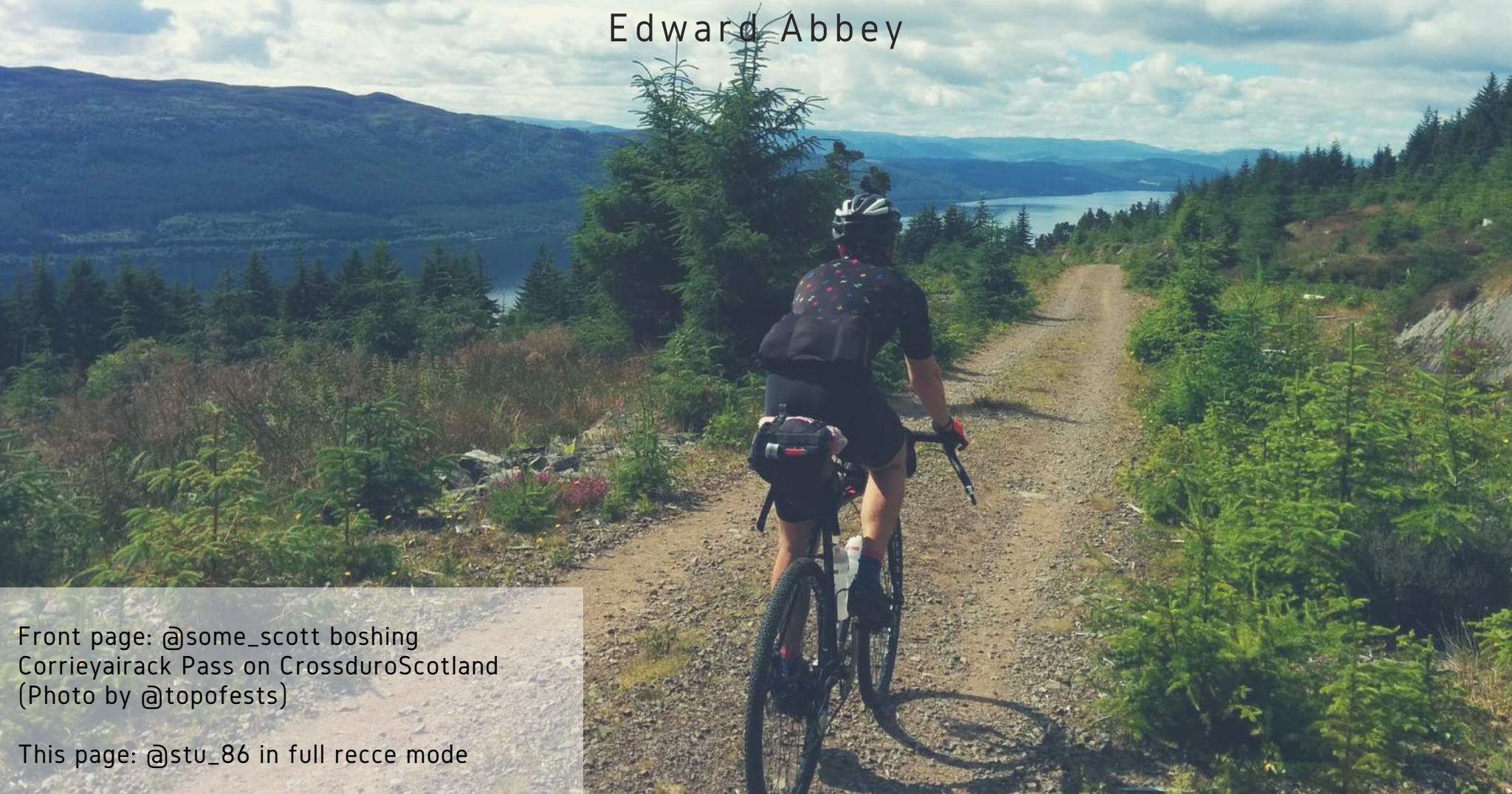


2017 YEAR BOOK



***"Wilderness is not a luxury but
a necessity of the human spirit"***

Edward Abbey



Front page: @some_scott boshing
Corrieyairack Pass on CrossduroScotland
(Photo by @topofests)

This page: @stu_86 in full recce mode

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS

The collective is run on a not-for-profit basis by a few ad hoc racers.

