

# 1. Introduction

Audax UK always welcomes new event organisers. Although many of the country's most scenic roads are already covered by audax events, there is always the opportunity to devise new routes along them. Plus, a great route is often only part of the event.

Some organisers like to organise 'bare bones' events, where riders meet in a car park and post their completed brevet cards home. Others like to organise a much fancier event, with village halls as bases, and home baking for returning riders.

Both types of event have their place, and both are popular with riders. However what all good events share is that their organisers get the basics right, such as:

- an interesting and scenic route;
- an accurate routesheet;
- lots of publicity on internet forums, with local clubs and bike shops;
- clear joining instructions, sent to riders well in advance;
- information about your event posted to the Audax UK website well in advance;
- post-event paperwork, completed accurately and quickly sent back to Audax UK;

To help you on your way, here are four things to get you started:

- Read this guide, and keep a copy for reference. This will give you plenty of information about how to plan and organise your event.
- Read Audax UK's regulations. Like any regulations, they make for a dull read. However they provide detailed information about how we approve events and validate rides.
- Read the notes for organisers and riders that are published regularly in *Arrivée*. These will keep you up to date with important changes to rules and procedures.
- Speak to your mentor and events team representative. They can provide a lot of feedback on your event, in particular ideas about particular routes you have in mind.

## **Audax UK events**

Audax UK organises only a few events itself. These are:

- 'dart' rides to, from and during Audax UK's annual reunion;
- London Edinburgh London; and
- Permanent calendar events.

Instead, most Audax UK calendar events are organised by individuals, clubs and CTC groups, who agree to run these events according to Audax UK regulations. These regulations are in turn based on international ride rules formulated by Audax Club Parisien, which are used internationally by the member countries of Les Randonneurs Mondiaux.

As well as maintaining ride regulations, Audax UK also keeps records of riders who successfully complete audax events in the UK. To encourage this, Audax UK maintains award schemes for completing series of successful rides.

For more information about what Audax UK does, please read your Audax UK handbook, which you can find on the Audax UK website at <http://www.aukweb.net>