021/22 Permanent Event 'Prizes'

Organisers award for having most entrants (excluding DIY & ECE events) this year has two of the same organisers in the top spots as last year.

1st (187) Mike Wigley – more than last year.
Not only does Mike now seem to be regularly in the top spot, but once again he has increased his total compared with previous years.

2nd (93) Steve Poulton – A range of validations boosted by SP riding his own events for half of these.

3rd (85) John Hamilton – Third place again for a range of Permanent events extending into the Welsh borders and Wales, but a large increase in the number of entrants this year.

Rider podium places for most Permanent event points collected in 2021/22

The same three AUK members are on the podium as last year, but they have changed the running order

1st (156) Alan Rawet, moving up from 2nd place last year, but this time all from 200km events

2nd (136) Andy Clarkson, moving up from 3rd place last year, but again all 200km events this season

3rd (133) Ivor Peachey, with a mixture of distances and not counting a handful of ECE events on his way to Calendar event rides

Rider podium places for most Permanent events completed in 2021/22

1st (92) Stuart Birnie, but quite a few BP events kept his points tally down despite a 1,000km DIY

2nd (89) Alan Steele, with a mixture of BP and BR Perm events

3rd (78) Alan Rawet, with enough 200km rides to top the Perm points chart

Super Randonnée permanent events of 600km in mountainous terrain

No SR events were completed this season. Perhaps because they no longer count as a qualifying event for the ACP Randonneur 10,000 award? Nonetheless they remain in the AUK calendar and are recorded by Provence Randonneurs along with all other SR events around the world.

Ordre des Cols Durs (OCD)

Unlike the annual AUK season, OCD events run over a calendar year with claims and validations for the previous year being made during the first two months of the following year. The 2022 annual report for OCD will, therefore be published in Arrivée magazine as soon as it is complete.

John Ward
AUK Permanents Secretary
Jan 2023

Director Report: Calendar Events 2022

Post-pandemic it appears that AUK's events are becoming more popular. 2667 riders completed at least one event last season, compared with 2300 in 2018 (the last pre-pandemic, non-PBP year). Figures generally have returned to around pre-pandemic levels with 89 (93 in 2018) organisers running 521 (538 in 2018) events. There were 485 Super Randonneurs (461 in 2018).

London-Edinburgh-London went ahead a year late. It proved to be a tough event with 890 of the 1500 starters managing to complete the course. Well done to Danial and his team.

Thanks too to all our organisers and their helpers.

The events team – Andy Cox, Andy Uttley, Grant Huggins and newcomer Adam Young – have worked tirelessly through the year to ensure things run smoothly. Special thanks to Pat Hurt who retired as SE delegate towards the end of last year.

We have PBP qualifiers listed in the calendar this year. They are all marked BRM[PBP] in red. No other events will count for qualification.

Although Covid restrictions have all been lifted, we still ask riders NOT to turn up if they are symptomatic or have tested positive. We advise organisers to continue to ensure halls are ventilated, crowding minimised, and hygiene rules followed.

Bonne route in 2023.

Ian Hennessey
Calendar Events
Jan 2023



Director Report: Events Services 2021- 2022

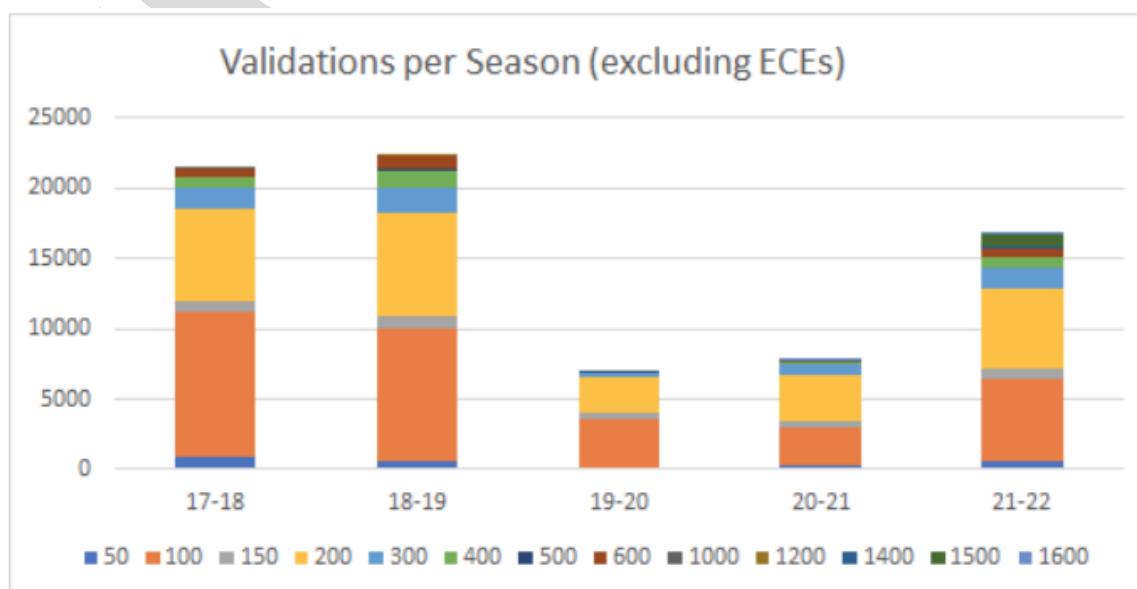
The past season saw a large rise in the number of validations but is still some way short of pre-Covid levels.

