

MICHAEL (MIKE) HACK – CV.

Date of birth: 08/01/1955.

Place of birth: Manchester.

Current residence: Astley, Gt. Manchester.

CYCLING EXPERIENCE

Cyclist since being 5 years old.

Won Middleton Road Safety Cycle Rallies, organised by the Police, when aged 7, 8 & 9 years old, in 1962, 1963, 1964, with 200 riders each time, despite being the youngest rider in the first rally. This was followed up by finishing 8th in 1962 and 5th in 1964 in the Lancashire Final Road Safety Cycle rallies at Fleetwood, organised by the Police, featuring the winners from each of the then 89 towns in Lancashire.

Took up cycle speedway racing as an 11 year old, in 1966. Introduction was by my primary school teacher, who managed the Middleton Panthers cycle speedway team and also ran the school football team I played for. My involvement in cycle speedway has continued to this day.

As a rider, I subsequently raced for Didsbury Vikings, Blackley Flyers (later known as Manchester), Stoke, Chesham Comets (now known as Bury), Astley & Tyldesley. The highlight of my racing career was being a member of the victorious Gt. Britain team in the test series in Australia in 1981, as well as racing in the World Individual Final at that tournament. I officially retired from racing in 2013 after 48 seasons as a rider, but I still turn out occasionally when needed.

As well as being a rider, I have held numerous posts as an official at club, league, governing body level and international level continuously since 1973.

I was one of the three founder members of the Astley & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club, at the end of 1989, and we built the original race track. I have been a club member continuously since then.

I have been a qualified British Cycling Level 2 Cycle Speedway Coach since 2003, and was the North West Talent Team Cycle Speedway Coach for a few years in the 00's. At club level, I have coached and helped many riders to develop from complete beginners to national and international champions.

I have been a Grade A International referee since 2002, and have officiated many team and individual finals at national and international levels. In addition, I served on British Cycling's Commissaires and Referees Commission for 19 years, from 2005 until 2024. I was the Cycle Speedway Referees' Officer, for 14 years, from 2005 to 2019 (this was a Cycle Speedway Commission post from 2005 to 2015).

I was appointed General Secretary of the International Cycle Speedway Federation in 2016, a post I currently hold.

I was Chairman of Sport Leigh from 2016 to 2017.

I was elected as Chairman of the North & Scotland region in 2017, a post I currently hold.

I was appointed Chair of British Cycling's Cycle Speedway Commission in 2019, a post I currently hold.

I was co-opted to the North West Board in November 2024.

HONOURS

Wilkinson Sword, for Services to Cycle Speedway - 1991
Cycle Speedway Golden Jubilee award - 1996
British Cycling Special Recognition award – Coach – 2005
British Cycling Special Recognition award – Volunteer – 2009
Wigan Sports Coach of the Year – 2010
Gt. Manchester Sports Coach of the Year - 2010
British Cycling Special Recognition award – Go-Ride Official – 2015
Sport Leigh Lifetime Achievement award – 2016
Wigan Unsung Hero in Sport Award - 2017
Gt. Manchester Unsung Hero in Sport Award - 2017
David Saunders Memorial Trophy, for Services to Cycling - 2018
Wigan Council Heart of the Community award – 2021.

EDUCATION

Manchester Grammar School – 1966-73. 3 ‘A’ levels in Geography, History, English Literature.
Cauldon College (now Staffordshire University) – 1973-77. Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors course, qualified as a Land Surveyor.
Salford University – 1978-81. Institute of Management Services Diploma.
Bolton University – 1999 – 2001. Post graduate degree in Business Management.

EMPLOYMENT

Manchester City Council – 1978-87. Work Study Officer.
Salford City Council – 1987-2004. Management Services Team Leader. (Included secondments with Trafford Park Development Corporation and Greater Manchester Police Authority).
New Prospect Housing – 2004-08. Resources Manager. (Included secondment with Erimus Housing, Middlesbrough).
City West Housing Trust – 2008-15. Performance Team Leader, Business Intelligence Officer.

VOLUNTARY POSITIONS

Rotary Club of Astley – 2007 to date. Twice President of the Club and received the Paul Harris Fellow award for services to Rotary International in 2021.
MM Education – 2020 to date. Business Development Consultant for a Chinese language and cultural organisation.

APPLICATION STATEMENT

I have been dedicated to cycling for virtually my entire life. I still have boundless enthusiasm to help develop cycling in the future and will do so for as long as I am able to. I have extensive knowledge and experience to call upon, both from sport and from my working career, to help develop cycling in the North West and beyond.

Mike Hack – 14 August 2025.