

Cycle Sport Events – Regional Events Officer AGM Report

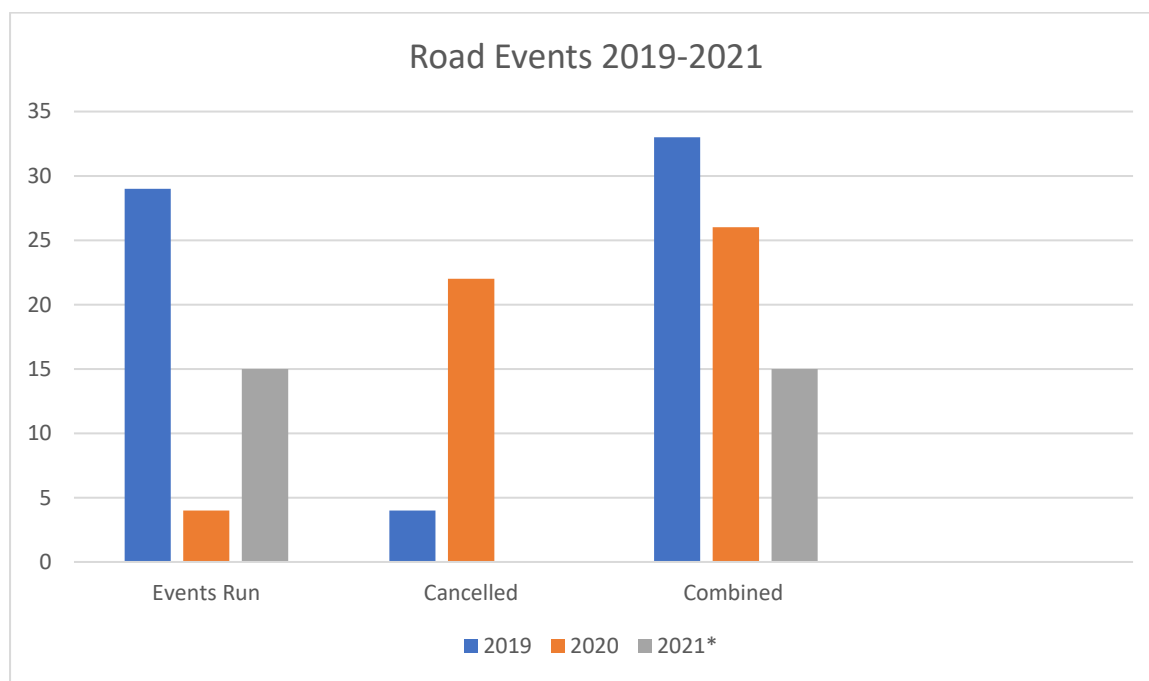
2021 has been a year of rebuilding after the Covid-19 Pandemic hit in early 2020. There has been a significant change to the way we have run events from the reintroduction of competition after the lockdown earlier this year. We have lost a significant number of events due to the uncertainty that has been caused over the past two year.

I feel it is important to highlight the fantastic work that has been put in by the many volunteers across the North-West region who organise, officiate, marshal, and support the running of events for British Cycling competitors. Without all of the help of our volunteers we wouldn't have seen so many cycling opportunities created. Thank you for all of your hard work. In addition to this I would like to recognise the work that members of the North-West Regional board have played in supporting the rebuilding of the events calendar for 2021. A lot of work has gone into ensuring that volunteers have been supported during an uncertain time.

I have included some charts below to show the events that ran from 2019 to this current year for all disciplines. The left columns show the events that took place or are planned to take place. The middle shows the events that were cancelled. The right cluster shows the combined events that were run and cancelled to show how many events there registered and planned for the year.