Event Validations

There were 583 events validated during the season with 16691 validations. Details are shown in the table below (excluding ECEs):

Distance	50	100	150	200	300	400	500	600	1000	1200	1400	1500	1600	Total
Events	41	194	44	194	47	28	4	20	6	1	1	1	2	583
Validations	515	5901	722	5701	1490	758	36	535	80	5	50	890	8	16691

The number of validated rides increased by 116% over the 2020-2021 season, but still c.25% down on 2018-2019.



100s regained top spot over 200s as the most popular distance, but values were similar.

Recorder and Brevet Awards

The volume of awards started to increase as riders became active again. The following awards were claimed during the past season:

Brevet 1000: 4

Brevet 2000: 8

Brevet 3000: 7

Brevet 4000: 5

Brevet 5000: 9

Brevet 25000: 7

Randonneur 100000: 2

Riders requested 68 overseas rides be added to their records.

Brevet Cards

A new design was rolled out during the past season and well received by riders and organisers.

Outlook for the current season

Event volumes are expected to be sustained and potentially increase as riders attempt to qualify for PBP which always puts a strain on delegates; during this period they appreciate the timeliness and patience of members. The smooth running of event services would not happen without the efforts of Oliver Iles (Brevet Cards), Cathy Brown (Validations), Ivan Cornell (AAA), Grant Huggins (RRtY) and Peter Davis (Awards) - many thanks to them for their time and diligence.

Dan Smith
Event Services Director
Jan 2023



Director Report: Communications

I was really excited to be appointed to the board by the current Directors back in October.

It has been a huge learning curve for me the last few months, I have spent a large amount of time reading up on Articles of Association, regulations, audax history and Board policies; quite a lot to take in

I have been keen to view our current social media portfolio and look at ways of developing it. Already I have set up a new Instagram account @audax_uk and have started to build followers and collaborate with members and audax groups; both in this country and abroad. My hope for this account is that it will draw in more people to audax whilst giving current members an outlet. Arrivée, our quarterly magazine, is a fantastic magazine that I believe members really look forward to receiving and then eagerly reading cover to cover. I have spent some time with the managing editor and have some content ideas for upcoming issues. In the short time since joining the board I have now liaised with GCN and Audax UK to make sure we have some fantastic superstars that will hopefully feature in a film around PBP later in 2023. One pressing item that is in the inbox is to help develop AUK clothing for PBP. Once we have a design that is agreed I'll then look at number of manufacturers so that members can purchase. We also need regular content for the AUK website and this something that I'll be looking to get onto in the New Year. I/we have several ideas already but please feel free to chip in with any of your own.

Paul Renshaw
Communications Director
Jan 2023

ACP Correspondent / LRM Representative Report 2021-22

Our gradual return to events in the later months of 2021 stuttered to a halt in early 2022 with a lockdown in the UK and parts of Europe. Audax Club Parisien's planned presentation meeting in early January 2022 was again cancelled.

Happily, matters soon recovered and Audax UK had its second busiest domestic season after 2018-19.

In the unofficial world randonneur league, Royaume-Uni placed ninth overall with 3,032 BRM validations achieved covering 1,079,800 km. Busiest country was India with 12,783 BRM validations covering 4,309,100 km.

As far as I can tell from the LRM results tables, there were 2826 individual validations worldwide in 2021-22, these for events of 1200 km and above. Organising such events is a unique challenge to organisers as the amount of preparation is great and allowances have to be made for riders from all over the world. No LRM event faces these challenges to a greater extent than our own London-Edinburgh-London, and no event is likely to have to work harder than LEL in continuing to attract and welcome riders. The experience of the organisers goes a long way, and the energetic support of Audax UK volunteers gives LEL its own unique character. All those involved are to be congratulated on their work, but there were wrinkles in the event that could (and should) have been done differently.

Consideration needs to continue to be given over route choice, given the high DNF (Did Not Finish) rate of all our LRM events, on observation of the LRM event regulations which offer help and assistance to organisers, and on many other matters on which participants and Audax UK itself have made and will make constructive suggestions.

