

## **CTT NORTH EAST DISTRICT – ANNUAL REPORT – 2022**

### 1. District Committee

The District Committee for 2022 was elected with a committee of 9 members and continued with a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Secretary and Risk Assessment Co-ordinator. The Risk Assessment Co-ordinator has continued to be an essential role supporting the District, particularly where we have new courses within the District. Significant thanks are recorded within the report to Nev Martin, supported by Ray Lockett for the continued excellent work he does supporting current and new Risk Assessment requirements and providing sage advice and guidance on matters with a Risk / Health and Safety perspective. Ray Lockett continues to fulfil a role for NE District as Course Measurer, as well as supporting the Risk Assessment activity. However, Ray will be unable to continue to support this role going forward and the District is looking for new volunteers to step forward and undertake the activity of Course Measurement for the District.

The Events Secretary resigned during the year earlier than originally planned and significant thanks go to Joanne Rea for picking up the Events Secretary reins earlier than intended and significant thanks to Sharon Dyson who supported Joanne with Events Secretary activity during the year. Both have put in place improved processes to ensure compliance with all Events related activity, including but not limited to submission of Police Notifications and SAG forms.

Fiona Snook resigned from the Treasurer role in 2022 and Peter McGrath kindly picked up the Treasurer activity in the short term with David Goodwin volunteering to and taking over the role of Treasurer on a longer term basis. Significant thanks to Fiona, Peter and David for their work during this period as Treasurer.

### 2. Club Affiliations

The affiliation process was completed in a timely manner with a large number of re-affiliations completed very early in the process which is very much appreciated by the District Treasurer. The District has 57 Clubs affiliated to the CTT. New clubs affiliated in 2022 were as follows:-

Ribble rechrg Race Team

Newcastle University CC

NB – Norham Bike Yard requested new affiliation and were approved, however as no affiliation payment was received, they were given notice that the affiliation had been withdrawn and removed.

### 3. District Events:-

The summary of District Events is as follows:-

#### a. Open Events

45 open events were planned by clubs within the District during 2022 (including the separate tandem events). Cancelled events (4) with reasons were as follows:-

. Derwentside M40 – May 2022 - cancelled due to roadworks on the course (and the alternative course option that could have been used)

. Sunderland Clarion 25 – May 2022 – cancelled due to administrative error re the Police Notification

. NTR 2-up TT – August 2022 – cancelled due to roadwork resurfacing works

. Sunderland Clarion Hill Climb – September 2022 – cancelled at the request of council and police due to investigative work in-hand regarding speed limit/restrictions

0 events were cancelled due to Covid and all events have been run in accordance with any relevant Covid-19 Risk Assessment guidance that was in place at the time. As Covid-19 restrictions were removed, normal RA guidance resumed.

27 events have been successfully completed with 8 events remaining to be completed during 2022. Remaining events are all Hill Climb events.

#### b. Club Events

Club Events were applied for by 4 clubs and all club events have now been completed with a total of 34 club events held in North East District in 2022.

Tyneside Vagabonds – planned 7 events (0 cancelled)

Barnesbury CC – planned 12 events (1 cancelled)

Derwentside CC – planned 13 events (0 cancelled)

Team Kirkley Cycles – planned 3 events (0 cancelled)

Thanks go out to the 4 clubs who have hosted club events in the year as this is a great opportunity to be introduced to the sport of time-trialling – to test and hone your time-trialling skills.

#### 4. Accidents

There have (thus far) been 6 accidents reported to National by the District this year, the same number as was reported in 2021:-

- 2 x accidents at the Barnesbury CC M21 – not in the event but warming-up pre-event
- 3 x accidents at the Barnesbury CC Club 10 – all due to a diesel spill on the road
- 1 x accident at the Derwentside CC Club 10

All accident reports were reviewed, with no further actions required and no resultant updates to the Risk Assessments. However, the return of 3 of the accident reports has been tardy and as a result the accident reports have been shared outside of timescales with National, albeit National were made aware of all accidents within required timescales. It should be noted that accident reports are a priority when they have occurred and timelines as laid out in the CTT Handbook Rules and Regulations adhered to.

Rider error has been the cause of 3 of the NE accidents, the diesel spill was the direct cause of the remaining 3 accidents.