Progression of Disciplines 2021

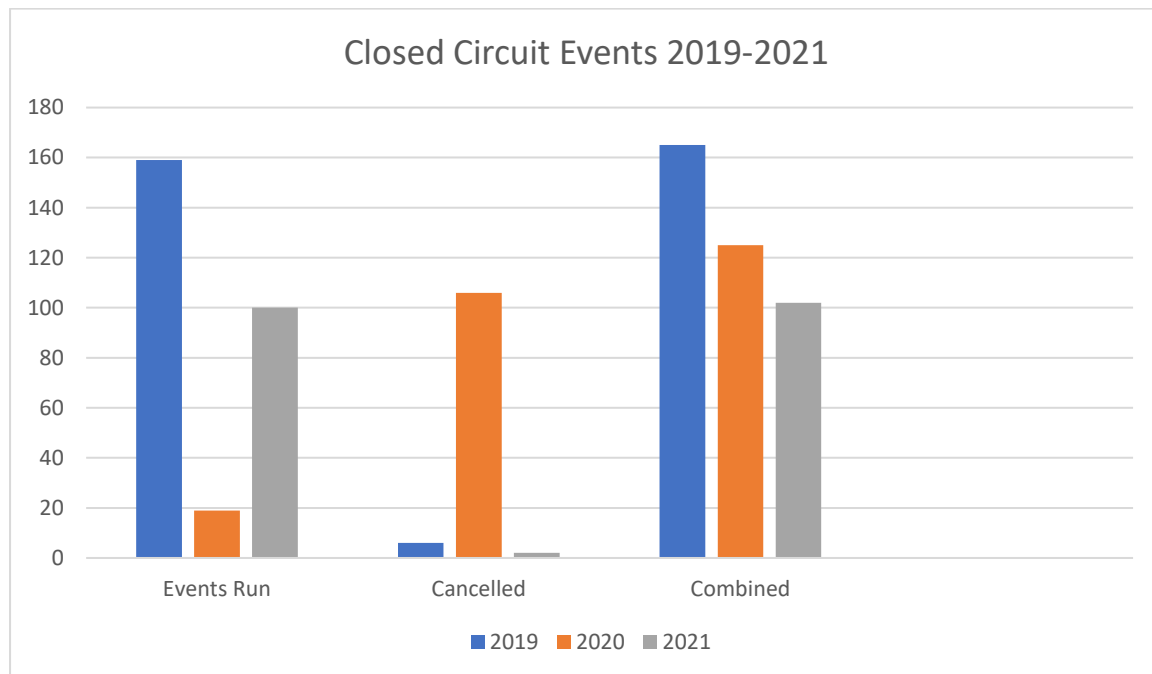
Road



We have had quite a challenge with road racing starting up. Initially UK Sport did not allow any open road racing as it was deemed to be potentially unsafe to the wider public. British Cycling agreed to run a national test scheme across all regions to provide information to show that the events can take place safely. Our regions event ran successfully in May which

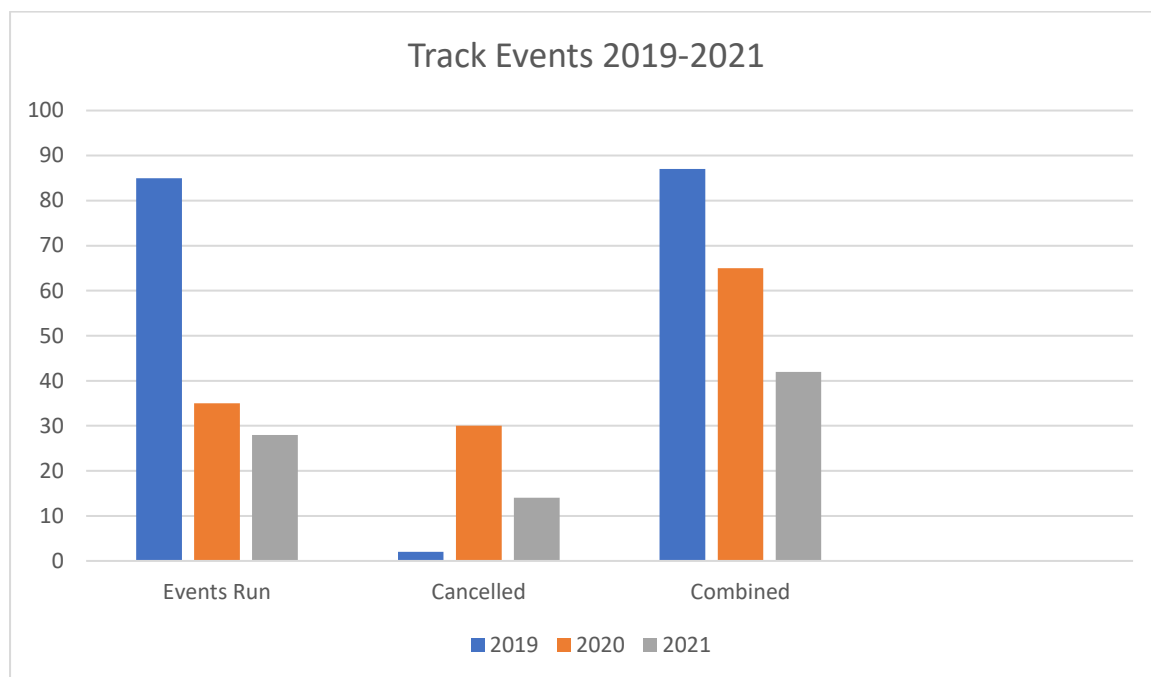
opened the opportunity to start running road racing as normal from late June. There have been many challenges with this along the way. Many volunteers have had to self-isolate due to track and trace in the days building up to events which has caused uncertainty, but organisers have been successful in the running of a good calendar of racing so far this year.

