

2020 Bikeability Awards Programme – NOMINATION FORM

Please carefully read the [Guidance Notes \(click here\)](#) for the Bikeability Awards **before** submitting and completing this nomination. (also available on <https://bikeabilitytrust.org/bikeability-awards/>)

Please send your completed form (and any attachments) by email attachment to contactus@bikeability.org.uk **before noon on** Friday February 28th 2020.

TO NOTE: Only one nomination can be submitted per form.

1. Your Details	
First name: Sheila	Surname: Thomas
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<p>If not a self-nomination, briefly describe your relationship with the nominee (e.g. work colleague, employer, pupil, other):</p> <p><i>As a Road Safety Officer, I help to coordinate the Cycle Trainers, of which Martin is one, in seeking and taking bookings for Bikeability, from Balance Bike through to Level 3 training, in all of the schools in the Dudley Borough.</i></p>	
2. Nominee's Details (main contact)	
<p><i>If submitting a nomination for Trainee of the Year, please provide their name and/or their parent/teacher/carers contact details if more appropriate.</i></p>	
First name: Martin	Surname: Hollis
Organisation/Group (if applicable): Cycle Trainer – Dudley MBC	
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<p>Name of award for which he/she/they/the organisation is being nominated (please highlight/underline/select one):</p> <p>A. Instructor of the Year</p> <p>B. Bikeability Provider of the Year</p> <p>C. Local Authority/SGO Host School Partner of the Year (outsourced delivery)</p> <p>D. School Employee or Governor of the Year</p> <p>E. Trainee Rider of the Year (Pete Rollings award)</p> <p>F. Most Proactive Primary School</p>	

1. Please describe below the reason(s) why the nominee deserves this award (maximum 300 words)

NB – you should refer to the award criteria when completing this section and try to explain how the nominee has met some/all of the different qualities described.

Martin shows exceptional qualities as a cycle trainer, in I believe not one, but all of the points noted in the assessment criteria:

His **ability and quality of teaching** is of a high standard and he is constant in this mode of delivery. He is patient, kind, calm and nurturing in his approach and always **builds professional, working relationships** with schools and trainees alike. Often schools will be testament to this and ask for Martin when booking. They will on occasion also mention him, when reflecting on sessions and what their pupils have gained as a result of them. He has **exceeded his job description to demonstrate innovation and creativity** on several occasions. Notably those times, were he has utilised the fact that he has a prosthetic arm, to encourage and role model to a child with similar or other issue, that cycling is still an option and in his case an absolute passion. He also portrays to a great extent; that a lot of 'issues' are surmountable and that with a little work, perseverance and maybe adaptation, one can still achieve and take part as would anyone else. He is a great ambassador for the child with additional needs and is eager to cover sessions in schools where there are additional needs, be they physical or emotional.

I believe that this approach in itself has **achieved additional overall benefits** for the riders, above and beyond the lessons that he has been associated with. His 'can do' and none complaining nature is there for all to see and he is regularly visible in the community in which he lives, enjoying and normalising cycling and promoting this sustainable mode of transport as an option that is achievable and inclusive in the main, for those who might wish to pursue it.

2. Please list below any accompanying high-quality evidence to support your nomination (eg. materials, photographs, video clips, testimonials) *Up to a maximum of 3 items and provide a title for each item(s) in the section(s) below – do NOT include any further written information on the form. Ensure all the attachments listed above accompany your nomination form, and are clearly labelled so it is clear which nominee they apply to. Maximum number of words for each item of accompanying evidence is 300 – submissions that are longer than this will not be considered.*

a. *Photograph of Martin involved in Level 2 Bikeability at a special school in Dudley Borough*

b. *A true advocate for cycling, he even appears on our Safer Cycling Information Pack for Parents*

c.

3. Please briefly describe any other experience or insights you feel are relevant to your nomination. (maximum 300 words)

Martin is always approachable in as far as the Road Safety & Travel Awareness Team are concerned. He is adaptable and can be contacted at short notice in the event of cover being required, if he can assist he will and will rearrange his diary at short notice to accommodate the needs of the greater team or the trainee. He is eager not to let a child down and will go the extra mile to accommodate a Bikeability request. He has a common-sense approach and will verbalise where necessary, utilising a solution focussed approach in response to issues which may arise. His

'normalising' of cycling for himself and as a result by default, for others, makes him a perfect nominee in the category of **'Instructor of the Year'**.

4. I confirm that the information I have provided is accurate, I have permission (as appropriate) from nominee's parent(s) to submit this form/from those people in any materials submitted to share their images/comments. And I have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions.

Name: Sheila Thomas

Signature: 

Date: 6.2.20

To be signed by an independent individual / organisation representative:

I can confirm that I believe this to be an accurate submission and add my support to the application

Name: Wendy Howard

Signature: 

Date: 06/02/20

Organisation (if applicable): Dunstable MBC (Senior Officer)