

## Nomination For PRESIDENT

**Robert (Bob) Howden OBE** Nominated by :

### **Experience of working at a senior management level or as a Company Director**

*- including details of business interests and Directorships) or other relevant experience*

British Cycling Elected Director: 1998 – 2000 and 2002 to 2013

Vice Chairman of the Board: 2000 and 2002 to 2013

President: 2013 to present

Chairman of the Board: 2013 to 2017

Chairman: Federation Commission

Chairman: Major Events Commission

Formerly Chairman: Commissaire and Referees Commission, Audit and Assurance Commission, Anti-doping Commission.

45 years as a construction professional, with original background in quantity surveying and contracts management. Owner and Managing Director of the Ongoing Developments Limited Group of Companies that includes Grass Concrete Limited the developers of the Grasscrete paving system. Widely travelled having developed a network of 32 international partners across all continents.

Member of the "Alternative Board" network of business owners.

Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

### **Experience of Cycling as a Volunteer**

*- including event promotion, officiating at club, region and national level with dates*

Chairman former West Yorkshire Division: 1997 to 2000

Chairman Yorkshire Region: 2000 to present

Organiser National Elite & U23 Men's and Women's Road Race Championships: 2005, 2008, 2012

Organiser National Junior Men's Road Race Championships 2014, 2015

Organiser National Junior Women's Road Race Championships 2013, 2014, 2015

Organiser Ryedale Grand Prix Premier Calendar / Elite Series Road Race: 2005 to present

Organiser former Ryedale Rumble Sportive: 2006 to 2011

Former Organiser Yorkshire Regional Road Race Championships

Chairman of the former Yorkshire Festival of Cycling

National Road Commissaire (qualified at Regional level 1981)

Chief Judge at numerous National Championship, National Series and Regional road events

Founding member of the Wakefield Cycling Club

Awarded the OBE in the New Year Honour's List 2016

Recipient of the 2013 C A Rhodes Memorial Award for services to cycling

Contributor to the Sport England "Cycle Sport Facility Design Guide"

### **Relevant Experience as a Participant**

*- including competitive experience & number of years as a club and/or British Cycling member*

48 continuous years of British Cycling membership

Member of the Calder Clarion C & AC 1969 to 1973

Member of the Wakefield Cycling Club: 1973 to present

West Yorkshire Junior Road Race Champion: 1973

Represented West Yorkshire Division at Senior level.

Former First category rider before the introduction of Elite level

### **Statement of Policy** (not to exceed 200 words)

*- to demonstrate a knowledge of and commitment to British Cycling and its objectives*

Our recent EGM established changes that will impact on all levels of British Cycling and the challenge now is to make those changes work for the benefit of all our members. Mandates, action plans, re-structures; much has been written about all of these but what is important now is that we collectively roll up our sleeves and move on to new and greater success.

The newly re-defined role for the President sees the post holder working as a key link across the membership landscape as well as fulfilling ambassadorial tasks on a National and International stage. In my 48 years as a member I have for much of that time been a volunteer; initially stood on a corner with a flag, then as an organiser, a commissaire, a Regional Board Member and more latterly its Chair.

I care passionately about working together, about building teams and I take pride in the development of the Federation Commission, which I've chaired since it was established and which now offers so much potential under the changes recently made. With your endorsement I would love to continue serving you as your President to help us all develop our potential.