Closed Circuit



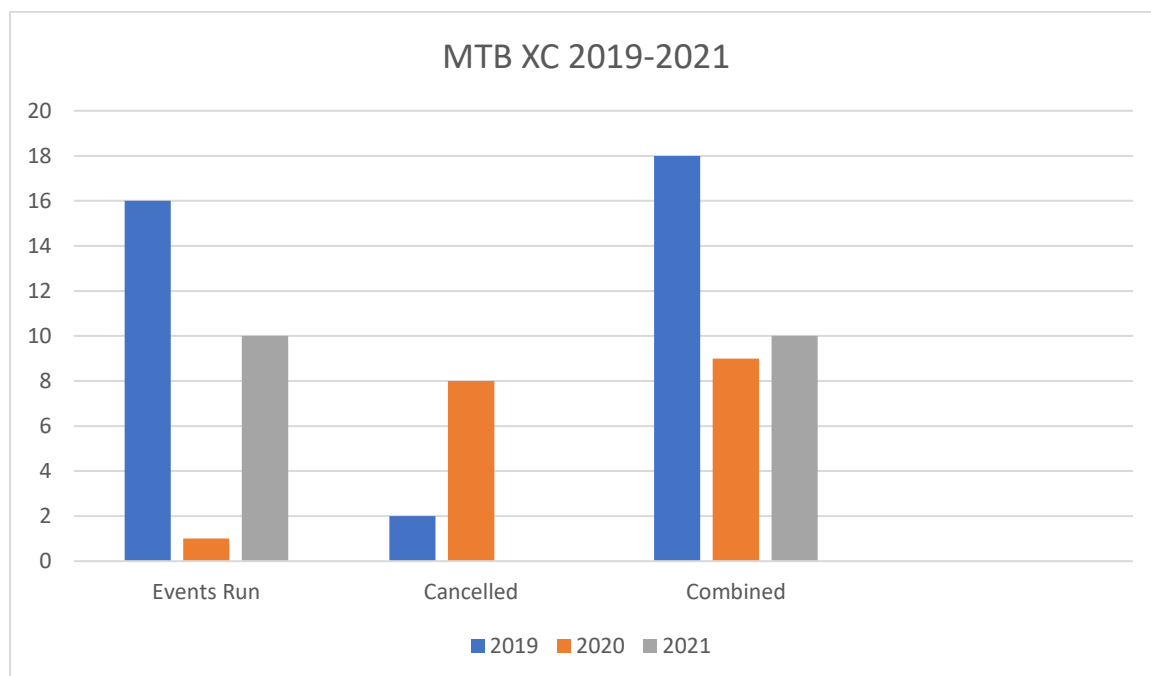
We have seen a good number of closed-circuit events run during 2021. Racing was reintroduced in April under restriction. Field sizes have been much better than previous years. This is largely down to a greater uptake in cycling during 2020 and the ease of opportunity to race while other events were largely uncertain.

