

Anthony Mitchell. Board nomination for Cycling Ireland Secretary.

I am Anthony Mitchell, a *cyclist* for over 40 years. I am from Newtownards in the province of Ulster and am a member of The Bike House Cycling Club based in County Down.

I have previously been a Cycling Ireland Board member, and ended my maximum 6-year term in 2019, and following a mandatory period away, am seeking your support for the opportunity to return, this time in the role of Secretary.

As a competitive cyclist I have raced since Under 12, participating in most of the sports disciplines, and have National or Provincial medals in every decade since the 70s.

As a Cycling administrator since the late 1980s I have been a Club Secretary, Committee Secretary, Provincial Secretary (Ulster), Team Manager, Mechanic, Commissaire, Provincial Coach and event promoter at Club, Provincial, National Championship, National Stage Race and World (Police & Fire Games) level, and recently led the volunteer group which delivered the 2020 National Junior Track Championships.

I was previously a member of the Northern Ireland Cycling Federation was the main driver from that organisation which eventually saw the NICF come on board with Cycling Ireland in 2007 to finally unify the administration of the sport in this country.

Joining the Cycling Ireland Board in 2013, one of my first initiatives was to bring about the return of the National Road Series, which is now flourishing and is overseen by the Road Commission.

During my six years I was involved with many Board projects including among other things, Governance, Human Resources and High Performance, and was co-author of the 2018-19 Cycling Ireland High Performance review.

Outside of Cycling my working life started out in Accountancy where I studied for six years, before switching to public service with a career with the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service which involved a number of initiatives in addition to normal Firefighting duties.

These included administrative roles in Health & Safety; Physical Training, Fire Safety, Fire Risk Assessment and Community Engagement Educational projects which included project, budget & human resource management.

I retired from that profession in 2015 following 31 years' service.

I hope my track record as a Cycling Ireland Board member during my six years was a productive one, and the President's remarks last year when I stood down that I was someone an eye for attention to detail and reliability in matters which required detailed input were welcomed then, and these are attributes I would hopefully bring to the office of Cycling Ireland Secretary if elected.

Hopefully you will consider giving me your support as we try to get our sport back to some sense of normality in 2021.

Stay safe.

Anthony Mitchell
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