

Whilst still feeling the effects of the covid pandemic, 2023 has to be viewed as a success with a number of good news stories.

Although disappointing that there have been cancellations of road events, attributed to lack of entrants-particularly for female events, there have been some new events to the calendar. The evening event at Calthwaite in early August had a great atmosphere and the Cumberland Cobbler in June was viewed as a massive success, so much so that Cumbria Council are keen to host again in 2024 and are hoping to raise funds to do so. Feedback from spectators and locals was extremely positive. The region also hosted the NW and Yorkshire combined Regional Championship. We also held the first women,s confidence training session at Tameside, which again was deemed a great success.

The NW Board continued to provide financial support to those organisers that were experiencing pressures to cover overheads-again through lack of entries, and this enabled some events to continue rather than cancel.

The Board have also agreed to develop a consistent approach to the support offered for trainee officials throughout 2024, although all events have been covered there is still a need for more volunteers at commissaire and accredited marshall positions as we move forward. A quantity of new equipment has been purchased for accredited marshalls to replace old and broken signs/lollipops, it is also hoped that we may be able to move to a personal issue of kit for marshalls at some point in the near future.

Len Woffindin appointed as RCA earlier in the year and this has been the first full year of an accredited marshall co-ordinator.