

RCA Report – British Cycling Yorkshire Region AGM

The Yorkshire Region plays a significant role in British cycling, with a history of racing, innovation, and community involvement. Over the past eight months, the region has organised a wealth of Road and Circuit events, from National A & B Road competitions and Junior and Youth closed circuit races.

Throughout the last season, the region has brought together Officials, Marshals, and Organisers to successfully deliver a full and competitive events calendar despite several challenges. Similar to other regions, Yorkshire experienced a shortage of Commissaires; however, efforts were made to ensure all scheduled events proceeded as planned, some through last-minute appointments and some through careful advanced planning.

The season began with a considerable number of event applications that were reviewed and approved, supporting effective planning and assignment of officials, which contributed to a smooth start for road and circuit events. Credit should be given to organisers for their forward planning and HQ for their incentivisation of the process to support ultimately support regions.

Event Planning, Approval, and Coordination

Focusing on prompt event application and approval resulted in a shift in the RCA role for 2025 toward more structured forward planning and coordination. Although occasional reactive issues occurred, the process remained generally efficient and consistent. Event applications for 2025 declined compared to 2024, facilitating a more methodical planning approach.

Challenges

As is common with seasonal weather variations in Britain, the region faced disruptions and was unable to hold one event—Harrogate Nova Road Races—due to adverse weather conditions mid-season.

Volunteers

Yorkshire continues to encounter challenges in volunteer recruitment, particularly for officials needed to support multiple weekly events across disciplines. We continue to promote the need and the advantages of being a Commissaire throughout the region with a number of new trainee appointments throughout the season.

A special mention should be given to two individuals, Bev Randell-Eyre and Dave Harris, who between them accounted for over half of the total appointments during the season— 32 out of 58 roles between the two.

Recognition is given to their contributions, and appreciation is extended to all volunteers, including Commissaires, Marshals, and Organisers, whose participation supports the ongoing operation of racing events in Yorkshire.

As I reflect on the last 3 years in the role as RCA, I think we can safely say that we have the trust of regional stakeholders, whether that be Police Forces, Highways, Local Authorities or venue owners in assuring that we maintain safe, well organised events with a great team behind us.

I conclude the review of the 2025 season by announcing my intention to hold the role for a final season through 2026 and hand the baton over to the next RCA to take forward the great work of the region.

Season Statistics (Road Track and Circuit only)

Track Events

10 Regional Events (10 x WRTL)

- 3 Different Commissaires appointed through the season to cover 11 events

1 x National Event (National Clarion – York Rally)

Circuit Events

47 Regional Events

- 8 Different Commissaires appointed through the season

5 National Events

- 2 Different Commissaires (Regional) appointed through the season

Road Events

9 Regional Races (7 x Open Events, 2 x Women's Events)

- 13 Different Commissaires appointed through the season

4 National Events (3 x Open & 2 x Women's Events)

- All appointments undertaken by BC HQ.