

Essex Roads Go-Ride Winter Series 2018

Race Report; Round 1

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We had a very busy start to round one of our 2018 winter race series with a total of 69 riders taking part in their respective categories. The temperature hovered around the 3-4 degrees region, however the cold wind made it feel much colder but this didn't stop the racing being hotly contested on the lower circuit at Redbridge. The largest field was the Under 8s, with 17 riders battling it out for the honours. Tommy Chilvers (Barking & Dagenham CC) was the clear winner with William Hughs (LVYCC) placing a close 2nd and Justin Moody (Little Wheelers) rounding off the podium coming in a well-deserved 3rd place. The girls' awards went to Sophie Cummings (1st) and Amelie Fairhead (2nd) both from Little Wheelers with Emily Smith (unattached) coming in 3rd place. Huge respect to the five under 6 riders who competed and rode very well in both races with smiles on their faces! It's a very long way for such little legs! Well done Aurelia Skinner, Joseph Wiltshire and Leonie Fairhead from Little Wheelers, Isabella Stock from LVYCC and last but certainly not least was Lily Jago from our very own ERCC.

In the Under 10s, Isabelle Beale (LVYCC) was the only girl taking part in this race, however she rode an exceptional race coming in 4th overall up against a majority of fast boys. Her brother Oliver Beale (LVYCC) took the race win, with Ethan Leslie (LVYCC) placing 2nd and James Warrilow (Barking & Dagenham CC) finishing of the podium.

The Under 12s race had 12 x riders competing for the honours. In the boys race Ethan Storti (CC Ashwell) had a superb ride winning both the bunch race and the handicap race, well done Ethan. Making up the rest of the podium was Thomas Mead and Henry Ram both of LVYCC placing joint 2nd place and Jake Lunt (LVYCC) placing 3rd. LVYCC continued their run of success and made it a one two in the girls race with Rebecca Gardiner taking the win, closely followed by team mate Naomi Perry in 2nd place. Olivia Hoskins (Barking & Dagenham CC) rounded off the podium taking 3rd place.

The U14's & U16's races included a short sharp climb (part of the infamous Hoggenburg) to test their legs and to see if their winter training had paid dividends. In the U14's girls race Zoe Warner (LVYCC) took a superb win in both races, closely followed by Leah Warrilow (Barking & Dagenham CC) finishing in an excellent second place also in both races and joint 3rd place was Amy Harvey and Carys Dodd both of Barking & Dagenham CC). The boy's race was an all-out LVYCC clean sweep with Oliver Gardiner in 1st place, Jack Charlton-Hunt in 2nd place and Brandon Baldacci in 3rd place.

In the U16's race Barking & Dagenham CC filled the podium in the girls racing with Tilly Malbon taking the top step of the podium and a fine win, followed by her team mates Melissa Warrilow in 2nd place and Rosie Dias in 3rd place. The boys race win was a joint affair with Zac Seddon (Beacontree Wheelers) and Damian Dodd (Barking and Dagenham CC) both finishing with equal points after their 2 x races. Rounding off the podium was Jack Lofty (LVYCC) in 2nd place and his team mate Zain Afzal finishing a fine 3rd place.

Well done to all riders, especially those who were racing for the first time, we hope you enjoyed it!

The second race in this series is on 4th February -we hope to see you there!