

Essex Roads Go-Ride Winter Series 2018

Race Report - Round 2 - 04.02.2018

Round two of our 2018 winter race series was again very well attended by a wide range of clubs. A total of 63 riders took part in their respective categories with the temperature hovering around another very cold 3-4 degrees! This didn't put a dampener on the days racing. All the riders were raring to go and were eager to put all their hard winter training to the test in their races on the lower circuit at Redbridge. The largest field was the Under 8s, with 19 riders battling it out for the honours. Putting his disappointment behind him following mechanical issues in round one, Austin Skinner (Little Wheelers) stormed to victory with the previous race winner Tommy Chilvers (Barking & Dagenham CC) placing a close 2nd and Jake Williams (ERCC) rounding off the podium coming in a well-deserved 3rd place. The girls' top step of the podium again went to Sophie Cummings (Little Wheelers), an excellent result with Emma Knox (Unattached) coming in 2nd place and Amelie Fairhead (Little Wheelers) finishing in 3rd place. Once again huge respect to the 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 to Edward Barlow (LVYCC), brothers Albert and Emanuel Bujdei (Barking & Dagenham CC) Aurelia Skinner, Leonie Fairhead and Justin Moody (Little Wheelers), Emma Knox (Unattached), Jack Martin (Unattached) and last but certainly not least was Lily Jago and Aldric Wells from our very own ERCC.

The under 10's had 17 x riders competing for the podium places. In the Under 10 girls, Isabelle Beale (LVYCC) made it another successful day at the races taking a well-deserved 1st place, with Ruby O' Dell (St.Ives CC) coming in a great 2nd place and Charlotte Aris (Little Wheelers) rounding out the podium in 3rd place, her first ever race. In the U10 boys race Ethan Leslie (LVYCC) swapped his 2nd place at round one for the top step of the podium this time, a well-earned 1st place Ethan, with Alarik Knox (Verulam CC) placing a solid 2nd and David Bujdei (Barking & Dagenham CC) making his first appearance on the podium in a fine 3rd place.

The Under 12s race had 10 x riders competing, making it a tough race in the windy, cold conditions for all the riders who took part. In the boys race Thomas Mead (LVYCC) had a superb ride improving on his 2nd place at the last race winning both the bunch race and the handicap race, well done Thomas, awesome result! Making up the rest of the podium was Thomas Lewis (Ely & District CC) coming across the line in 2nd place overall and William Barlow (LVYCC) placing 3rd rounding off the podium places. LVYCC once again dominated the U12 girls race. Abigail Biggs came home in 1st place, Naomi Perry finished 2nd and Rebecca Gardiner took 3rd place, well done LVYCC.

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 girl's race the domination this time was from Barking & Dagenham CC, taking all podium positions, although 3rd place was shared with an eager LVYCC rider trying to break up the Barking & Dagenham CC party. Well done to team B&DCC! Amy Harvey finished 1st place, Carys Dodd finished in 2nd place, Ieva Paskeviciute in joint 3rd place with Aimee O'Sullivan (LVYCC) adding to the mix to round off the podium positions. The boy's race was an all-out LVYCC clean sweep with Alfie Salmon in 1st place, Oliver Gardiner in 2nd place and Jack Charlton-Hunt in 3rd place a great result guys and well done LVYCC.

In the U16's race Zac Seddon (Beacontree Wheelers) made the win his own this time with a great solid ride in both races. Newcomer Max Wilkins (Hornchurch CC) finished in a superb 2nd place overall, this being his first ever circuit race, a rider to watch for the future I'm sure and Finn Wilson (CC Hackney) rounded off the podium with a great 3rd place again in his first race in this series, well done guy's. In the U16 girls race Rosie Dias (Barking & Dagenham CC) swapped her 3rd place at the last round for a fantastic 1st place this time out on the circuit, well done Rosie! Tilly Malbon (Barking & Dagenham CC) winner last time out finished an excellent 2nd place overall this time with Mina Wilson (LVYCC) finishing off the podium with a fine 3rd place.

Well done to all riders, marshals and parents for braving the cold weather, especially those who were racing for the first time, we hope you enjoyed it!

The second race in this series is on Sunday 25th February -we hope to see you there!