



July 2025 Newsletter #007

Opening Notes

Hello all!

I'm excited to finally go to one of our Devon TRF Fun Days this year. I missed it last year on the account of being double booked, and would have enjoyed the chance to blat around a field and track.

With all the minutia set at this month's meeting, the event is going ahead in the middle of August, and tickets are available now. I'll be booking mine straight away!

Michael

TRF Talk

Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on Tuesday 8th of July at the Cat and Fiddle Inn near Clyst St Mary.

The meeting was attended by approximately eighteen people and led by our Vice-Chairman Noel. Once again, a lot was discussed, with members mainly ironing out some issues with our upcoming Hazelwood Farm Fun Day (see the events section). We also had three new members attend - thank you for showing your faces and introducing yourselves!

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th of August at the Cat and Fiddle Inn near Clyst St Mary, with the room available from around 1900 hours. The meeting itself will start at 2000 hours.

The minutes of the July meeting can be found by pressing the link below.

[July 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)

Lane Closures and Repairs

Those of you who frequent the forum may have seen our Lane Clearing Coordinator, Ian Collins (aka Wacky) is compiling a list of known lanes that require substantial work. Unfortunately, we are having issues with allowing members access to the private areas of the forum. Therefore, please post any lane issues on one of the public spaces.

A group led by Ian cleared Treblehayes Farm Lane near Stockland (192-019/5169) on Wednesday 9th. The lane was reported as being overgrown so a group of volunteers spent the evening cutting back the vegetation. Thank you to all who attended and thank you to Ian for organising



Picture courtesy of Jack Delve from DTRF Forum. Thank you Jack.

There have also been reports of a blocked lane in the northern reaches of our county. 180-194/4908 near Swimbridge (Barnstaple) was reported via the GRM from a visitor to our area. There are currently discussions on the forum about how to clear the blockage.

Any help from members in clearing this lane would be greatly appreciated!



Picture courtesy of user 'Hoc' from DTRF Forum.

Any time and help you can give to clear lanes keeps our hobby alive. We can't expect a small group of members to bear the burden of repairs and clearing forever.

At the recent monthly meeting, there was a suggestion of each member being nominated a lane to look after. Would this be something you are interested in? Let us know at the next meeting, or by contacting us through the forum or Facebook.

Rights of Way

Ray's notes on rights-of-way enquiries can be found in the meeting minutes above. However, in summary, there does not appear to be any pressing issues from Devon County Council. However, Cornwall have had some white roads turned into restricted byways and footpaths.

Another mention goes out to Jack Delve, and Ashley Nicholls, both of whom have separately been videoing lanes they have ridden to create libraries for the public. The videos are also being linked to the new features included in the latest Green Road Map release, which also includes overlaying existing GPX files.

Ash's channel '2 Boldly Go' can be found using the green button.

Jack's channel 'Devon Lane Database' can be found using the yellow button.

Stats from the Saddle

New Members

We had twelve new members join us in June.

We hope to meet all of you at either one of our monthly meetings (currently held at the Cat and Fiddle Inn near Clyst St Mary), or out on the lanes.

You should have received a welcome pack email from Ray Tribe. Please check your junk email folder if you haven't received it. It is worth reading - it is very informative and may answer any questions you have. However, if you still require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us, either through [the forum](#), our [private Facebook page](#), or through [email](#).

If no one is posting any rides, just ask on Facebook or the Forum!

Lane Stats and Run Reports

The top three riders logged in run reports this month were:

Michael Ollier - Five logged rides.

Sean Comber - Four logged rides.

Graeme Lacey - Two logged rides.

Well done chaps and thanks for posting your run reports.

There were nine lanes tied for first place, with three rides apiece, all in the 192 Landranger map.

Please send your run reports to johnleah@blueyonder.co.uk

To prepare your run reports, you can either prepare a GPX file from your navigation device, or create a table of the lanes you've ridden. Please also include the names of the riders on your run, along with some basic information such as their address and/or TRF

number (don't worry if you can't get all the info). You can also add photos and descriptions of the lanes if you wish.

By submitting run reports, we have the data on our side to show that we are using the lanes. This then helps us fight against their reclassification!

The button below will take you to a word document saved on a Google drive with a template table you can use to create your run report. Please save the file as a word document (.doc/.docx). When you are ready, attach the file to an email and send it to John.