Track



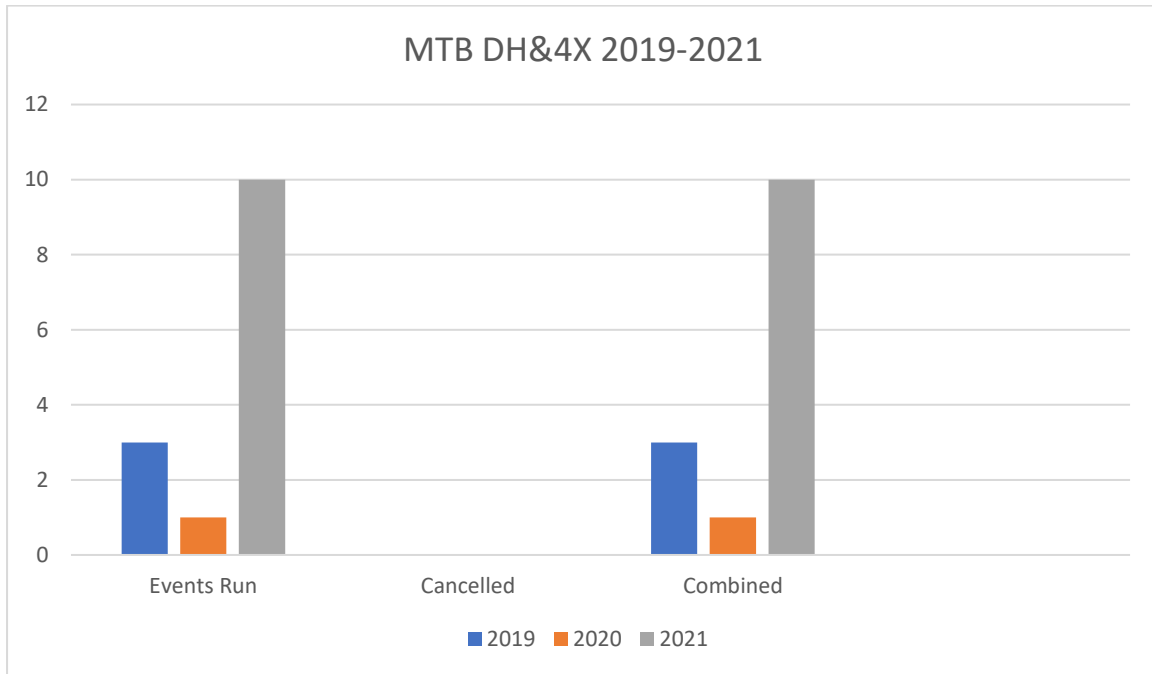
Track racing came back to the National Cycling Centre over the summer with the introduction of a summer track league. The track is set for a refurbishment at some point over the winter and with the uncertainty of when this will take place it is unclear how much racing will take place at Manchester this year.

