



VTTA WEST GROUP

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Webmaster's Report

WWW.WESTVET.ORG.UK the VTTA West Group website has been live for nearly two years. We have pages covering most aspects of our sport including: News, Diary of events, About Us including links on the Standards Table, Our Officials, How to Contact and Join the Group, Links to other cycling organisations, Results, West Vet magazine and Photos.

We have had positive feedback about the site, for example, Jim Burgin (Editor The Veteran) thought the site was neat and easy to navigate and he kindly provided a new VTTA badge (see above) and some excellent photos of our National Champions, that can be seen on the Home/News pages.

The on-line application form added earlier this year is undoubtedly bringing new members to our group.

We have established weblinks on some local club sites and also the VTTA national site, but your webmaster thought that the take-up was disappointing until he checked and found that only 5 out of 16 VTTA Groups and 14 out of 49 West DC clubs actually have websites. Of the latter only a very few have the usual ('unusual'!) Cycling Links.

In the meantime, in an attempt to get more 'exposure', we have politely reminded Swindon, Severn, Gloucester, Bath and Chard of our existence.

So what of the future, how can capitalise on the website? There are many new features that we could add, some are listed below, but one suggestion that members may wish to consider is that the new Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster should discuss this further to ensure that we get the best value for the Group.

Ideas for consideration:

- New pages: we could add:
 - National Claim forms (BAR, 3-dist and records) and how to claim
 - Age records
 - A List of West Vet trophies
 - Pictures of our officials
 - Racing Regulations
- Weblinks: We should try to get more links to other clubs and add our own links back – this is in progress.
- Subscription Collection: Paypal online payment.
- West Vet Forum: A discussion forum is possible.
- Questionnaires to get quick feedback from the membership.

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