



NW Events Group Report

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The Regional Board decided at the first board meeting of the 2019/20 year that it should be able to promote/organise events without having to rely on local clubs. Accordingly, NW Events has been affiliated to British Cycling as a club to enable the Regional Board to promote events. This group is therefore used on an ad hoc basis when we need to promote events.

Regional Road Championships

It was agreed that NW Events would promote the Regional Road Race Championships. As the Juniors and Women's events were not scheduled to be held in the Region in 2020 (as they are rotated across Yorkshire, North East and North West to assist with the numbers), it was agreed that the 2020 Regional Road Race Championships for senior men would be held on the new circuit in Wrenbury, Cheshire. The team at Wrenbury Village Hall were very keen for us to host our event there. This event was due to signal a return to road racing in Cheshire after an absence of a number of years.

Unfortunately, the Regional Championships were at first postponed, and then later cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic.

Junior National Road & Time Trial Championships

The Regional Board agreed to support us in offering to promote the 2020 Junior National Road Championships. We were then asked by BC/GBCT whether we would be willing to promote a Time Trial Championships for the junior riders at the same time, which we agreed to do.

A course was identified for the time trial and has been risk assessed (and is therefore ready to be used by other organisers, should they so wish). The course was around Nateby in Lancashire, with the Road Race Championships scheduled to be held on the Oakenclough course.

Whilst the tender documents had requested that the Championships be on closed roads, we felt that the cost implications of doing so were not financially sustainable. Accordingly, it was agreed with British Cycling that the races could be run on a similar basis to how we would run a regional championship, although we were looking at including additional accredited marshals to make the racing safer.

We prepared various costings and budgets to ensure that our race could break even and we sourced additional financial support from various stakeholders, albeit on a much smaller budget than would be required if closed roads were needed.

Unfortunately, as with the Regional Road Race Championship, all of the Junior National Championships were cancelled for 2020 due to the ongoing pandemic.

Heather Bamforth
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