MTB XC



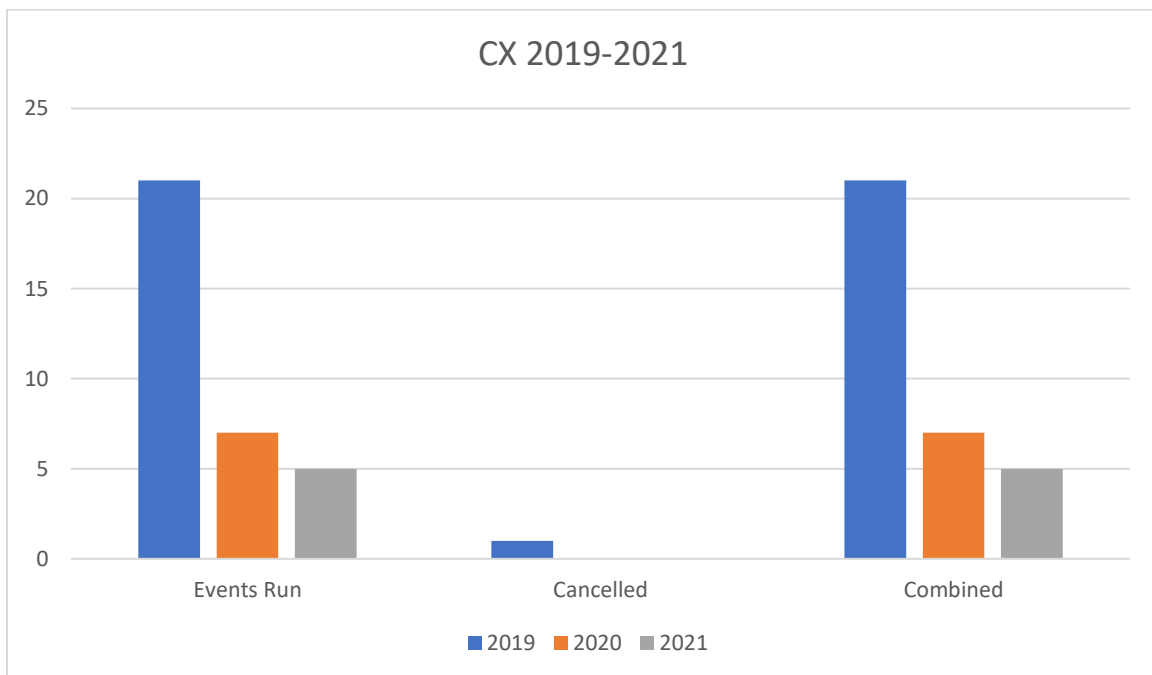
The Midweek MTB Madness and Crank it series' has shown great strength in 2021. Many of the races were fully booked prior to the event day. There have been some new organisers come in the run events across Greater Manchester and Lancashire.

MTB DH & 4X



4X at Harthill and Downhill races on the Isle of Man have led to an increase in racing for the disciplines this year. Hopefully this will continue going into 2022.

