



Annual Report Herne Hill Youth CC 2008

Celebrate our success

Lets celebrate yet another full year of activities for the club. We've been racing and going for rides all over the country, putting on races, volunteering at Good Friday, delivering cycle activities to schools all over Southwark, organising and helping deliver Bikeability, shovelling and strimming, mending bikes, baking flap jacks, training coaches and instructors and oh yes we have a new website. Phew can I have a lie down

Race champions

We have been prominent in London and National Cyclo cross and road events. Indeed our team riders have been getting top placings.

The Cross-season ended in 2008 with considerable achievements for our riders. And we put on some great races ourselves. Not content with making our mark regionally we also competed at a national level both as individual riders and as teams.

Despite late afternoon practises and gourmet pizzas we were still pipped at the post for the Go Ride Tour Of Britain title by the lovely Hillingdon Slipstreamers. Still it was a fantastic and fun day out. And we got to cheer our awesome GB squad riders and fellow British Cycling members in the flesh.

Funding

Funding has been great and again we thank LCC for helping us with some much needed bikes and outreach work. Fundraising at sessions and special events is very fruitful and creative.

We applied for and got £5000 from the Capital Community Foundation for 2009.

The CCF is an independent charitable foundation supporting good causes in London. They aim to connect those with money to dynamic local organisations and enable private donors to give money. They are local funders for Grassroots Grants, a £130 million government programme running from 2008 to 2011. And it was from this pot we got our grant.

Over 350 new riders this year

Bike week organised by us was run with VCL. Over 300 schoolchildren took part in track and mountain biking sessions in June and July.

We had our own Bike week event with the ever supportive GLA member Val Shawcross launching the fun day.

During the summer 28 children successfully completed level 2 of the Bikeability course.

The Beijing bounce saw record numbers of new participants with over 50 new riders over August and September!

Volunteers

Volunteers thank you! You know who you are. We are a dedicated and well trained bunch offering an unparalleled service for all participants. It is so organised for a voluntary group. From helmets to bikes to registration to repairs. Awesome.

Club Development

We have our 3 fully trained coaches - Bill. Stuart and Judith and now joining trainee coaches Adam and Tim we have Martin, Cindy, Charlie and Geoff. Some lovely guest coaches have also given us some splendid sessions. Thank you.

This year we plan to encourage more members to do track. We have some CCF funding to put on dedicated track sessions.

Family Activities

Monthly rides to Bedgebury Forest, Swinley Forest and the environs are still proving popular.

This helps members, volunteers and parents to get to know each other. And it gives members the experience of riding exciting new trails with more challenging circuits.

And of course we made our mark in more ways than one at the opening of Hog Hill. (Thanks to Abi and Freddie!)