The District wishes to remind all clubs that are affiliated to the District that it is their and their riders' responsibility to ensure that when they are competing in CTT events (either Open or Club) that they are doing so in full compliance with the CTT Rules and Regulations but also with the Observance of the Law. This includes awareness of and compliance with any relevant Local Regulations that have been approved. In the case of North East District, Local Regulations have been approved with regard to Right Hand Turns on courses and with regard to Bike Changes within Longer Distance events. Clear rider instructions are included in the Risk Assessment and on the relevant start sheets. It is the riders responsibility to read all aspects of the Start Sheet, in order to appreciate and understand specific instructions that are provided for the safety of all competitors.

The District, therefore, reminds riders that a zero tolerance approach will be applied to evidence of non-compliance. Evidence is not only in the form of any photo or video evidence but in the observations of Event Marshals or Event Observers. It has been good to note continued good feedback from events this year where courses with Right Hand Turns have been used that rider behaviour has improved but we should not be complacent. Please continue to ride safely.

5. District Successes and Results in 2022 National Competitions:-

a. National Youth Championship

Harris Hall (Velo Culture) was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

b. 10m

Men – Lewis Wake (Team Kirkley) was 27<sup>th</sup>, Adam Smith (Team Kirkley) was 55<sup>th</sup>, Phil Kennell (GS Metro) was 56<sup>th</sup>, Nev Martin (Velo Culture) was 73<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in his Age Group, Andy Delaney (Northumbria Police CC) was 108<sup>th</sup>,

Women – Anna Weaver (Team Kirkley) was 12<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Foulds (Velo Culture) was 25<sup>th</sup>,

Junior – Harris Hall (Velo Culture) was 2<sup>nd</sup> Male Junior and fastest 15 year old

c. 25m

Men – Phil Kennell (GS Metro) was 26<sup>th</sup>

d. 50m

Men – Adam Smith (Team Kirkley) was 10<sup>th</sup>, Phil Kennell (GS Metro) was 11<sup>th</sup>, Nev Martin (Velo Culture) was 23<sup>rd</sup> and National Champion in his Age Group, Adam Harrison (Barnesbury CC) was 25<sup>th</sup>,

Women – Rachel Brown (Team Kirkley) was 5<sup>th</sup>, Anna Weaver (Team Kirkley) was 6<sup>th</sup>, Louise Burnie (Blaydon CC) was 11<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Wilkinson (Blaydon CC) was 12<sup>th</sup>, Joanne

Rea (Team Kirkley) was 14<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Foulds (Velo Culture) was 18<sup>th</sup>, Angela McGurk (Blaydon CC) was 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Women Team – Team Kirkley were National Team Champions

e. 100m

Men – Phil Kennell (GS Metro) was 24<sup>th</sup>, Stephen McGrath (Blaydon CC) was 30<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Ackerley (Vector Racing) was 45<sup>th</sup>,

Women – Louise Burnie (Blaydon CC) was 10<sup>th</sup>

f. National Hill Climb Championships 2021

Men – Matt Smith (Muckle CC) was 34<sup>th</sup>, Lee Ager (Blaydon CC) was 36<sup>th</sup>, John Bowman (Muckle CC) was 38<sup>th</sup>, Colin Atkinson (Muckle CC) was 78<sup>th</sup>, Noel Stoddart (Blaydon CC) was 113<sup>th</sup>, Dave Diston (Muckle CC) was 126<sup>th</sup>, Ben Wilkinson (Muckle CC) was 151<sup>st</sup>, Adam Wood (Muckle CC) was 156<sup>th</sup>, Ian Gallon (NTR) was 172<sup>nd</sup>,

Women – Sarah Wilkinson (Blaydon CC) was 11<sup>th</sup>, Gemma Hutchins (Blaydon CC) was 42<sup>nd</sup>, Angela McGurk (Blaydon CC) was 48<sup>th</sup>,

At the time of report publication, the 2022 National Hill Climb Championships has yet to be held.

6. Timekeepers

During 2022 there have been no new accredited timekeepers. With the return to a full season of events, all events have been admirably supported by Sharon Dyson, Peter Schultz, Frances Schultz and Ray Lockett. Ewa Johnson continues to be an accredited timekeeper. Thanks are recorded here from the District Committee and on behalf of all of the clubs for their support as without the timekeepers, there would simply be NO events.

However, the situation with accredited timekeepers in NE District is critical. Our current pool of timekeepers perform an amazing service for our NE clubs in Open and Club Events, however there is a need for our overall pool of timekeepers to be increased and the clubs within the District must look inwards for volunteers to seek to address this situation.

