

2020 AGM report from Website Coordinator Tony Emery

Move to the National Site: VTTA West Group has had a web presence since 2007 and further to a decision made at the 2018 AGM our web home is now found on the National VTTA site at <https://www.vtta.org.uk/groups/west>

In 2018 the national VTTA organised a workshop, where a new on-line membership system was presented, allowing new and existing members to make on-line payments for their subs and standards claim fees. New member applications could also be made on-line. The West was one of the first groups to go live with this system, the new services proving popular and, in 2020, in spite of a significant lack of competition, there is clear evidence of how valuable they are attracting new members, whilst helping reduce our treasurer's and secretary's workloads by monitoring non-payment and keeping track of our members.

Over the year there have been significant improvements to the national site, largely benefitting from the work completed on the CTT site, by the same software team. The home page is now lively with latest news items, group news and quick links.

Results & National Competitions: A new VTTA tab on the Cycling Time Trials site allows you to link your results on the CTT site to the VTTA pages – *don't forget to do this and also select the national competitions where you wish to participate, otherwise you won't see your results in the VTTA tables.* You will find further guidance at <https://www.vtta.org.uk/library> by downloading the document "Guidance Note for Linking VTTA and CTT Accounts". Once linked, it is possible to check your progress in: VTTA events and VTTA National Competitions (by Plus). Also available are details of the National Trophies, Record Tables (thanks to Rob Hutchinson for keeping these up to date – take a look, the records are fascinating!) and a full explanation of our latest Standards system.

As well as the national tables, for our Group you can view:

- West Group Age Records with searches by rider, event type/distance, gender, and bike type – it is great to see these remarkable achievements listed.
- West Group National Competition standings: although 2020 has been a significantly curtailed season, the VTTA site now shows up to date West Group results for the 3-Distance (25/50/100), BAR and Short Distance (2x10, 2x25) competitions.
- West Group events and results linked to the CTT website.

Feedback: During 2019/20, we added WestVet copies for the archive, news items and details of social and TT events. It has not been a faultless journey, but it is the view of your Webmaster, that we are now well accommodated on the national site and that the migration from our old site (www.westvet.org.uk) has been completely successful. Of course, that is just my view and if there are any changes or fixes that might improve the web service, please let me know at tonyemery7nt@gmail.com

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