

Flyers and U8/10/12 Report 2026

For 2025 Karen, Donna and I considered all the feedback we had received over the previous season from both riders and parents.

Discussions lead us to offer Utmost Flyers in an eighteen race series over 12 weeks. With some weeks offering one race, this allowed time for some fun in the form of a coaching session or use of the ramps/skills areas set up. These dates were pre-planned and advertised.

The group leaders planned some excellent sessions for the riders – riding up or down steep inclines, close proximity riding or balance practice for example. Every 4th week the ramps/ see-saw/limbo/balance board were available. These were very well received and were a huge marker of riders progression, thus helping riders feel more confident in their racing. The format was met with a positive response, which was helped by 12 weeks of great weather.

Ensuring either two races or the training area in the park ensured a focal point for riders and helped keep Utmost Flyers within a contained area within the park making for a great atmosphere each week.

Having 112 riders registered and between 85 and 105 riders attending each week does require a high number of helpers – generally at least -

10/12 group leaders

4/6 timekeepers

2/3 set up

2 canteen

And we need first aiders and safeguarder always in attendance.

U8/10/12 Crit Races

The popular 6 race series held at the Kart-track was well attended this year with 25 riders. A neutral warm up lap leading to a rolling start was implemented to ease congestion off the start line. This approach made the initial corner safer giving riders practice cycling in close proximity prior to the race start.

U8/10/12 MTB & CX Races

The MTB series and the continuing CX series have seen good entry numbers with 25 regulars and a real sense of a racing community forming. The riders have been respectful and supportive to each other, calling out encouragement in races and helping increase handling/better lines after the races.

Thanks goes out to the sponsors Utmost, Ian Browns & Cycle World for their continued support & to the crowd of volunteers we call on over the season. We could not make it happen without you. A particular thanks goes out to the cake bakers for the MTB & Flyers canteen.

Karen, Donna and Frankie all have young riders who have moved up to U14 racing so are standing down from the organisation of Flyers & the U8/10/12 racing. We will be on hand for the forthcoming year to help out if needed.