

**L DSCY**

**HULL CYCLISTS'**

**1882-1884**

**Historical Background:**

In August 1882 representatives from five bicycle clubs in Hull met to consider holding a competition. The five clubs, who each gave £5 towards a guarantee for the event, were: Hull Bicycle Club; Hull Amateur Bicycle Club; Hull Tricycle Club; Hull Wanderers' Bicycle Club and Hull Wilberforce Bicycle Club.

The first meeting took place on 2 September 1882 with the cyclists taking part in a parade through the town before meeting at Hull Botanic Gardens for a photograph prior to the event on the cinder track. There were heats and finals in three races which were the 10 mile race, a Tricycle Handicap over 1 mile and a Mounting and Dismounting Race where riders had to dismount twice each lap.

A second meeting was held at the same venue on 21 July 1883 with five races in total including a Slow Race over 100 yards where the winner was the last person to cross the finishing line. In May 1884 with little interest in a third meeting it was agreed to abandon the event and to split any remaining cash between the five clubs.

**Description:**

A single minute book detailing a series of meetings to discuss every aspect of the organisation for the event

**Related material:**

Hull Local Studies Library holds the records of Cyclists' Touring Club: Hull & East Riding District Association, 1925-1994 (Ref L DSCT)

**Extent:** 1 item

**Access Conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

L DSCY/1	Minute Book Minutes of meetings relating to all aspects of organising the Race Meeting including possible venues, the form and nature of races to be featured, prizes, possible medals designs and entrance fees for the event.  With copies of the notices, tickets, annotated programme recording the results of the events, toast list for the 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner and balance sheet (September 1882). With tickets, programme and printed balance sheet for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meet (July 1883).  1 item	11 Aug 1882- 7 May 1884
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