

# **Another FIRST for JHYTA Communication Network Radios**



The JHYTA team are always looking for ways to improve the service we provide to our youth riders, good communication is very important when dealing with the unexpected.

We have just taken receipt of a full set of network radios. The radios are a new addition to the club, and will be used as a communication aid, between all the coaches and in turn the coaches will have a direct link with the First Aid officers, Child Protection Officers etc. The whole group can now be easily coordinated from a central location, by the “Chief Official” at each of our events.

It was due to an incident involving one of the youth riders, who was taking part in a recent Irish Championship Trial Competition, JHYTA committee were prompted to again be “pro-active” for the benefit of all the youth riders. The team looked at the incident, analysed the situation, and asked themselves “What if an incident of that severity took place at one of our events”, how could we act effectively and efficiently. It was ascertained that good communication is one of the key factors to successfully getting the right people in the right place at the right time.

The radios have a network range of 5 miles and when our coaches are training our youth riders in remote mountain locations they will be a source of comfort to all involved, knowing that assistance is just a call away, as we all know that trial locations can sometimes be so remote, that they are sometimes isolated from mobile phone networks signals. We are hoping that this could become a standard throughout the sport and other clubs will follow suit to protect their riders, in the same manner.

The communication network will also aid our minders, who will be looking after the riders that are attending the Intercentre Team Trial in Scarborough.

**JHYTA Blazing the trail**