

2004 Winners

The awards committee of CTC national council has announced the winners of CTC's new Volunteer of the Year Competition.

Chair of Council Andy Cook said "This is a recognition of the outstanding contribution volunteers make to the life of CTC, and the impact they have on the lives of their fellow cyclists. I am personally delighted to see such a range of activities, from local groups to campaigners.

Commenting on the awards CTC Director Kevin Mayne said "The two things that come to mind when reading the citations for all the entries are the extraordinary commitment shown by the volunteers who make local and regional cycling happen, and the sheer diversity of their activities."

The following extracts were taken by the judges from the citations sent by their nominees, in several cases coming from a number of people to reflect the reasons why these individuals were chosen for 2004.

JOHN TAYLOR Joint National Winner and CTC Volunteer of the Year 2004 for Scotland

John has been active as a volunteer for CTC for nearly 20 years and at the age of 75 is still seeking and promoting innovative cycle projects. He is recognised as one of the leading advocates who has done much to bring off-road cycling in Scotland to what it is today, a significant leisure industry and a source of income and jobs in remote rural areas.

At local level John has fought tirelessly for cycling in Dumfries and Galloway, has established the 'Discovery' rides, aimed at local people and those who cycle little, and he was a founder of the KM rally.

However it is particularly for his work at the Scotland-wide level that John is recognised for an award this year. He has represented cycling interests in the development of the legislation on access, which is now coming to fruition with the launch of the Outdoor Access Code and Guidance to Local Authorities, enabling the Act come into force. John has been appointed a member of the Scottish National Access Forum to represent cycling and has set up an advisory group to which all cycling groups can contribute. This is a ground breaking achievement in access for cyclists and recognition of John's 20 years of work in the area.