



## **Chairperson's report 2020**

2020 was the fourteenth year for club and certainly presented a new set of challenges due to the global pandemic.

Although training effectively stopped during March 2020 it was good to see the efforts that club members went to in order to maintain fitness levels, by setting up tethered swim facilities in the back garden and meeting for rides on Zwift.

In preparation of a return to training at the end of the first lockdown, committee members met weekly in order to review the BTF requirements and ensure that such a return could be done at an acceptable level of safety. Thanks go to all the committee for their time and efforts in this regard.

The good news was that as restrictions eased, we were able to reintroduce running sessions, starting with the Sunday Morning runs. With help of our covid volunteer team we were also able to recommence training at Northwood in December. Unfortunately a return to lockdown ceased all group activity again, however we are now in a better position to reintroduce the run sessions when restrictions ease sufficiently.

Bike and swim sessions have not been forgotten and we hope to reintroduce these once the guidance allows.

This latest lockdown through the poor weather of the winter period has made it more difficult to stay connected with fellow members within the restrictions, so our weekly newsletter and the club facebook page have helped to keep in touch even if only on a virtual basis.

Given the circumstances, it is understandable that membership levels may take a hit this year. Hopefully once we are in a position to reintroduce group training sessions, and competition events are once again scheduled, we can build the numbers back up again.

So although we have been through a year like no other, and with the future still uncertain, I think the strong foundations of the club put us in a good position to go forward to meet the challenges that yet to come.

Thank you all for your commitment to the club and please stay safe until we can meet again

Karen Dennett

NTC Chairperson