

# **North West Regional Board AGM Report September 2025**



Key updates

- A Clubs Workshop is scheduled to take place in October or November. This event will provide a valuable forum for clubs to come together and share best practices from across the club landscape. Invitations will be sent to clubs once the dates and venue have been finalised.
- The Colne Grand Prix recently took place and served as the penultimate round of the National Circuit Series, contributing to a strong finish for the season.
- Track Clusters continue to be popular, with 21 sessions delivered since October 2023. These sessions have seen engagement from 43 clubs, and a total of 56 riders have achieved accreditation through the programme.
- A new initiative called Cluster-Plus has been introduced. It is designed for accredited riders and new track racers, offering a stepping stone towards participation in the track league. The trial phase of Cluster-Plus has been very well received, and there are plans to continue running these sessions through 2026.

Key Metrics Progress

	End of 2024	End of July 2025
Number of Affiliated Clubs:	179	195
Number of Limitless Champion Clubs	2	4
Number of Limitless Focus Clubs	1	2
Declared Club Membership	11683	11026
Number of British Cycling Members	12671	11373
Number of License Holders	2371	2282
Overall Number of Events	268	153
Event Throughput	28180	15626
Unique Event Entries	4843	3340
Percentage of unique Female race entries	20.99%	21.44%
Number of Trained and Active officials	199	162

Discipline Specific Focus

- Road & Circuit Racing**
- **Road Events:** The 2025 season featured 11 road races, a decrease from 15 in 2024. The season began with the Clayton Spring Classic Handicap and concluded with the Lakes Road Club Summer Road Race, rescheduled to August 31st.
  - **Circuit Events:** There were 107 circuit races, slightly down from 109 in 2024, maintaining a strong regional presence across the five CRC venues. Notably, Salt Ayre is now fully operational following a successful agreement with the council to clear moss from the circuit.
- Track Racing**
- The Manchester Velodrome continues to host two active track leagues on Monday and Friday nights, offering consistent opportunities for riders in the North West.
  - The region also proudly hosted the National Junior and Youth Track Championships, reinforcing its role in national-level competition.
- Cyclocross**
- The NWCCA Cyclocross League returns for the 2025/26 season with 9 rounds scheduled between September 14th and January 25th.
- MTB**
- Cross Country (XC): Event numbers dropped from 17 in 2024 to 6 in 2025, primarily due to the absence of junior races on the Isle of Man. However, the Midweek Madness XC Series ran successfully with 4 summer rounds, and a Crank It Series round was held at Lee Quarry.
  - Downhill (DH): Events increased from 2 to 6, thanks to the addition of the Manx Mud DH Series, complementing the Stockport DH World Series at Farmer John's.
- Cycle Speedway**
- Events slightly decreased from 26 to 23, but the discipline remains active with three clubs, Astley & Tyldesley CC, Bury CSC, and Stockport CSC, competing in both regional and national competitions.
- BMX**
- BMX events declined from 17 to 12. Most were held at the National Cycling Centre, including 4 rounds of the Lloyds National Series.
- Freestyle BMX**
- Two major freestyle events took place:
    - The Red Bull Featured event in Manchester.
    - Round 2 of the Lloyds National Freestyle Series at Junction 4 Urban Sports Village.



Programmes and Partnership updates

Burnley Partnership Update Report:  
The report outlines recent efforts to promote inclusive cycling in Burnley through community engagement, weekly cycling hubs, stakeholder collaboration, venue development, volunteer recruitment, and equipment donations. Key achievements include targeted sessions for diverse groups, strategic partnerships with local organisations, and infrastructure improvements like repurposing The Hive and installing maintenance stands. Future priorities focus on expanding outreach, formalising delivery structures, and sustaining engagement.

The Be Well Partnership in Wigan and Leigh runs regular cycling sessions including monthly Pedal Parties, Girls Rides, and a Bike Library at Leigh Youth Hub. Over the summer holidays, extra events like weekly rides, HAF sessions, and girls-only maintenance workshops are taking place. Future plans include school-based cycling projects for girls, links with local cycle speedway clubs, guided rides, and longer family rides along canal paths.

Manchester has seen a busy summer of cycling activities, including events like Manchester Day and Wythenshawe Park Games, offering children opportunities to learn and enjoy riding bikes. HAF programmes were delivered across schools and parks, helping young people build confidence and skills. Female-focused sessions like the BMX Girls Social Day and Ride Her Way have supported engagement and inclusion. Looking ahead, plans include launching a Track City Academy, expanding community groups, and gaining coaching qualifications to support future delivery.

Facility updates

- There are currently five closed road circuits operating in the region: Carlisle, Salt Ayre, Litherland, Steven Burke, and Tameside. All of these circuits are actively hosting both racing and training sessions.
- Cycle Speedway continues to be supported by three clubs in the region, which are Astley & Tyldesley, Bury, and Stockport. Each club is operating from its respective track.
- The Manchester Velodrome will be closed from the 16th to the 30th of October to allow for the track to be sanded. This maintenance period has been scheduled to coincide with the GBCT's absence at the World Championships, in order to minimise disruption to their training schedule.
- At Salt Ayre, an agreement has been reached with the local council to ensure that moss is removed from the circuit. This will help maintain the circuit's usability for training and racing activities.

Top 3 successes 2024/25

- 1) Track cluster at Manchester have been very successful and continue to draw in riders from across the north of the country
- 2) Inter-Regional teams performed well and were well supported by the NW region.
- 3) Salt Ayre CRC is now usable in wet conditions due to the agreement with the council to remove the moss on the circuit

Top 3 challenges 2024/25

- 1) Worsening road condition mean we have lost more road courses this season due to serious rider safety concerns.
- 2) Decline in event numbers across the majority of disciplines .
- 3) Viability of the norther regional women's championships – race had to be combined with the EM & WM as it was not viable with the 3 northern regions as it stood. On a positive note the event was held with a solid field of 50 + riders