

# hall of fame

## Aileen McGlynn OBE

**Born**



***Aileen began cycling aged six and cycled throughout her childhood. The first time she joined a cycling club she did not tell them she was partially sighted and needless to say the club accepted her willingly and the rest is history. On her first ever visit to a velodrome, Aileen broke a world record and has reigned supreme in her cycling discipline since she was introduced to high performance sport. Before Aileen became a full time athlete, she was a trainee actuary with a degree in mathematics, statistics and management science from the University of Strathclyde.***

Along with former partner Ellen Hunter, Aileen broke the flying 200m woman's tandem World Record in April 2003 and together they went on to win Paralympic gold

and silver medals at the Summer Paralympic Games of 2004 in Athens in the 1km time trial in a new World Record time of 1:11.160 and the tandem sprint. At the 2006 IPC Track Cycling World Championships in Aigle, Switzerland, the pair won gold in the tandem kilo (VI), setting a new World Record of 1:10.795 in the process and winning a Rainbow Jersey. Together they would have ranked 17th among the 33 male competitors in the men's event.

McGlynn and Hunter, coached by Chris Furber, debuted in the 3km pursuit at the 2007 World Track Championships and came away with another Rainbow Jersey as well as winning gold and retaining their Rainbow Jersey in the 1km time trial. The same pairing represented Great Britain at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, winning gold in the Kilo (B&VI 1-3), setting a new World Record time of 1:09.066 in the process, and in the individual pursuit (B&VI 1-3). They then turned their attentions to the road events and won a silver medal in the 2009 UCI World Road Championships. They also went on to win the 1km time trial in a new World Record time of 1:09.054 at the 2009 World Track Championships and a bronze medal in the pursuit in Manchester.

At the 2011 World Track Championships Aileen won silver in the 1km time trial with her new pilot Helen Scott. At the 2012 World Track Championships in LA, the pairing came away with 3 silver medals in the 1km time trial, the 3km pursuit and the tandem sprint. At the London Paralympic Games, Aileen won silver and bronze in the 1km time trial and the individual pursuit respectively. Already a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) after the Athens Paralympic Games, Aileen was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 2009 New Year Honours. Aileen is an outstanding competitor and recognised by her opponents as a fierce and determined opponent. With the inclusion of tandem cycling in the para- sports programme for Glasgow 2014, Aileen and fellow Scot Neil Fachie from Aberdeen and their respective pilots, will have more than a passing interest in the Commonwealth Games on home soil.