

From: Andrew Dumsday [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Bad representation of Reading cycling club
Date: 30 November 2011 11:44:03 GMT
To: Colin Bates <batesc@mac.com>

Thank you Colin for your fast response and apologies, As for identifying the riders I asked the riders themselves from what club they belonged to and there was a response from a number of them that they were from Reading. The location is on the lane that cuts through from the bottom of kids hill to chuck hatch (through the water splash) and was approximately 4 weeks ago. I would like to say that the rest of the group were very polite and It was just unfortunate that one person let the team down on the day, I understand that as a club this is hard to control and that it was probably a independent outing. I did not want it to be a hanging but felt it was just worth bringing it to your attention and to see if you could get a message out to your members.

Many Thanks
Andy

On 27 Nov 2011, at 19:26, Colin Bates wrote:

Dear Mr Dumsday,

I'm sorry to hear of this incident and apologise on behalf of the club for the offensive behaviour you have reported here. Our club code of conduct requires that when riding as a club we must behave in a manner that represents Reading Cycling Club in a good light, and we take seriously any reports we receive to the contrary.

I am guessing you were able to identify the riders as members of Reading Cycling Club by their blue-and-yellow jerseys (http://www.readingcyclingclub.com/newimages/2008/jersey_web.jpg). Ashton Forest is some way from Reading and is beyond our normal group riding area so I can only assume that the riders were riding independently of the club, or perhaps participating in a sporting challenge ride. If you can provide any further information on date and place we may be able to identify the riders involved, but I will certainly circulate your note around the club to remind members of their responsibilities.

Yours Sincerely

Colin Bates

Club Secretary,
Reading Cycling Club

On 27 Nov 2011, at 13:46, Andrew Dumsday wrote:

Dear sir,

It saddens me to be writing this email being a great supporter and participator of cycling myself including road riding, cross country and downhill all at a competitive level. I currently live on Ashdown Forest and I'm sure you are aware this is a great place for road riding which is enjoyed by many clubs and individuals and is always great to see.

A while back I was travelling from my house in my car (which is down a single track road) and came across a group of riders at a very tight point over a bridge, As they emerged from the shadows it was clear they were riding three abreast taking the whole road which is not a problem as you could see they were enjoying the ride and having a chat. I stopped my vehicle to allow them to pass which meant they had to go single file pass my vehicle and as they passed I received many pleasant gestures of morning and thank you until the face of one rider looked through my window and shouted (I quote) "MOVE THE FUCK OVER YOU WANKER". Now I am a man of the world and I'm sure that the gentleman that expressed himself in such vibrant language was probably embarrassed because he was the gentleman on the wrong side of the road and probably thought attack is the first line of defence. Now my 23 month old son who was sat in the back of my car is not a man of the world and unfortunately continued to repeat the words fuck and wanker all the way to picking his mother up. As you can imagine it was a little upsetting for his mother to be called a wanker as she got into the car.

I'm sure this will be a story we will laugh over in years to come. To bring this to an end please can you remind all your club members that they don't only let themselves down they also let the club down with language of that nature and that they should be courteous to other road users.

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Dumsday