

Congratulations to the following:

50cycles, who have been named Distributor of the Year by German e-bike manufacturer Kalkhoff. It's the second time they've won the award, the first being back in 2008 at the end of their first year importing the brand. The trophy will soon take pride of place in their Richmond showroom. www.50cycles.com



Hase Bikes, our advertisers from Germany, whose Klimax 2K weather-proofed and e-assisted trike (pictured above) earned the prestigious Eurobike Green Award. It has also been recognised with two international product design awards: a Gold iF award and the 'red dot' award. A new '5K' version of the machine is also under development with a 500W motor, to be licensed under German's moped regulations. www.hasebikes.com

Powabyke, who collected two top awards from *Able* magazine at the 2011 Mobility Roadshow. The two winners were the Powabyke XLS (with the low step through frame) and their tricycle model, the Powatryke Cruiser, which was commended "for its unique qualities as a pre-mobility vehicle designed for those with limited use of their legs". www.powabyke.com

York retailer and Gazelle importers Cycle Heaven, who recently opened a new store in a great location at York's train station. www.cycleheaven.co.uk



Infineum have launched a new bike for the UK, the £1699 Continental (pictured above), a model which is already a good seller in mainland Europe, they say. It employs their unique stackable battery system, letting you add packs for extra range, all locked in place for security. A crossbar frame version, the Continental GT, will also be available shortly. We'll be reviewing an Infineum machine in a future issue! www.infineumbike.co.uk

Following up last issue's report of police on electric bikes, E-Bikesdirect sent us this shot of bikes which they supplied recently to Wealden Police, a division of the Sussex police force. They're based around Wisper bikes, with custom graphics and other modifications. www.e-bikesdirect.co.uk



Farewell John Gallahue, Irish electric bike pioneer

Marty Mannering of Goeco writes:

John Gallahue of Ballylanders, Co Limerick and president of the Irish Electric Bike Association, sadly passed away on Sunday 29th May 2011.

A man of great charisma, pride and enthusiasm, he would always give advice and guidance when called upon without hesitation. An established author, singer and businessman in his own right, he never closed his door to any entrepreneur, especially those battling against the many barriers with Ireland's bureaucratic systems

When the Irish Electric Bike Association was

formed in 2009, we approached John to be the president to which he answered "It would be my honour": the type of response we had come to expect.

The picture shows John helping to tackle rural isolation with an electric tricycle fitted with the first bicycle roof in the country.

A small tribute to John can be read on the Goeco website: www.goeco.ie. He will be sadly missed by all at Goeco; John did more to help our development in Ireland than any other individual and stepped forward with a helping hand whenever we asked. A true gentleman and friend.

Sincere condolences to John's family, friends and colleagues from us all at Electric Bike and, I'm sure, from all in the electric bike industry.