The NE District Committee is considering running an Open Day in the early part of 2023 in order to attract new timekeepers and new marshals to our sport, however the pool of volunteers really must come from the clubs. As a District we think that an additional 6 timekeepers would be a good number to source in order that we can expand the existing pool, reduce the reliance on such a small number of timekeepers and to really spread the workload of timekeeping across our District events.

It is not an acceptable situation for affiliated clubs to simply sit back and let others do the work – be that Event Organising, providing Marshals, supporting Course Measurement or providing Timekeepers for events. We have 57 clubs affiliated in our District, of which 18 clubs have hosted an Open Event in 2022 – that represents c.31.5% of the total number of clubs. Clubs can work together to put on an event – it would be great to see a few smaller clubs pooling their resources and hosting an event – or working with one of the more experienced host clubs to support running an event to get a good understanding of what is involved.

Our thanks as a NE District Committee go out to all of the clubs and event organisers who take the time and effort to host events across the District – and Nationally when we are invited to host a National event, as is the case in 2023 when we shall be hosting the National 10 Championship. The contribution and commitment of these clubs is massively appreciated, not only by the District Committee but by our riders, so please look at how your club can actively support the events calendar and if that's not by hosting an event yourselves but by getting involved and supporting other clubs who are doing so – marshal support, Event HQ support is always appreciated and necessary to maintain the safe and successful running of events.

Acknowledgement is made here in the District Report of the contribution of Ali Maclean and Cliff Jessett who have provided a lot of support to clubs and events across the district with marshal duties, supporting the timekeepers and by getting involved, albeit Ali's photography skills are not to the standard of the legend that was Jack Earl.

#### 7. Traffic Counts

Traffic Counts are taken periodically to ensure that the volume of traffic on roads that we use for our courses meets CTT requirements. No new traffic counts have been taken during 2022, however the District Committee are reviewing any traffic count priorities ahead of 2023 events.

#### 8. Road Conditions

Generally, in the District the road conditions are not always at their best and, therefore, the importance of the On The Day Risk Assessment cannot be emphasised enough to update with regard to road and weather conditions. It is imperative that an On The Day Risk Assessment is completed on the day of the event (or as close to the event as possible) and any findings from that RA are highlighted to the riders at the Sign-On.

The On The Day Risk Assessment must be completed and retained by the event organiser – this becomes even more of an imperative in the event of any accidents.

#### 9. Items for Review by NE District Clubs and/or Committee at 2022 AGM

There is are no items for review by NE District Clubs, however the AGM agenda does include a discussion regarding Timekeepers, Course Measurers (as already mentioned) and the approach to Prize Awards.

#### 10. Items for National Council 2022

There is one item for consideration as a proposal from the NE District for potential submission to National Council. This has been prepared by Tracey Sample and is attached separately to this report. It will be considered later as part of the NE AGM Agenda.

## 11. 2023 National Championships

NE District will be hosting the prestigious 2023 National 10 Championship over the weekend of 2/3 September 2023. The event will be hosted by the N&DCA and lead organiser will be Sharon Dyson, supported by both the N&DCA and CTT committees as required. Clubs affiliated to CTT North East District for 2023 are encouraged to not only support the event with entries but with volunteers as the events will be held on both of the weekend dates (Saturday will be Junior and Female Championship and Sunday will be Male Championship). This will be quite an undertaking and is a high profile event in the CTT National calendar, therefore, support from the clubs is vital to ensure this is a successful championship event and that it represents and reflects everything that is brilliant about our NE District Time-Trialling scene.

Thank you as ever to the NE District Committee for continuing to step forward and run the CTT business locally – all volunteers who balance their contribution with other jobs and activities.

### **SPECIAL NOTICE:-**

It is noted within the 2022 report that Peter McGrath is finally stepping down from the CTT NE District Committee. For those of you who may not know, Peter was also National Chair from 1993 to 2008, he has served on the National CTT Board, National CTT Appeals Panel for a number of years, has served on the NE District Committee either as a committee member or Treasurer and has been a timekeeper within the District supporting many events as an accredited timekeeper. Not to mention his exploits as a rider in his younger years.

Peter has been actively involved in supporting cycling in a number of guises, not only in CTT but in BCF, for in excess of 60 years. Peter has served these organisations well and has made a significant contribution to the sport during these years of service. He was awarded the Gold Badge of Honour in CTT in 2002 which is the highest accolade for volunteers within CTT. Recognition and sincere thanks to Peter are made here within the 2022 Annual Report and I know that you will join the CTT NE District in thanking Peter for his years of service and wishing him well in the future.

Thank You – Peter McGrath.

Dawn Sherrin  
District Secretary  
15 September 2022