

## North West Region of British Cycling

### Chair's Report 2019

I have now completed my second year as chair of the region which has seen the emergence of regional plans across the country, after my initial input to our regional plan which has followed a format for all regions with regional variations overlaid produced by our Regional Development Manager. We are now forming a working group, initially of board members, to further develop the plan. The regional governance guidance is in the process of being drafted then to have further input from the regions which will continue into 2020.

Working groups have been formed to spread the work load of the board and enable regional members with an interest in those areas to feed into the board. The 3 currently running are Women's, Road and MTB , expressions of interest are welcome and we will update the membership of any new working groups via the regional website and our social media channels.

There have been challenges on the road racing front which lead to events being cancelled, this has been overcome by the membership pulling together with new volunteers stepping forward for training and existing volunteers becoming active again. It has highlighted the importance of volunteers in running events inline with the Risk Assessments we now have in place and without them events can't take place. The region is putting in place procedures to mitigate the chances of this happening in the future. Despite this the region has had events promoted across all disciplines from grass roots to national level events. Racing on the open road is still a challenge but with the use of accredited marshals and the dedication of race organisers and officials may it long continue alongside events not on the public highway across all disciplines.

The region's finances remain healthy enabling us to support our youth riders in particular in inter-regional events.

I would like to thank all the officials and volunteers who make all the activities within the region possible and the support of my fellow board members this last year.

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