

Last Wednesday's ride for Cycle Ayrshire was one of their regular 'do-it-yourself' rides where a lunch stop is nominated and riders make their own way by their own route. The venue was Langholm's at Corraith near Symington and although a dozen members gathered, just over half had cycled from as far afield as Kilwinning, Mauchline and Ochiltree. They had started out dry but met rain just before arriving to eat, watched it continue through the meal and headed home as it eventually eased. Those who had come by car were impressed that so many had faced the elements that had been accurately forecast.

The next outing for the group was on Sunday with a start from Dalry Station, an unusual venue for the club. It was the monthly 'Easy Ride' and offered the fourteen who arrived an uncomplicated route which met the requirements of a ride around twenty-five miles. Leaving Dalry by the B784 then taking a left onto the B780 had them join the Largs road to pass the Camphill and Muirhead Reservoirs, climbing 650' before the sharp descent down the Haylie Brae. Arriving in the town early with a lot less than half of the ride complete, they opted for 'brunch' which had them inside eating while the only rain of the day fell.

Emerging into sunshine, they took the cycle route south past the Marina and on to Fairlie and Hunterston Castle. The return to Dalry was via the northern fringe of West Kilbride. At this point, riders who'd started from Irvine, Troon and other points south continued down the coast while the remainder headed east to Dalry and a ride total distance of twenty seven miles.



Hunterston Castle cycle path



Easy-peezy coming down the Haylie Brae