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**Chester Go-Ride Cycling Club receive national accreditation award!**

**Photo Opportunity:** Community Cycle event followed by award presentation Go-Ride Chairman Paul Evans, Cllr Richard Short and Alex Scoular, Regional Development Officer, British Cycling Federation

**Venue:** Northgate Street and Town Hall Stage 5.30pm – 6pm

Chester Go-Ride Cycling Club was centre stage today (21 June) as they demonstrated the skills of their young cyclists in Chester's Northgate Street as a warm up to the Halfords Tour Series race. The Club received their Sport England's Clubmark and British Cycling's Go-Ride accreditation awards from Cllr Richard Short, Executive Member for Culture and Recreation and Alex Scoular, Regional Development Officer, British Cycling Federation on the Tour Series stage

Chester Go-Ride Cycling Club are delighted to have been awarded Sport England's Clubmark and British Cycling's Go-Ride accreditation, which demonstrates they are a safe, fun and well run club for parents to bring their children to. British Cycling incorporated Sport England's Clubmark standard into their Go-Ride Accreditation programme. Clubmark is a nationally recognised standard, which supports the development and recognition of quality junior clubs. To achieve the Go-Ride Clubmark status, the Club was required to demonstrate minimum operating standards of best practice in 4 areas: Safeguarding Young People, Sports Equity, Club Management, and Coaching.

Chester Go-Ride Cycling Club was formed in September 2009 to encourage children and their families into the wonderful sport and recreational activity of cycling. The Club offers weekly youth coaching sessions at the Wealstone Lane Playing Fields in Upton, concentrating on teaching bike handling skills, road safety knowledge and having FUN! They currently have 65 junior members ranging in age from 4-16yrs. Their aim is to produce regular bike riders whether it be for transport, health and fitness or competition. They have successfully attracted support from The Bike Factory, Cheshire West and

Chester Council, the Grassroots Fund (distributed by Cheshire Community Action) and the Co-operative Community Fund to help with coach/volunteer training and clothing, cycling kit, and equipment.

Sessions take place every Saturday from 12-1pm, and are open to children of any age/ability. Each session costs 50p for members or £1 for non-members. The Club is very keen to expand its volunteer base to help run the Club, so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Paul Evans at [paul@chestergoride.co.uk](mailto:paul@chestergoride.co.uk). For more information on Chester Go-Ride Cycling Club log on to [www.chestergoride.co.uk](http://www.chestergoride.co.uk)

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