Chris Crossland
ACP Correspondent / LRM Representative
Jan 2023

Director Report: Finance for the year to 31st August 2022

The year to 31st August 2022 was the recovery year after Covid hit the financial performance of the previous two years. Our income has increased as did our costs, reflecting the increase in activity of our event organisers and our riders (not that they are mutually exclusive). This has given us a bottom line of income over expenditure of £34,367 after tax, being a 55% increase on the results from the year to 31st August 2021.

Membership renewals increased by just under 13% to £84,118, showing that more people were willing to keep trying to challenge themselves through audax. New members on the other hand went up by over 43% on the previous reporting year, up to £50,242, showing more people giving us a try after Covid. The biggest increase in income came from Temporary Members (being non members who pay us to be a member for a ride and have their achievement recorded by us) who paid us over 162% more than the 20/21 year, up to £15,713.

Income from all our events such as validations of rides, registration of new rides and printing of brevet cards increased markedly by some 221 % to £44,297 with the largest increase coming from Permanent DIY Virtual Brevet Cards (£8,793) which brought in more than our Calendar Events Brevet Cards (£8,347)

Our costs went up by 49%, driven in the main by two items of our activity. The largest increase came from our spend on the IT system, up by 414% on last year to £44,536, being driven by the development work on the Events system and the increased levels of our activity. The second item of activity that showed an increase in expenditure was the Arrivee magazine with a 25% increase to £79,161. All our other costs rose by an average of 3.7% on the year to 31st August 2021.

This table summarises the last seven years financial results of AUK and I want it to show you how the steady increase in our income and expenditure was hit in the Covid years of August 2020 and August 2021:

	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-18	Aug-19	Aug-20	Aug-21	Aug-22
income	125,770.64	142,796.91	148,323.62	189,125.29	152,888.26	130,208.36	195,464.27
expenditure	106,302.75	116,877.63	240,159.00	188,664.24	136,528.98	108,083.70	161,097.27
surplus / deficit	19,467.89	25,919.28	-91,835.38	461.05	16,359.28	22,124.66	34,367.00
bank & cash	276,200.24	313,214.98	230,143.95	203,610.35	226,373.49	262,857.24	315,517.07
cover	2.60	2.68	0.96	1.08	1.66	2.43	1.96

Yes, it shows that the year to August 2018 had a large deficit due to the IT project and the following year was not much of a surplus for the same reasons.

The Bank and cash line shows how much we had ready to spend at the end of August of each of those seven years and I would like you to note that the August 2022 amount is

very similar to the amount in the bank 6 years before, even though our activity levels had gone up.

The line entitled cover is simply how many years it would take to spend the amount in the bank at the rate of expenditure incurred in that year. It is part of my remit to make sure that we have adequate funds to meet our future needs and a level of cover of about two years I consider to be about right in order to cover us against future threats such as:

- Vulnerability of the IT development process, there may be a need for outside IT specialist organisation help should anything happen to our IT delegates;
- Over reliance on volunteer effort to support the day to day administration of Audax UK, resulting in a need to employ administration staff;

To meet the demands of the future, in October this year I prepared a forecast for the year to 31st August 2023 and another forecast to 31st August 2024. The V3 forecast uses the membership price increases put forward in my resolution to the AGM and shows that by August 2023 I expect us to have about £300,200 in the bank and by August 2024 (V3) to have £288,911 after starting employment of an administrative member of staff to assist directors and delegates in the increasing level of administration of AUK.

Nigel P Armstrong
Finance Director
Jan 2023

Agenda for the Audax UK Long-Distance Cyclists' Association AGM 2021-22

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION (Audax UK)

[Agenda for the Audax UK Long Distance Cyclists' Association AGM 2021/22](#)

To be held on Saturday 11 February 2023 at 12.00pm at The George Stephenson Room, Ibis Birmingham New Street, 21 Ladywell Walk, Birmingham B5 4ST.

- 1) To record the names of those present at the meeting
- 2) To record apologies for absence
- 3) To approve the minutes of the last AGM as a true record of that meeting
- 4) Matters arising from the last meeting (AGM 2020/21).
- 5) To approve the Annual Report
- 6) To approve the Annual Accounts and the Finance Director's recommendations
- 7) To consider resolutions:

Resolution 1:

Proposer: Nigel Peter Armstrong - AUK2585 – AUK Finance Director

Seconder: Graeme Provan –AUK12829 – AUK General Secretary

That pursuant to Regulation 3.5, the fees paid for membership for 12 months are amended, effective from 1 March 2023, as set out in the accompanying note.

Rationale:

Membership fees were last increased by the Board for the year starting September 2018.

The Retail Price Index in September 2018 stood at 284.1 and in December 2022 it stood at 360.4, an increase of 26.8%.

