

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Poddlers Ride Report



Just a quick ride report from the poddlers, so you know that we are still poddling. Four riders managed to remember we were setting off at the new time of 1.30. We had planned an adventure to the distant town of Knaresborough, and as one member of the ride had to get back to let in a plumber or gasman in order that the great kitchen make over could start, we speeded down the wooded way through Hookstone, towards the tip and Forest Moor. We made amazing timing downhill to Knaresborough, rather surprising ourselves at our professional speed. However along Abbey Road we lapsed back into gossiping/gossiping and chat and laughter, and consequently slowed down. The kitchen conversion loomed and the leader decided to leave the pretty added loops until we had at least 3 hours to spare, and time to enjoy them properly without too much speed. We headed back along the Boroughbridge Road, towards the Beryl Burton Way and the Big Hill. Glad to be back on traffic free tracks, we tackled the hill with verve and did not need resuscitation until we reached the gate at the top. By Bilton Hall the ride leader was beginning to panic about her kitchen commencement and left the three other riders to find their way home in the gathering dusk. As far as I know they have all arrived home safely, or are still wandering the cycle track system of eastern Harrogate, looking for a hill free way back home. A super gentle ride, good company, and a bit of a laugh in glorious autumn sunshine. PS the kitchen offensive was put into motion.