

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO : LEISURE COMMITTEE - 11TH JANUARY 2000

SUBJECT : ANNUAL CYCLO CROSS RACE - KENILWORTH COMMON

FROM : HEAD OF LEISURE AND AMENITIES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the 1999 Boxing Day cyclo cross race on Kenilworth Common and seek their views on this year's event.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Since 1974, this Council has agreed to the annual race but has debated it on a number of occasions since then, and at it's meeting last January, asked for a report following the 1999 event.
- 2.2 The Kenilworth cyclo cross race has taken place on the Common for approximately 44 years and is currently the oldest continuous event of its type in the country. All riders taking part, from internationals to novices, are registered members of the Cyclo Cross Association, so have to abide by their rules and regulations.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The organisers liaised with the police and our officers prior to the event in order to try and minimise inconvenience to local residents and also to ensure the proposed route did not conflict with the wishes of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.
- 3.2 The race took place and the organisers complied with all the conditions and with similar weather to last year no problems have been reported.
- 3.3 Following the race no adverse comments have been received from the police, or Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to your officers. It is hoped that the views of the Kenilworth Town Council can be verbally reported to the meeting.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The instigation of Local Nature Reserves to comply with the Council's policies directly linked to the environment.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Members are asked for their views on whether or not the cyclo cross race can be allowed to again take place on Kenilworth Common on Boxing Day 2000 (i.e. Tuesday, 26th December).

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Sports Leisure and Community Manager

Background Papers :	Reports to previous Committees, in particular Leisure Committees of 18th May 1998, 28th July 1998 and 25th January 1999.
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Areas in District Affected :	Kenilworth Common