[Run Report Template](#)

Tales from the Trails

This month, we have a submission from Sean Comber, with a story of his recent foray into classic scrambles titled 'Race on Sunday, Trail Ride on Monday'. It sure made us want to buy a classic twin-shock and take part in a scramble!

In the mid 70's I got hooked on schoolboy scrambling as it was then called... But then during one race I had a massive tank slapper on a fast straight, bailed and was smacked in the back by someone behind me riding flat out, leaving tyre tracks up my back for weeks... my bottle went and I jacked it in to take up fishing... It all changed when I attended a stag-do at Wheeldon Farm, where we spent the weekend hooning around an indoor motorbike track... I came home, completed my CBT, bought a Honda XR125L and passed my test by Christmas... There was an itch, however, that still needed scratching. The desire to line up once more on the line with the smell and sound of 40 screaming two-strokes and a smattering of 4-bangers waiting for the gate to fall... Eventually, an almost new looking 1977 Suzuki PE250B came up for sale outside Bridgwater in Enmore, where we did a scramble many moons ago – it may have been a sign in the stars! The Devon Classic Scramble at Smeatharpe in September was coming up and has the reputation of being a lovely track deep in the Blackdown Hills of mid Devon. I signed up.

Press the button below to read the rest of Sean's article.

[Race on Sunday, Trail Ride on Monday](#)

Local Events

If you know of a local event that you'd like to see advertised here, please email newsletter@trfdevon.org.uk for consideration.



16/08/2025 - Hazelwood Farm Training Day - Devon TRF - Hazelwood Farm, Marldon nr Paignton

Join experienced trainers Dean Allen and Rom Dobbs, as they instruct riders on typical scenarios and challenging situations they may come across whilst out on the trails. This may include overcoming obstacles, how to cope with injuries, cold, and heat, and dealing with mechanical issues. Aimed at beginners and intermediate riders. There are only 10 slots available for this training, so book on quick to avoid disappointment.

Hazelwood Farm Training Day

17/08/2025 - Hazelwood Farm Fun Day – Devon TRF – Hazelwood Farm, Marldon nr Paignton

Join Devon TRF for their annual fun day at Hazelwood farm. Ride your bikes on a private course, with various field and woodland routes. Food and refreshments available on the day.



Hazelwood Farm Fun Day



30/08/2025 - Anthony Reed Charity Trail Ride – Somerset TRF – Kilminster

A charity Trail ride in memory of Antony Reed who very sadly lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. All proceeds going to charity. A led ride in groups of six, with a pub lunch and social, then back out onto the trails.

[See Event](#)

**13/09/2025 to 14/09/2025 - Jurassic
Jaunt – Dorset TRF – Location TBA**
More info to follow soon.

[See Event](#)



**19/10/2025 - Forest Ride Day –
Somerset TRF – Combe Sydenham
(between Wiveliscombe and Watchet)**

Come practice your riding skills at Somerset TRF's Forest Ride Day. With a 4-mile main loop and offshoots of varying difficulty, you can ride in a controlled private environment.

[See Event](#)



National Events

Just like our Teign to Tamar, other TRF groups around the UK want to show you their trails through organised events. See the TRF events page to find out what's available.

[See Events](#)



Staying in Contact

There are many forms of communication in both the national TRF and the Devon TRF. Please see below to find what might suit you best. Click the green text to follow the link.



National TRF Website - The public website for the national TRF. Used to sign up to membership and give the public information about what we do nationally.



TRF Trail Website - The member's section of the national TRF. Use this to see national events, Trail Magazine editions, manage your membership and local groups, membership discounts, member news and more. This is accessed with the email and password you used when you first signed up to the TRF.



The Green Road Map (GRM) - The GRM is an interactive map that allows you to see all the known legal lanes in the country. The GRM requires a separate login which is made on the GRM homepage.



Devon TRF Website - The Devon TRF website. Used to showcase the work we do to the public. Also has links to our forum, and the dates of our events.



Devon TRF Forum - The Devon TRF forum. Used a message board for members to discuss everything bike and trail riding related and more. Find rides, lane clearing events, and news here. This requires a separate login which is created on the forum. We are currently experiencing difficulty with new members creating logins - we hope to solve this soon.



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Devon TRF Public Facebook Page -

The public Facebook group page of the Devon TRF. Used to broadcast news and messages publicly.



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Devon TRF Members Only Facebook

Page - The members only Facebook group page of the Devon TRF. Used to privately discuss trail riding, bikes, news and more. Requires verification to join (you will require your TRF membership number).



Devon TRF

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