



#### **PRESS RELEASE**

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# SCOTTISH CYCLING TO HONOUR 2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AND OLYMPIANS

Scottish Cycling are to recognise and celebrate this year's Scottish National Champions at a Role of Honour on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

The event which is supported by Digby Brown Solicitors will take place at the Hilton, Byres Road, Glasgow after the Scottish Cycling Annual General Meeting.

Digby Brown work with British Cycling to offer legal advice to all members who live in Scotland.

Over the course of a season there are 148 number of Scottish National titles to be won across all of the disciplines and multiple age categories.

The afternoon will be hosted by Joe Fisher, who this year hosted the Aviva Women's Tour, the Pearl Izumi Tour Series as well as the London Revolution round in 2015.

As well as the Scottish National Champions, Scottish Cycling would also like to recognise the Scottish Olympians in Team GB who brought back medals from Rio; Callum Skinner, Katie Archibald, Neil Fachie and Karen Darke took back four gold and one silver medal from Team GBs most successful away Olympics.

## Fraser Oliver, Digby Brown Chief Executive, said:

"It is a privilege to be involved in highlighting the great achievements and exciting future of cycling in Scotland. Our involvement with cyclists is unfortunately usually after an incident on our roads, so it is great to be able to support the sport in a really positive way.

"This Roll of Honour recognises the achievements of cyclists of all ages who have literally gone the extra mile, whether for themselves, their team or their country. As a business, we might not be breaking world track records but we aim to display the same determination every day. We extend our congratulations to everyone featuring on this roll of honour."

# **Craig Burn, Scottish Cycling Chief Executive, said:**

"We are delighted that we are able to recognise our Scottish National Champions this year alongside the success of the Scottish Cyclists who competed in the Rio Olympics with Team GB.





The inspiration our Scottish National Champions bring is invaluable to our sport; the work they put in day after day, alongside work and family life to achieve at the highest level in Scotland is outstanding.

By honouring and recognising the achievement of these riders we are not only congratulating them for their efforts, but also inspiring our younger athletes coming up through the ranks to keep pedalling."

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## Images L-R:

Scottish National Men's Road Race Champion Evan Oliphant, Digby Brown Chief Executive Fraser Oliver, Scottish National Women's Cross Country Mountain Bike Champion Isla Short

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#### **About Scottish Cycling**

Based at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in Glasgow, Scottish Cycling is the recognised national governing body for cycling in Scotland.

Scottish Cycling work across all six cycling disciplines: BMX, Mountain Bike, Cyclo-Cross, Road, Track and Cycle Speedway in 178 clubs throughout Scotland, with over 650 events across the disciplines providing lots of opportunities to participate.

From encouraging people to ride their bikes for the first time, to helping Scots compete on the international stage. Scottish Cycling also works in partnership with British Cycling to provide support across all levels of the sport in Scotland, as well as helping to nurture home-grown talent to compete at a world and Olympic level as part of a successful GB cycling team.

## Fast facts:

- 35% growth in Scottish Cycling's membership since 2012 (London Olympics)
- 11 % growth in Scottish Cycling's membership between 2013 2014
- 34% increase in racing licencing holders since 2012
- 23% increase in the number of competitive events since 2012
- **35**% increase in the number of females participating in cycling events throughout Scotland from 2013 2014
- 8% increase in female Scottish licence holders from 2013 2014
- Over 178 affiliated clubs and associations in Scotland
- Over **650 events** promoted annually

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