The increases detailed in the resolution represent an average increase of 10%.

Note:

The temporary membership fee was increased by 50% in 2018.

The event organisers' fees will be reviewed after the implementation of the new Events IT system.

Free of charge "life, no Arrivée" membership will continue to be available to members who are 65 or older on Jan 1st of the membership year and have 10 or more years continuous membership.

Board View:

This resolution has been brought forward on behalf of the Board of AUK.

Proposed New Fees:

1. Annual Membership: £20
2. Joining/late renewal fee: £5
3. 5-year Membership: £80
4. Household Membership: £7
5. 5-year Household Membership: £28
6. Annual Life Membership (with Arrivée): £12
7. 5-year Life Membership (with Arrivée): £60
8. Overseas Membership: £29
9. Overseas 5-year Membership: £125
10. Overseas Household Membership £7
11. Overseas 5-year Household Membership £28
12. Overseas Life Annual Membership (with Arrivée): £21
13. Overseas Life 5-year Membership (with Arrivée) £105
14. Temporary Membership unchanged at £3

Resolution 2

Proposer – Brandon Edgeley (AUK 8025)

Seconded - John Gallagher (AUK19033)

(Note: the resolution also has the written support of at least 25 members of AUK)

That Regulation 1.1 be deleted replaced with the following:

1.1 Points: Members shall be awarded points at a rate of 0.5 point for every 50km in BP, BR, BRM and RM events validated by Audax UK, plus PBP, Flèches Nationales, BRM and RM events validated by ACP or LRM and Audax events validated by UAF of 50km or more.

Note:

Regulation 1.1 currently reads:

1.1 Points: Members shall be awarded points at a rate of 1 point for every 100km in BR, BRM and RM events validated by Audax UK, plus PBP, Flèches Nationales, BRM and RM events validated by ACP or LRM and Audax events validated by UAF of 200km or more.

If passed, the change would take effect from 1st November 2023. It would not be applied retrospectively.

Rationale:

Audax UK is happy to promote and validate rides shorter than 200km, I cannot see any logical reason why we wouldn't allow these rides to have points applied that are only applicable to Audax UK members for use in Audax UK records and points-based competitions. If we accept 50km and 150km should receive 0.5 points per 50km then I think we also have to apply this to rides over 200km as well to remain consistent (ie a 350km ride would be 3.5 points).

Board View:

The Board is neutral on this matter. If passed, the implications the change has for record keeping and administration generally will need to be assessed fully.

8) Election of Directors

1. Director – Calendar Events Secretary

Nominee: Ian Hennessey (AUK 2294)

Proposer: Andy Uttley (AUK 7062)

Seconder: Andy Cox (AUK 6766)

Supporting Statement:

I have served on the events team for many years, the last three as Calendar Events Director. That turned out to be a challenging time as the Covid epidemic struck and pretty much closed down our operations. However, we recovered from that with the help of our organisers, who coped very well while the restrictions were in place.

I have changed the way in which the events team works, with more collaboration and decisions being taken collectively.

In the background a new organisers' portal is being developed to replace the ageing aukweb one which has served us for over two decades.

My aim is to continue the focus on the unique discipline of AUK events. They are essentially rides over standard distances, to be completed within given time-limits. Having said that, I do appreciate that it can be a challenge to produce good simple routes given our often-busy road structure. This is where dialogue between the events team and the organiser is important. Our team is focussed on supporting current organisers and encouraging new ones to provide a good range of events across the UK.

I am happy to continue as Events Director for another term, and my delegates have indicated that they support me doing so.

Supporting statement from Andy Uttley (AUK regional events delegate for Scotland and Northern England):

"The process of compiling the AUK events calendar is fairly complicated. Therefore, it is vitally important the calendar secretary, at the head of the team, is competent in its production. I have worked on the calendar team with Ian in 2 spells over 10 years or so and I am confident that he is best placed to fulfil this side of the job."

Ian has also held board level positions for 2 decades and is well accustomed to dealing with VIPs in both AUK, ACP and other external organisations that is a fundamental requirement for any board member."

2. Director – Communications

Nominee – Paul Renshaw (AUK 28667)

Proposer – Donald Ramage (AUK 19565)

Second – Joe Greystone (AUK 21718)

Supporting Statement

I was really excited to be appointed to the board by the current Directors in October 2022 and will be standing for formal election at this AGM (2021/22).

My working background has been in Marketing for a motorbike and cycle product company. Within this role I am heavily involved in social media, digital advertising, both photography and video shoots and being the link between our sponsored race teams and the company. Within this role there are number of crossovers with the Communication Directors role.