There is no-one in charge of the races on the ground, they are entirely self-organised meaning the members of the collective who race on the day are simultaneously competitors and administrators.

There is absolutely no support; each rider is responsible for his/her actions, the collective itself carries no liability. Do not turn up at the start line if you are uneasy about this.



THE RACING COLLECTIVE

2017

2017 saw the birth of The Racing Collective... an experiment using social media/GPS/Strava to run self-supported grassroots events.

In our eyes endurance cycling is mainly about self-control... you can race 4,000km across Europe if you know yourself well enough.

But this isn't enough when the addressing greater challenges, such a having a positive environmental impact. For that, we need to build a community of like-minded people which is just starting to take shape.

Here's what we got up to as a club in 2017...

CROSSDURO WALES

Menai Bridge to Cardiff

30% gravel: 70% road

310km

6400m climbing

5 timed sections

2 day bike-packing trip





CROSSDURO OXFORD

Saturday 17 June 2017

photo: @benedict13

It seemed obvious, set a route, let Strava handle the timing and tracking, publicise through a Strava club and enjoy. No sponsors, no permissions and no paperwork.

- Ed Wolstenholme @gutsibikes





TRANS SCOTLAND RACE

Saturday 1 July 2017

NAME - TIME AT FINISH (ELAPSED TIME):

FRASER - 12.29 (26H29M)

JENNY - 18.42 (32H42M)

NIALL - 20.02 (34H02M)

TOM - 20.36 (34H36M)

MOSTYN - AS ABOVE (PAIR)

CHRIS - 01.02 (39H02M)

CAMPBELL - AS ABOVE (PAIR)

SCRATCHED:

STU - AT BRIDGE OF ORCHY (~330KM)

DAVID - AT FORT WILLIAM (~270KM)

CALLUM - AT DALWHINNIE (~220KM)

“Guys, I don’t think I’m going to keep going.” Stuart has just caught up with us in Braemar, where me, Campbell, and Chris are sitting on the ground outside a Co-op, exhausted, and engulfing calories after the hardest climbs of the Cairngorms against a powerful headwind have left us already shattered — and we have only just passed the first checkpoint (CP1).

- Jenny Tough, @jennytough





PUBDURO NORTH YORK MOORS

Saturday 26 August 2017

I'd be lying if I said that what followed the pint and cream tea in the Lion wasn't the very best part of it all. Perhaps slightly tipsy, the ensuing mad singletrack contouring around and then down into the Rosedale valley was just thrilling. Dashing and diving over the rocks, splashing through murky puddles, surrounded by banks of purple.

- Katherine Moore, @katherinebikes



CROSSDURO PENNINES

Saturday 7 October 2017

photos: @steph3nsmith

Low cloud laden with fine Atlantic rain soaked all who were brave enough to take on the elements. This was looking like a 'type 2 fun' kind of day, one to feel good about later in the pub, or reclined on the sofa in front of deadeye.

- Ed Wolstenholme @gutsibikes



Winner: Toby Chillis

#xdp17 That smile got rammed up my arse alright. Massive respect for @theracingcollective. The word used to describe the route was 'challenging'. no shit. @tobychillis



Winner (M):
Niall Iain
5h06m

Winner (F):
Natalie Wheatley
6h10m

CROSSDURO SCOTLAND

Inverness to Glasgow

90% gravel: 10% road

330km

5,500m climbing

5 timed sections

2 day bike-packing trip



ANNUAL CONSERVATION AND RACE PLANNING WEEK

23 to 30 September 2017



"The fact that sustainability seems almost a non-issue in the cycling industry bewilders me, as the freedom we experience as cyclists is so closely intertwined with the environment we ride in"

Lian van Leeuwen,
#TCRNo5 photographer

Spent a week at Athnamulloch bothy in Glen Affric helping Trees for Life restore 10,000 acres of Scottish wilderness.

No phone reception, no wifi... this is where good conversation and plans for the next adventure thrive.



We hope to see you on a ride soon

THANK YOU!

www.theracingcollective.com