

Annual Report Herne Hill Youth CC 2009

We rock

It has been a busy and exciting year for the club. We've been racing and going for rides all over the country, hosting events, delivering cycle activities to schools and community groups, organising and delivering road safety, mending bikes, flipping sausages, volunteering at the Good Friday International Track event, shovelling and strimming, baking flap jacks, training coaches and instructors and running our regular weekly mtb sessions.

Yes we are one heck of a action packed dynamic club!

Fun and Funding

A Grass Roots fund of £5000 enabled us to carry on existing activities and expand. It enabled us to provide cycling opportunities to children who may not have access to cycling .

We saw an increase in participant numbers that have been sustained. Saturday sessions now have over thirty riders each week.

And with one in three members being girls that is something to celebrate. We also held some of our own spectacular fundraising events.

Funniest of course was the comic relief. It was a grand day out in more ways than one. A wheelie fun red nose day that raised a whopping £1000.

Members as young as five who had been willing on their sixth birthday sneaked in to help ride a collective staggering 850 kms.

Ever a group with a caring ethos we immediately responded to help Haitians by donating all our takings in January and February 2010 to the relief work there.

A very respectable £600 was raised.

Race champions

The 2009 off road season ended with considerable achievements for our riders.

Our team colours were to be found across the racing circuit. We competed at a national level both as individual riders and in team events.

Members entered races in record numbers. Very well done for all those that have endured the muddy wetness of off road courses and the truly arctic weather.

A very well deserved congratulations to the group of gritty of under eights who raced for the first time.

We put on some great events ourselves. We took over a stretch of Dulwich park in the late summer for Go Ride Tour of Britain team practices. Settling for runners up again our ever positive young team knew they were the best team.

Volunteers

Our greatest strength are our volunteers and helpers. A really huge heart felt thank you to all of you.

We are a dedicated and well-trained bunch offering an unparalleled service for all participants.

From helmets to bikes, to registration and repairs, baking cakes and moral support – it is all there. Bravo the shed guys and all of us. Awesome.

Helpers say they get a great feeling helping out. It's sociable and inclusive. It is not just the kids that get to meet new friends.

A strength but also a weakness as we always need more volunteers. So please spread the love and volunteer for Herne Hill Youth.

Club Development

We said good-bye to Stuart last year and we are still

missing him. However ready to fill his cleats - new coaches Geoff and Charlie came on board joining Adam, Bill and Judith.

We also have trainee coaches Martin and Cindy and some lovely guest coaches – all whom have given us some splendid sessions. Thank you.

Outreach

We provided opportunities for youth groups and schools London wide to do track and mtb sessions.

A staggering one hundred children engaged in activities outside our usual sessions.

And eighty-nine new members participated in Saturday sessions for the first time.

Family Activities

Monthly rides to Bedgebury Forest, Swinley Forest and the environs were popular. Great fun, they are now very much part of our leisure calendar. Completing our outward-bound activities we had a great weekend away in Alfriston paid for by a £600 grant from News International.

These trips really help members, volunteers and parents to bond and enjoy the great outdoors. It gives members the experience of riding exciting new trails with more challenging circuits. Our aim is to raise funds to enable more members to use these great days out.

Looking ahead

We can be very proud of our achievements in every thing we have done in 2009.

We must now build on this and offer more children the opportunity to participate in our activities.

From fun to competitive cycling we look forward to welcoming them here to enjoy our historic Olympic site its banked velodrome and off road circuit.

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AGM agenda

- 1 Opening remarks and welcome by Chair
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of previous AGM
- 4 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 5 Annual Report (Chair/Secretary)
- 6 Adoption of Annual Report
- 7 Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)
- 8 Adoption of Accounts
- 9 Election of Management Committee

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Club Kit

Race Advisors

Bike Maintenance Co-ordinator

Welfare Officers

Website Editor

Membership Secretary

Coaching Secretary -

2 ordinary members

10 Any resolutions (1 so far to add a youth president)

11 Closing remarks announcements