My cycling background goes back even further, starting with mountain bikes and then moving onto my first road bike. This was the start of what has become a modern-day love affair. From joining a cycling club, to progressing through the ranks at racing crits, road races and TT's. I have always loved being outdoors on the bike and touring so it seemed only right that I should join Audax UK. This seems the perfect fit for me now. Having experienced multi-day events from Haute Route, I now plan to have a go at Ultra-Distance cycle races in 2023, starting with Pan Celtic.

It has been a huge learning curve for me the last few months, I have spent a large amount of time reading up on Articles of Association, AUK Regulations, Audax history and Board policies - quite a lot to take in. Having a good grasp of social media, I have been keen to view our current social media portfolio and look at ways of developing it. Already I have set up a new Instagram account @audax_uk and have started to build followers and collaborate with members and audax groups both in this country and abroad. My belief in running this account is that it will draw in more people to audax whilst giving current members an outlet. Arrivée the quarterly magazine is a fantastic magazine that I believe members really look forward to receiving and then eagerly reading cover to cover. I have spent some time with the managing editor and have some content ideas for upcoming issues. In the short time since joining the board I have now liaised with GCN and Audax UK to make sure we have some fantastic superstars that will hopefully feature in a film around PBP later in 2023. One pressing item that is in the inbox is to help develop AUK clothing for PBP. Once we have a design that is agreed, I will then look at number of manufacturers so that members can purchase. We also need regular content for the AUK website and this is something that I will be looking to get onto in the new year. I/we have several ideas already but please feel free to chip in with any of your own.

3. General Secretary

Nominee – none



4. Non-Executive Director – Post 1

Nominee – Andy Yates (AUK 14666)

Proposer – Caroline Fenton (AUK 8040)

Seconded – Ivan Cornell (AUK 2692)

Supporting Statement:

I am an active member of Audax UK and Audax Club Hackney and so far have achieved, amongst other awards; 6 SRs, 4 RRtYs, LEL 2017 and PBP 2019. I also successfully completed the Transcontinental Race No. 8 in August 2022. I am a keen rider and for the past few years have been in the top 6 of our club's points table. My aim is to continue entering events across the country and collecting more of the various AUK awards. I also volunteer for various calendar events to man controls or assist at the start and arrive as well as being an organiser for 2 perms. I have been a Non-Executive Director of Audax UK since May 2021 and enjoy being part of the Board.

To me, the non-competitive and self-sufficient nature of audax riding but with the camaraderie from other riders is what makes it so appealing. I believe that audax offers a whole range of experiences, from challenging oneself to ride further or achieve the wide range of awards, enjoying the diversity of the UK's scenery (and cafes!), or just enjoying a ride with friendly, like-minded cyclists. All of these appeal to a growing body of people and I am keen to assist with the development and promotion of Audax UK. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to assist with the running of Audax UK as a Non-Executive Director and believe my experience and skills are of benefit to Audax UK.

In my professional career, I have been working as a structural engineer for over 25 years. I am a founder and company director at an engineering consultancy business. The company was established in 2005 and over the past 18 years I have led the development and growth of the company to a practice of over 70 staff with 2 offices across the UK. My own specific management responsibilities are to lead on Finance, Quality Management, Health and Safety, Information Technology, Policies, Purchasing and Premises. My MBA has provided me with a solid background in company governance and organisational development and I use this knowledge to assist in my leadership of the organisation. I am stepping down from my director role in March 2023 and intend to spend more time cycling and narrow boating around the country.

5. Non-Executive Director – Post 2

Nominee – Paul Haxell member (AUK 12811)

Proposer - Tom Jackson (AUK 366)

Seconded - Steve Rowley (AUK 6826)

Supporting Statement

By way of background, I am a lifelong cyclist, having Time Trialled in my teens before going off to compete in other sports, before participating in audax probably 25 years ago.

From a business perspective, I currently have a portfolio career in which business coaching and consultancy plays a large share. By education, I am a Chartered Civil Engineer and I have worked for a range of construction companies. This includes Group level Director roles for FTSE 250 Developers. More recently, I have run my own consultancy, am a board director for another consultancy and mix in a blend of interim projects alongside.

Within my career I have also become a Chartered Health and Safety Practitioner and sought to take an approach which has provided businesses with pragmatic and proportionate solutions always railing against bureaucracy! This has led me to work on advisory committees for HSE Construction Division and to sit on Council to the Safety Professions Professional Body for 3 years (IOSH) holding the Board of Trustees to account. IOSH have a strong charitable aspect.

I believe from this there are many skills that would be beneficial to the Board of Audax UK.

Back to the cycling. I have for many years dragged my children across Europe on two tandems (both with kiddy crank conversions) before dipping my toe into the world of audax. I recollect that my first Audax was the Fleet Moss 200 in the Dales riding a Halfords Mountain bike with my dad, finishing with about 15 minutes to spare. Bizarrely, my picture appeared in the next Arrivée. I was pushing my mountain bike up Fleet Moss as the oldest rider (probably 80+) crested the top!

