

Guernsey Velo Club Safety Officers Report 2025

2025 has been another busy year in terms of racing and pleasingly the number of reportable accidents has dropped to three.

Incident Report Forms for the three MTB accidents are retained in the club drive for record keeping and nothing was found wanting from the completed risk assessments and on-scene club members stepped up to help ensure that injured riders were treated swiftly.

There were one or two minor 'spills' at Flyers and at Jnr Crits, but these were dealt with by on-scene first aiders. There are no reports of any young riders attending A&E.

All road, MTB XC/ gravity and CX events have been risk assessed including pre-riding or course walking and these forms are stored on the club drive and we have seen a heightened awareness from race organisers to review and amend these and sign them off on the day.

One area where we have struggled is in securing sufficient marshals for road events and it required us to leverage some of our volunteer members at the last minute. This was not helped by the fact that we had noticeably fewer participants this year, however all courses had refreshed risk assessments carried out with proper maps (Thanks to Gary!) and these are retained centrally for future use.

A number of crit events were cancelled due to inclement weather or a damp track particularly at Delancey Park and this again underlines the need for a more suitable all weather cycling venue.

A couple of events did not have the necessary signage placed by Traffic & Highways, but measures were put in place to mitigate against any issues.

Rider behaviour has been good and road riders have clearly heeded previous requests to avoid crossing the centre of the road and junctions and there are no reports of any issues here. No formal H&S complaints were made against another club member.

It was good to see new faces taking on race organisation and a big thanks goes to them as well as marshals and course set-up crews and hopefully members are now more familiar with all the resources that are readily available on the GVC web page.

The club is continuing to seek additional first aid trained members to bolster our numbers which include members who have this qualification through their workplace. Gary and Toots attended a Sports Commission run (day-long) sport focussed training course and it was agreed that this will be

the route for future training. Four additional MTB club members attended this course on 16 November. We would benefit from some more road members possessing the qualification and a further request will go out in the new year to attend future courses.

Thanks for all the support from everyone involved in the running of our events, in particular, to Marks Smith for all his tireless work over the years and we look forward to a safe and enjoyable race season in 2026!