

## **Mountain Bike North West 2017 Developments**

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### **Events**

Mountain bike Cross Country has been the most popular discipline for events in the North West. The season started with the Hit the North series returning to Philips park as the first round of the Static DH series at Farmer John's. Unfortunately after this event no further downhill events were organised in the region. This could possibly be down to the growing popularity in enduro events across many of the trail centres in the region.

Weekend MTB XC events ran under the Crank it MTB series name with three round initially planned to take place. The Lee quarry round was cancelled due to a low number of marshals being available. Midweek MTB Madness has another strong turnout throughout the season from riders showing the demand for the grassroots series is still high. The Delamere Forest round had to be cancelled due to a request for one of the fields to remain unused prior to a concert taking place.

The Isle of Man has shown strength in their development of MTBXC and DH events later on in the year. IOM also ran the Manx 100 which incorporated the HSBC UK National Marathon Championships. This was the first time the Isle of Man has hosted the National Marathon Championships.

### **Officials**

The North West ran two trainee commissaire courses earlier in the year in February. Five volunteers completed the cross country course with three more completing the downhill. We have recently seen two commissaires upgraded to regional XC and another two close to completing their training. Downhill trainees have been less successful but this is largely down to the lack of events in the region.

### **Development**

A Mountain Bike development meeting is in the planning to be arranged for September. The exact date is TBC. If you have an interest in supporting the development please contact the North West Regional Events Officer Adam Newall on [adamnewall@britishcycling.org.uk](mailto:adamnewall@britishcycling.org.uk) 07930 229993