Since then, I've ridden LEL, PBP, completed a few SR series and RRTY too. I spent several days in August volunteering at Hessle for LEL to give back and support others to enjoy the challenges of long-distance cycling.

For the last few months, I been filling the vacant NED position to support the Audax Board and would like to be able to continue in this role.

Appendix 1: Annual Accounts and Finance Director's Recommendations

Company Registration No. 5920055 (England and Wales)

**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE DIRECTORS OF AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION.

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and examiner

The Directors of Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, and have requested that an independent examination is carried out.

Having satisfied myself that the company is not subject to audit under company law and have been asked to carry out an independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts;
- (ii) review the accounting records; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of section 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006;

have not been met.

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Richard Alsept, Chartered Accountant
16 Burlington Terrace
Cardiff CF5 1GG

DATE: 15th December 2022



**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
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AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION

**COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

Directors	Christopher Peter Crossland William John Ward Graeme David Provan Nigel Peter Armstrong Caroline Anne Fenton Ian Gerard Hennessey Daniel Refoy Peskett Smith Andrew David Yates Paul Renshaw Paul Haxell
Secretary	Graeme David Provan
Company Number	5920055 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	Whitelands Terling Road Hatfield Peverel Essex CM3 2AG

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
(COMPANY NO: 5920055 ENGLAND AND WALES)
DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Directors

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

Christopher Peter Crossland
William John Ward
Graeme David Provan
Nigel Peter Armstrong
Caroline Anne Fenton
Ian Gerard Hennessey
Daniel Refoy Peskett Smith
Andrew David Yates

The following directors resigned during the period:

Lucy Margaret McTaggart resigned on 25 October 2021.

Robert Alan McIvor resigned on 15 February 2022.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

Christopher Peter Crossland

Director

Approved by the board on: 18 January 2023

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover	194,372	129,372
Cost of sales	(91,654)	(84,189)
Gross surplus	<u>102,718</u>	<u>45,183</u>
Administrative expenses	(67,972)	(23,627)
Operating surplus	<u>34,746</u>	<u>21,556</u>
Interest receivable and similar income	1,093	835
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>35,839</u>	<u>22,391</u>
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	(1,471)	(267)
Surplus for the financial year	<u><u>34,368</u></u>	<u><u>22,124</u></u>

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	516	689
Current assets			
Inventories		7,083	4,882
Debtors	5	10,189	9,217
Cash at bank and in hand		315,517	263,368
		<u>332,789</u>	<u>277,467</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(67,928)	(43,567)
Net current assets		<u>264,861</u>	<u>233,900</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>265,377</u>	<u>234,589</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	(34,939)	(38,519)
Net assets		<u>230,438</u>	<u>196,070</u>
Reserves	8		
Profit and loss account		<u>230,438</u>	<u>196,070</u>
Members' funds		<u>230,438</u>	<u>196,070</u>

For the year ending 31 August 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 18 January 2023 and were signed on its behalf by

Christopher Peter Crossland
Director

Company Registration No. 5920055

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Statutory information

Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, registration number 5920055. The registered office is Whitelands, Terling Road, Hatfield Peverel, Essex, CM3 2AG.

2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on

3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, except that as disclosed in the accounts certain items are shown at fair value.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Plant & machinery	25% Reducing balance method
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Inventories

Finished goods inventories have been valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to sell and comprise stocks of medals and badges.

Tax accounting policy

The tax expense is recognised in profit and loss. The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the company operates.

Revenue Recognition

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and provision of services in the ordinary course of the company's activities. Turnover is shown net of sales/value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts.

The company recognises revenue when:

The amount of revenue can be reliably measured;
it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity;
and specific criteria have been met for each of the company's activities.

Employees

Members and Directors of Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association who are paid an honorarium for their services to the company are identified as employees in note 9.

Cash & cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & machinery £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2021	2,900
At 31 August 2022	2,900
Depreciation	
At 1 September 2021	2,211
Charge for the year	173
At 31 August 2022	2,384
Net book value	
At 31 August 2022	516
At 31 August 2021	689

5 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	-	300
Accrued income and prepayments	10,189	8,917
	<u>10,189</u>	<u>9,217</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,766	7,027
Taxes and social security	1,471	1,562
Other creditors	30,798	31,803
Accruals	33,893	3,175
	<u>67,928</u>	<u>43,567</u>

Other creditors above include members deferred subscriptions of £30,798.

7 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	34,939	38,519
	<u>34,939</u>	<u>38,519</u>

Other creditors above are made up of members deferred subscriptions.

8 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

9 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 26 (2021: 29).

**DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover		
Fees	194,372	129,372
Cost of sales		
Other direct costs	91,654	84,189
Gross profit	102,718	45,183
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	10,275	6,075
Directors' salaries	4,885	3,425
Travel and subsistence	145	137
Bank charges	4,792	3,721
Software	44,536	8,655
Depreciation	173	229
Bad debts	300	300
Sundry expenses	16	35
Accountancy fees	2,850	1,050
	67,972	23,627
Operating profit	34,746	21,556
Interest receivable		
Interest receivable	1,093	835
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	35,839	22,391

Appendix 2: Minutes of the AGM 2020-21

Audax UK Long Distance Cyclists' Association Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020/21

Held via Zoom on 12 February 2022 at 12.00pm

1) TO RECORD THE NAMES OF THOSE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced the members of the Board and asked the members present to introduce themselves to the meeting.

Board Members Attending: Chris Crossland (Chair), Graeme Provan (General Secretary), John Ward (Permanent Events Secretary and Returning Officer), Caroline Fenton (Membership Secretary), Nigel Armstrong (Finance Director), Daniel Smith (Events Services Director and Recorder) Ian Hennessey (Calendar Events Secretary) and Andy Yates (Non-Executive Director)

Other Members attending: Mel Armstrong, Lucy McTaggart, Chris Wilby, Anton Brown, Mike Warren, Peter Davis (Awards Secretary), Dan Campbell, Denise Hughes, Paulina Luchowska, Bill Evans, Christian Fruh, Andy Utley and Barry Drinkwater.

He then asked members to join him in a short period of reflection in memory of the AUK members who had passed away since the last AGM. These included:

Damon Peacock
Chris Davies
John Cheesmond
Bob Friend
Richard Viney

Mick McGovern
Stephen Rogers
Dennis Mawby
Raymond Tucker
Scott Davis

The Chair explained to the meeting that it had been hoped the AGM could have been held in person but that the arrangements had been made in December at the outset of the Omicron wave. He very much hoped the next AGM would see a return to real meetings.

He went to explain that all those attending would be muted during the meeting until invited to speak but that everyone would be given the opportunity to speak at the appropriate time.

The Chair further explained that he was holding mandated proxy votes where he had no choice but to vote in line with the direction of the appointing members and also discretionary proxy votes where members had given him full discretion. He stated that he would listen to any debate before exercising those discretionary votes for the good of Audax UK. Voting would be conducted via poll votes.

John Ward, as Returning Officer, explained that he had a record of all proxy votes cast in advance and would add these to the votes in the meeting before announcing the result of each vote. He reminded those who had voted online not to vote again during the meeting.

2) TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies had been received from:

Jennifer Crossland
Mike Wigley
Rob McIvor
John Banks
Sarah Britton
Tony Hull
E Russell

3) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM as a true record of that meeting

Result:-

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

335 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution
1 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution
48 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution
211 discretionary proxies

There were 3 further mandated proxies in favour of the resolution and 2 further discretionary proxies.

John Ward further declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

For – 13
Against - 0
Abstain - 0

John Ward therefore declared the following result:

*For – 563
Against - 1
Abstain – 48
TOTAL VOTES CAST - 612*

Approved

4) MATTERS ARISING from the last meeting.

None

5) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Chair asked for any questions from the floor on the individual sections of the Annual Report.

Result:-

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

355 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution

1 mandated proxy to vote against the resolution
34 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution
204 discretionary proxies
There were 3 further mandated proxies in favour of the resolution and 2 further discretionary proxies.

John Ward further declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

For – 13
Against - 0
Abstain - 0

John Ward therefore declared the following result:

*For - 577
Against - 1
Abstain – 34
TOTAL VOTES CAST – 612*

Approved

6) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATIONS

Nigel Armstrong presented the Accounts and Report to the meeting. He noted there was a typo in the narrative but that all the figures were correct. He explained that in his view AUK was in a good position.

Chris Crossland noted Covid had not had too deleterious an effect on AUK's finances but that they would have been far healthier if not for Covid.

Result:-

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

350 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution
1 mandated proxy to vote against the resolution
34 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution
126 discretionary proxies
There were 3 further mandated proxies in favour of the resolution and 2 further discretionary proxies.

John Ward further declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

For – 14
Against - 0
Abstain - 0

John Ward therefore declared the following result:

*For – 578
Against - 1
Abstain – 34*

TOTAL VOTES CAST - 613

Approved

7) TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS

The Chair explained that the resolutions before the meeting would be decided by majority vote. Voting would be conducted via poll votes as the number of proxy votes held greatly exceeded the number of votes available in the room. There would be an opportunity to ask questions of the proposer of each resolution but thereafter, as this would not be discussion in committee, any debate would follow the custom and practice of AUK AGM's and generally accepted rules of debate. Each member would be able to speak once on each proposal, with the exception of proposers who would be afforded the right of reply to a debate. Members would retain the right to make points of order, information and explanation.

