

# **Tricolore Great Britain Limited-Ducati Owners Club Great Britain**

## **Secretary Report October 2020-April 2022**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 2022**

### **Introduction**

I have great pleasure in presenting my Secretary's Report.

### **Acknowledgements**

I have been in this role since October 2020 and I am indebted to the many CoM and club members, who have assisted me within my role over this period.

I would also like to bring to notice those who continue to contribute to the running of the club. Branch leaders, members and volunteers who continue to give up their time so generously and without whom the club would simply not exist.

Many thanks are due to Martyn Edwards who as Chairman has worked tirelessly in the running of the club and promoting Ducati Owners Club GB not only around the UK but also in Europe. I know we are very highly thought of by those at Ducati UK and the management at Ducati in Italy.

### **The Council of Management**

The current CoM is made up of thirteen members three of which are ladies. All have various roles within the club and each member carries out their duties for free. When I became secretary, the world was still struggling with Covid. This had a big impact on the club regarding events etc many being cancelled. In view of this the CoM has continued to meet via Zoom and progress club business. Approximately twenty meetings have been held since I became club secretary.

It was nice to have our last CoM meeting at the Shepton Mallet Classic Bike Show February and for the first time in some months this was held in person face to face.

Attendance at the meetings has been consistent, extensive and varied. Discussions taken place on all issues pertaining to the running of the club.

I would like to pay tribute to all our CoM members for their tireless efforts in the delivery of club

business throughout the year and for giving up their valuable time.

### **Financial Management**

Club finances are managed by our treasurer Lisa Richards, and she continues to do a fantastic job.

Membership fees have not increased for some time now and at the last budget meeting which took place on the 2nd of February 2022 I'm happy to report that the club is in a stable position regarding finances. This is also taking into consideration that all of this year 2022 expenditure being accounted for. We have a plan put in

place to raise money over the next three years to help with the clubs 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations in 2024.

## **General**

Other factors for the stability of the club are the ability to have good communication with our members.

Our club website continues to be the main source for cascading information to members. Kev Baker has maintained the site for many years and has worked diligently behind the scenes in keeping this up to date. It is easily accessible and easy to follow. We have also recently added Ducati Archiving section which is a huge success. Colin Darlow and Kevin have again worked tirelessly on this and have been helped by other CoM members to achieve their goal. Well done all for volunteering and giving up your time.

This site I believe is the best in Europe for information and literature held for Ducati Motorcycles and is the envy of many other motorcycle clubs.

Guy Gagen in his role Branch Co Ordinator keeps in touch with all branch representatives on a regular basis and is aware of what members want, What they think about the way the club is run etc. He is also the direct link for members to have something discussed on their behalf at the COM meeting. This shows there is in place that close contact for all club members if required.

We had thirty five branches around the UK and we have just recently set up two new DOC GB branches in Scotland. Those being named Scotland West and Scotland East.

As a club we have an excellent Merchandise Store supplying a wide variety of quality items to the members. This is being run by Colin Richards very successfully. In his time in charge the quality of the stock has improved vastly, and this shows in the amount of stock sold. The recent Budget meeting disclosed the Merchandise had made a sizeable profit for the club so well-done Colin.

We have an excellent club magazine DESMO which is edited and looked after by Jilly Penegar. This is yet another example of keeping in contact with the members. The articles are informative, and we have several advertisers wanting their businesses to be included.

The club is also affiliated to many other motorcycling bodies this helps to build strong ties with these associations thus gaining wider interests for our members. We have representatives with the BMF John Nicholas and MAG Clive Fitzgerald.

We are affiliated to the ACU, and currently have around two hundred race passes from for our club members to use in what ever form of racing they would like to take up.

We hold a Northern and Southern Rally as well as putting on and attending other shows throughout the year. All of which are very well supported and at times generate much needed money for local charities.

We are also doing well regarding membership to the club which currently stands at around 2,600. A big incentive for joining ourselves lies with the popularity of Ducati's fabulous new models and the dealer referral schemes. There is palpable excitement within the members, as it looks like WDW will be going ahead in July 2022, so much to look forward to!

## **Conclusion**

The club has faced challengers in the time I have been secretary regarding diversity, equal rights and the general running of the club.

By working as one team and putting the clubs best interests foremost, while adhering to the Articles of Association we have overcome hurdles and moved on, whilst others have fallen to the wayside.

We are a club that is open to all, holds high standards and morals in all that we do, and expects the same of its members.

Things have never looked as good for the club as it does currently. We have a healthy bank account; we are investing in the future of the club. We currently have a membership of around 2,600 and growing.

I am proud to be the secretary of this club.

Long may this continue. Keep up the great work!

I hereby submit my report.

Timothy P Mallion