

Heather Bamforth

CV for Nomination for North West Regional Board and for National Councillor for the North West Region

Relevant Experience as a Cyclist

- I have been a racing cyclist since the age of 14, competing on the road and track, both on a regional and national level, either side of a break from the sport between 2001 and 2011.
- Whilst I do race occasionally, my time on the bike nowadays is spent helping younger riders (through my club, the Racing Chance Foundation) or out with business associates on networking rides.

Relevant Experience as a Volunteer

- I have been involved in organising races from an early age, which included a round of the National Omnium Series at Kirkby in the late 1990s. Nowadays, I organise a time trial every year under the CTT regulations, and I co-organise two road race events (encompassing 5 different races in total).
- I qualified as a coach with the Association of British Cycling Coaches in 2013 and have coached over 200 women over the last few years, mainly under the guise of novice race training, but also on structured rides with the Racing Chance Foundation, a charity established in 2014 to help provide a pathway for women in cycling, of which I am currently Charity Treasurer, having stepped aside as Chair of Trustees in September 2017.
- I have worked with British Cycling since 2012 to identify gaps in opportunities for women's racing, which has resulted in the formation of a Women's Strategy Group (which feeds into the Road Commission) in 2018. I now sit on that group, advising BC on the pathways into racing for women.
- I have been a member of British Cycling's Road Commission since 2019.
- Team Manager for the Racing Chance Foundation, providing support and mentoring on the road and track, driving the team car in the race convoy where required.
- Provide neutral service for women's races in the North West Region through the Racing Chance Foundation.
- I was elected as a National Councillor for the North West Region for the first time in 2017.

Regional Board Nomination

My involvement in regional activities has been increasing over the last few years and having been able to represent the Region at National Council last year and now being part of the group which is setting the strategy for women's cycling, I believe that I can bring a slightly different viewpoint to the Regional Board. In addition, due to my involvement at a national level through the Road Commission, I can help the Region to be at the forefront of any potential changes.

National Council Nomination

I would like to continue to represent the North West Region at National Council as I feel that I have been able to contribute to the discussions at the previous National Councils I have attended. I believe that my experience as a rider, a coach and an event organiser provides me with the requisite experience and credentials to continue to represent the Region at National Council.