Resolution 1:

To delete Appendix 8.1.2 in the Events Regulations in its entirety and replace it with the following:

8.1.2 Entry fees are neither refundable nor transferable where a rider withdraws from an event

Graeme Provan explained the previous regulation had implied that no refunds would be payable in any circumstances. In fact, the position was more nuanced than that and this had been brought sharply into focus with the cancellations during the pandemic. Mike Warren said he could see exactly why the change had been brought forward. Chris Wilby was concerned organisers may not be able to recover fixed costs if they had to refund entry fees rather than, say, postpone them. Graeme Provan explained that was there were no hard and fast rules around cancellation rather than rider withdrawal.

Result:-

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

457 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution

25 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution

13 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution

99 discretionary proxies

There were 5 further mandated proxies in favour of the resolution.

John Ward further declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

For – 13

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

John Ward therefore declared the following result:

For – 574

Against - 25

Abstain – 13
TOTAL VOTES CAST - 612

Resolution passed



Resolution 2:

That Audax UK continue to award the Peter Tandy trophy.

Mike Warren (proposer) noted there had been plenty of legitimate discussion on this topic since it had been raised. He had spoken to a number of members about it and felt the decision should be opened for discussion within the membership and decided by the members rather than be left to a board decision which he thought had led to a rather rushed withdrawal.

He accepted there were issues around safeguarding but believed if there were genuine safety concerns they should be put to external consultants.

Chris Crossland noted the board had the power to change matters outside the Articles and Regulations.

Graeme Provan asked Mike Warren what outcome he wanted if the award was reinstated.

Mike Warren explained he did not want to see the award reinstated and then forgotten about. He wanted to see younger members and their parents involved in the process.

Dan Smith noted his main concern had been around the award being based on one success rather than who might be discouraged. He had seen various pieces of research about the physical and mental impact of endurance sports but mainly running.

Paulina Luchowska countered the suggestion the award could encourage a race to the bottom noting the award had been made to a variety of differently aged riders during its history.

Chris Wilby believed his own children would have been more encouraged by individual medals rather than one award. He failed to see how it encouraged young riders generally.

Mike Warren said he would be willing to take the lead on a consultation process with the membership if the resolution was passed.

Chris Crossland clarified that a vote in favour of the resolution was a vote to reinstate the award in its current form.

Result:

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

- 328 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution

- 89 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution

- 37 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution

- 140 discretionary proxies

There were 4 further mandated proxies in favour of the resolution and 1 against.

John Ward further declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

For – 6

Against - 5

Abstain - 0

John Ward therefore declared the following result:

For – 338

Against - 235

Abstain – 37

TOTAL VOTES CAST - 610

Resolution passed



8. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

8.1: Finance Director – sole nominee Nigel Armstrong

No questions from the floor

Result:

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

454 mandated proxies to vote for the candidate

5 mandated proxies to vote against the candidate

0 mandated proxies to abstain on the election

133 discretionary proxies

There were 4 further mandated proxies in favour of the candidate and 1 further discretionary proxy.

John Ward further declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

For – 10

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

John Ward therefore declared the following result:

For – 602

Against - 5

Abstain –

TOTAL VOTES CAST - 607

Nigel Armstrong was duly elected.

8.2: Communications Director – no nominations

Chris Crossland thanked Rob McIvor for all his hard work during his tenure. He felt Rob had left a fine legacy for his successor with the excellence of his work.

He appealed for volunteers to come forward.

8.3. Non-executive Director – Post 1 – sole nominee Andy Yates

Chris Crossland explained he would not exercise his discretionary votes as was his custom.

Result:

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

445 mandated proxies to vote for the candidate

6 mandated proxies to vote against the candidate

0 mandated proxies to abstain on the election

There were 4 further mandated proxies in favour of the candidate and 1 further discretionary proxy.

John Ward further declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

For – 11

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

John Ward therefore declared the following result:

For – 461

Against - 6

Abstain –

TOTAL VOTES CAST - 467

Andy Yates was duly elected.

8.4: Non-executive Director – Post 2 – no nominations

Chris Crossland noted the healthy attendance at the AGM which suggested there was plenty of interest in AUK. He stated that having another non-executive director was important as AUK's continuing growth would bring further developments and, most notably, the possibility of using paid staff to undertake certain roles as the membership grew beyond the capacity of the current board and delegates.

9. Date and venue of next meeting:

To be agreed but likely to be Birmingham on 8th February 2023.

10. Close

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and thanked the board, delegates, organisers and everyone else who had contributed to AUK for their hard work.

The meeting closed at 13.45