

Report of the BC Yorkshire Events Workgroup 2024-2025

Introduction

The British Cycling Yorkshire Events Workgroup is a team of volunteers, club members, event organisers and staff, working together to bring cycling opportunities to people across our region. The role of the group is to oversee, support and plan events across multiple disciplines within the region.

Event Planning and Coordination

This year saw the introduction of BC's new system of advanced planning for the Road Race calendar, whereby expressions of interest from all regions were collated early in the year, then the Regional calendar planned to avoid clashes with National or major events and similar events in adjacent regions which otherwise end up competing for entries from the same pool of riders, e.g. for Women's events.

This new approach appears to have been successful, at least in Yorkshire. If other regions have seen similar benefits, BC are planning to roll out this forward-planning approach to other disciplines.

To keep events safe and help them run smoothly, the workgroup supports organisers by planning officials and resources for each event, whether that's loaning race equipment, providing risk assessments or organising marshals.

Challenges and Solutions

Of course, challenges arise, whether it's tricky weather, tight budgets, or last-minute changes, we try and adapt to keep events on the calendar.

As with many volunteer organisations, recruitment is an ongoing necessity, whether that's due to people moving away, being unable to continue for whatever reason, or because a particular discipline just needs more help to deliver the best events.

We always welcome new workgroup members, so if you're a BC member who's passionate about cycling event delivery in any capacity, please get in touch.

Conclusion

With its friendly, inclusive spirit, the British Cycling Yorkshire Events Workgroup is keeping Yorkshire's cycling culture rolling. By bringing people together, organising memorable events,

and nurturing the next generation of cyclists and volunteers, the workgroup ensures that the region remains a success in the UK's cycling community.

Workgroup meetings

Six online meetings were held during the year with the following attendances

Kevin	Brown	4
Andy	Akers	1
Martin	Barnes	1
Harry	Brayford	2
Dave	Coulson	3
Richard	Falls	1
Mick	Findley	5
Will	Foster	3
Matt	Gott	5
Christopher	Habershon	3
David	Harris	4
James	Hawkins	3
Ian	Hirst	6
Paul	Hughes	4
Phil	Makinson	4
Paul	Merrett	1
Graham	Parker	5
Mandy	Parker	6
Bev	Randell-Eyre	4
Peter	Root	6
Peter	Sutton	5

Ian Hirst

Chair BC Yorkshire Events Workgroup