

## RCA Annual report 2017

2017 has continued to showcase Yorkshire as a fantastic region for cycling. As a region we are at the forefront of developing and promoting cycle - sport and this development is pointed out to me time and time again whilst travelling up and down the country. Youth and Junior riders in particular benefit from this passion for cycling that radiates from within our county.

We have well run, well supported events and this could not happen without the help of passionate and dedicated volunteers from our region.

This year has seen a very full race calendar with the number of road events up on 2016. We have also had new clubs running events and new events on the calendar. As always, the region has worked hard to accommodate these new events as well as the already established. As we continue to grow so must our resources and we must continue to educate and recruit new volunteers and commissaires. We have had a number of trainee commissaires complete their training this season which is a very positive step forward. This has helped enormously with the running of events and we will continue to put on training courses to keep up with the ever increasing calendar.

The new system of commissaires using dropbox to show their availability for events has worked really well this year. Most commissaires are now up and running with this and it has enabled a more precise appointment procedure. We still need more commissaires. Courses will be put on towards the end of the year so please spread the word and help us to train more people up for this invaluable role.

There have been changes this year with the implementation of the new BC risk assessments. Every course now has a fixed assessment that cannot be changed so organisers and commissaires are all working from the same information. This has definitely helped me in my role when working with the police and also to understand the exact course organisers will be using. The crossover to these new assessments has gone remarkably well and organisers have in the main stepped up to ensure all conditions are met. It was understandable that at the beginning of the year there was some trepidation towards these new assessments but the changeover has proven to be a successful one and brings a higher security and confidence to everyone involved with the organisation of a race.

The annual workshop was held at the beginning of the year, this proved beneficial to everyone involved and also helped organisers to understand the new Risk assessments. These workshops are there to help both potential and established organisers and will benefit anyone involved with the organisation of an event. I hope they will continue to be well attended and supported going forward.

Levy collection has worked better this year. The standard procedure is that Levy forms must be completed at all events and sent with payment to our regional treasurer. A cheque always needs to be accompanied by a completed levy form.

All in all, the 2017 season has been a successful one.

Looking forward to 2018, Yorkshire can continue to pave the way for Cycle-Sport and we can continue to grow with the help of dedicated and passionate people.

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