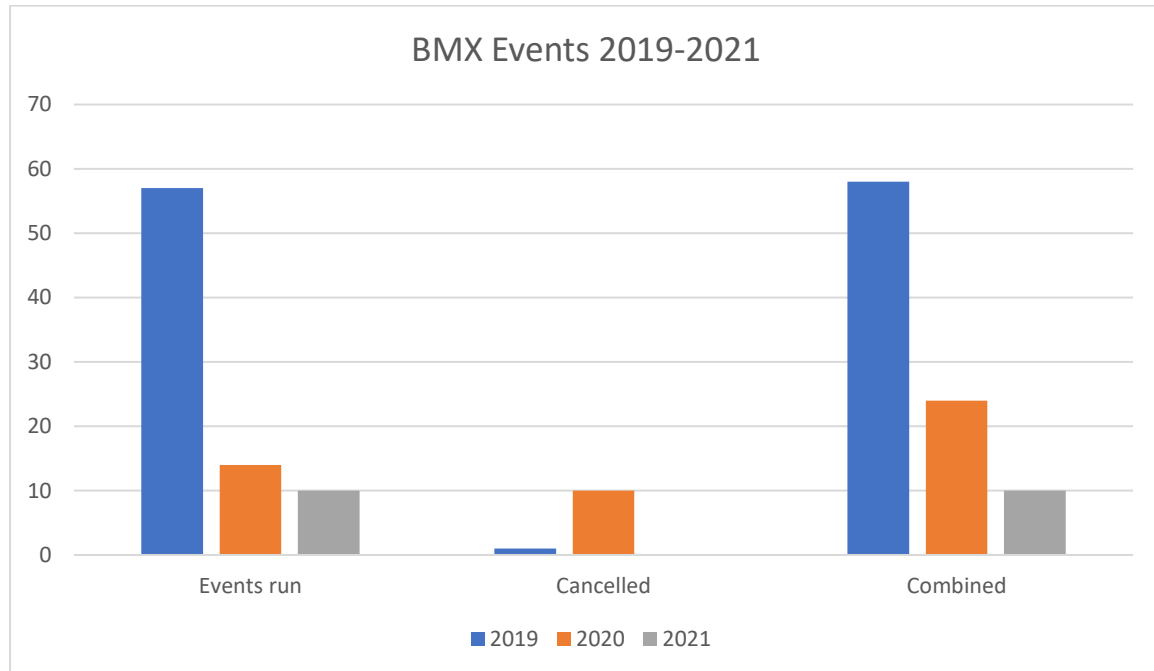
Cyclo-cross



With the Cyclo-cross season just getting underway we are still waiting for some dates to be registered for the 2021-22 season. The beginning of the year started with a number of

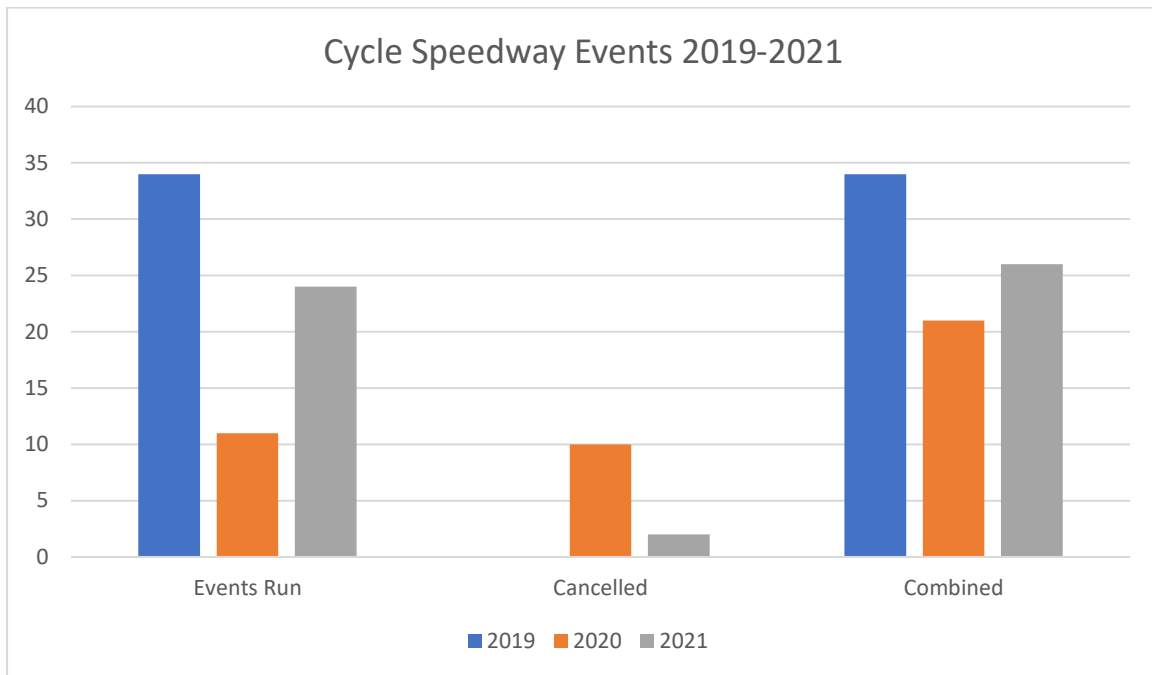
events being run on the Lancashire/Yorkshire border at Broughton Hall. The Living with Hope series drew in a number of riders from the regions and was well supported during the times when the country was under restriction. It is hoped that the momentum will be carried forward to this season and we will see a full calendar of racing registered.

BMX



BMX has suffered quite a lot during the pandemic. With travel restrictions in place many clubs have run club competitions rather than open events. This has led to a drop in event registrations. As we build up to 2022 and with the recent success of riders at the Olympics I'm sure we will see more events on the calendar for 2022.

Cycle Speedway



As restrictions have eased Cycle Speedway events have steadily increased. With new volunteers coming in to organise some of the regions events we will hopefully see an increase in events for next year.