

Heather Bamforth

CV for Nomination for Vice-Chair of North West Regional Board

Relevant Experience as a Cyclist

- I began racing at the age of 14, competing on the road and track, both on a regional and national level. Following a break from the sport between 2001 and 2011, I started racing again in 2012.
- Nowadays, I tend to spend my time in a support role at races, rather than as a competitor.

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 am co-organiser of the events that my club, the Racing Chance Foundation, promotes.
- I am co-founder and Charity Treasurer of the Racing Chance Foundation, a registered charity which helps promote the women's pathway, 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 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, where I currently chair the U23 subgroup.
- Provide neutral service for women's races in the North West Region through the Racing Chance Foundation.
- I am a trainee Road Commissaire.
- I sat as a National Councillor for the North West Region from 2017 to 2020 and I have been a board member since 2018, acting as Vice-Chair since October 2019.
- In 2021, British Cycling took the opportunity to review their finance processes and systems and a working group was set up to assist HQ with that process. In my capacity as Vice Chair of the NW Region, I was able to be involved in the working group, providing advice and counsel to HQ, whilst ensuring that the views and needs of the North West Region were represented.

Nomination for Vice-Chair role

My role as Vice-Chair has been an additional role to that as an elected board member for the past two years. Now that the landscape has changed and the Regional Board needs an officer who sits as the Vice-Chair, I believe that I have the experience and knowledge to serve the Region in that capacity.