**Essex Member Group Photographic Competition**

**Aim of the Competition**

To celebrate cycling by encouraging members to creatively document their riding experiences through photography, capturing the joy, challenge and scenic moments that make cycling so memorable.

**Competition Rules**

1. Entrants to the competition should be members of Cycling UK
2. A maximum of two photos is permitted per entrant
3. The photo(s) must be the entrants own original work and not have been entered into previous EMG photographic competitions.
4. Photos to be related to cycling as the main topic.
5. Where individuals are the main focus of the photo, can be clearly identified or named in the description, A consent form to meet the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is available for download from the Essex CTC website <https://www.essexcycling.co.uk/?page_id=334>.
Where children are present, the consent of a parent/guardian shall be obtained.
6. All entries to be in digital format, either .JPEG or .PNG.

Send entries via email to secretary@essexcycling.co.uk, using ‘Photo Competition’ as the subject, no later than the deadline which will be published in Spotlight magazine and on the Essex CTC website. For your convenience a list of the required details appears below for you to copy and paste into the email body:

CyclingUK Membership Number:

Email address:

I confirm that:

1. I have read and understood the rules of the competition and confirm the photo(s) submitted are my own work.
2. For photos where written consent is required, this is included with my application.
3. I consent to the photo(s) being used in Spotlight, Club Web and Facebook pages.

Photo 1 File Name:

Photo 1 Title and Description (what, where, why taken):

Photo 2 File Name:

Photo 2 Title and Description (what, where, why taken):

1. The competition will be judged\* in the first instance by a professional photographer who will select six entries to go forward to be judged by secret ballot amongst those present at the Essex MG Christmas lunch.

(If six or less entries have been submitted for the competition, all those submitted will go into the Christmas lunch secret ballot.)

\* The professional judge will use the following criteria:

1. Holds your interest
2. Technical (composition / exposure / focus / colour)
3. Emotional connection (story telling / humour / scenic / personal)
4. The winner of the competition will have their name engraved on the photographic award trophy which they can retain for 12 months.
5. Competition entries may be reproduced on the front cover or within the Spotlight magazine unless the entrant requests that it not be published.
6. The Essex Member Group committee has discretion to withdraw any entry deemed not to be appropriate.