



Cycling UK Stevenage  
(Formerly Stevenage CTC)

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## **STEVENAGE COME SECOND IN NATIONAL COMPETITION**

### **Bike Week Success \* Stevenage Cycling Festival Continues**

Following the success of Sunday's Circular Cycle, part of Bike Week and the Stevenage Cycling Festival, the Cycling UK Group in Stevenage were delighted to learn they had come second in a UK wide competition, that they had two individual winners and several top ten places.

With 55 points SOPHIA MORRIS was the first junior girl in Cycling UK's tourist competition, in fact she was fifth female. The competition included challenge rides such as the 50 mile Circular but also the 100km Emitremmus, 100 miles Stevenage Start of Summertime Specials, Skills Challenge (hill climb, freewheel, pace judging), treasure hunt, off road ride and many other events all over the country between March and October.

Cycling UK Stevenage's KIERAN HIGHAM was first junior boy and GEORGE UNDERHILL second.

In the team competition Stevenage came second only to Chester and North Wales.

JASON MORRIS was the highest placed local rider. He was third man on 83 points and wins the local award.

Sophia's mum NICOLA MORRIS was second female with 68 points and LYNN BONNICI third female with 67.



*Jason, Sophia and Nicola Morris*

JOHN BLOWES and MALCOLM NYE tied for fifth place in the male competition with 69.

PENNY SCHENKEL was fourth female on 61; JENNY SMITH seventh on 43 and HELEN HARRIS eighth on 42. JACKIE COOPER was fourth female veteran with 24 points.

The next local counting events will be the Baldock Cycle Challenge on 15<sup>th</sup> July and the Off Road Challenge from Stevenage on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

To register for Cycling UK's tourist competition or to join Cycling UK please go to [www.cyclinguk.org](http://www.cyclinguk.org)

Bike Week in Stevenage was a huge success with hundreds of cyclists enjoying eleven rides between 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June. The local group will be celebrating with a BBQ (Bicycle Barbecue) at Rableyheath on Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup>). They will set out from the Old Town, Stevenage at 7.15p.m.

The Stevenage Cycling Festival continues until 8<sup>th</sup> July. Cycling UK Stevenage will be offering many free rides from starters to more energetic outings including:

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Saturday Starter to Emily's Whitwell. Meet Penny at Costello's Café, Fairlands Valley Park in time for a 2p.m. start; Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Morning Meander. A two hour ride with Jackie starting from the green in Stevenage Old Town (SG1 3EJ) at 10a.m; Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Friday Fling. Meet Jill in the Old Town (SG1 3EJ) at 7.15p.m. for an evening ride to Cottered and back; Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Go with Paul to Tewin Fete. Leave Costello's (SG2 0BL) at 2p.m; Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Cycleway Meander, child friendly for about an hour, with Jackie from Costello's (SG2 0BL) at 2p.m; Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Tuesday Trundle. An extra daytime ride to Whitwell and back. Meet Jim at Costello's (SG2 0BL) in time for a 10a.m. start. There will be evening rides leaving Old Stevenage at 7.15p.m. EVERY Wednesday. Meet on the green near Springfield House Community Centre (SG1 3EJ). Please bring lights for the ride home. For details of the longer weekend rides please visit [www.stevenagectc.org.uk](http://www.stevenagectc.org.uk)

Bike Week, delivered by Cycling UK, is an annual opportunity to promote cycling and show how cycling can easily be part of everyday life by encouraging 'everyday cycling for everyone'.

Believe it or not, Bike Week first took place in 1923 – 95 years ago! It was, and always has been, a great opportunity to highlight the social, health and environmental benefits of cycling, with a core aim of getting people to give cycling a go all over the UK. It celebrates cycling as a means of getting around to work or school, a trip to the local shops or just to visit friends.

Then there are the evening rides EVERY Wednesday evening at 7.15p.m. all year round from the green near Springfield House Community Centre in Old Stevenage (SG1 3EJ). You'll be back about 10p.m. Please bring good working lights.

See the website [www.stevenagectc.org.uk](http://www.stevenagectc.org.uk) for the huge variety of Sunday rides. There are also opportunities to enjoy away events and participate in Cycling UK competitions.

Cycling in a group is fun and good for you. Why not have a go this year? There are local CTC rides EVERY Wednesday evening and the Saturday Starters EVERY Saturday all year round.

Remember Cycling UK ride with each other not against each other. Stevenage Cycling UK group rides have experienced ride makers, a leader and sweeper with a radio link, on the front and back – no-one gets left behind. You can get more details by contacting Penny (07787 816434); Jim (0793 968 7509); Jill (07816 625901) or Tina (01438 235881) or by emailing [jim@stevenagectc.org.uk](mailto:jim@stevenagectc.org.uk)

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**The CTC, now known nationally as Cycling UK, is the national cycling charity. It is run by cyclists for cyclists. The national website is at [www.ctc.org.uk](http://www.ctc.org.uk)**

**CTC/Cycling UK works to promote cycling by raising public and political awareness of its health, social and environmental benefits, and by working with all communities to help realise those benefits.**

**CTC/Cycling UK has been protecting and promoting the rights of cyclists since 1878. It now has more members than at any time in its history. CTC is a not-for-profit organisation funded through memberships and donations. We focus on the social side of cycling as well as being a powerful and independent voice on behalf of ALL cyclists. CTC offers a range of benefits, including insurance and legal advice, for every type of cyclist. By joining CTC YOU are supporting UK cycling and giving us a louder voice on issues that are important to all users of cycles.**

**Notes to editors:**

Cycling UK, the national cycling charity, inspires and helps people to cycle and keep cycling, whatever kind of cycling they do or would like to do. Over a century's experience

tells us that cycling is more than useful transport; it makes you feel good, gives you a sense of freedom and creates a better environment for everyone.

**Local Website [www.stevenagectc.org.uk](http://www.stevenagectc.org.uk)**

**To join CTC / Cycling UK visit <http://www.cyclinguk.org> or 'phone 0844 736 8451**

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