

**IVCA East Kildare Tour
14/01/18**



Group assembled before Tour

It was a frosty but bright morning as 14 members and 2 guests signed on for the first round of the 2018 Dick O'Brien Leisure league. Following the usual safety briefing, the group headed out from Wheelworx car park and were soon in a nice 2 abreast peloton. The tour followed the now familiar route towards Peamount-Newcastle-Lyons Estate and on towards Ardclough.

We had a good rotation going with most riders taking turns on the front, and soon we were passing through Straffan-Bodenstown X and into Sallins. A few climbs were negotiated without too much difficulty with everyone managing to hold the wheel in front. The group were soon onto Millicent Road, Prosperous Road and down the long descent to Clane for a well earned refreshment break.

Following the break, a few riders with prior commitments decided to head back on a shorter route, while the main group continued on the tour course, taking us through Rathcoffey-Maynooth and into Celbridge. We were soon back on the route of the outward leg and into Newcastle-Peamount and finishing safe and sound back in Wheelworx car park.

Thankfully no mechanicals and only one puncture to report (suffered by yours truly!!) on the return leg near Newcastle. Overall the tour was enjoyed by everyone with all members awarded 2 leisure league points.

Jimmy Murphy



Philip, Seamus, Brendan & Evelyn



Brian, Peter & Tony



Philly, Eamonn & Tony



Teresa, Evelyn & Pat



The Group at Clane