



Dunbar Community Woodland Group  
For woods, for wildlife, for people



# A Pump Track for Dunbar

Dunbar Community Woodland Group has been awarded funding from Viridor Credits to build a pump track in Lochend Woods. We are working with Dunbar Cycling Group and Dunbar Grammar School to build an area that can be used by local cyclists, for training and for fun.

## **What is a pump track?**

A pump track is a continuous loop of berms (turns) and rollers (bumps) that mountain bikers and BMXers ride without pedaling. In just a few years, pump tracks have grown into a worldwide trend. Tracks are popping up in back gardens and public parks everywhere because:

- Pump tracks are fun to ride
- Almost anyone can ride them - from age 2 to adult
- Pump tracks build phenomenal skills and fitness

## **What will it look like?**

The pump track will cover a relatively small area, around 30m x 20m and will be less than 1.5m in height. It will be surfaced in whin dust, the same as the existing paths.

## **How will it be used?**

The pump track will be used on an ad-hoc basis by local cyclists. It will accommodate 4-6 cyclists at a time, who will be using it at their own risk. We expect it to appeal to people of all ages and abilities and attract new cyclists to the sport. Other pump tracks have proved very popular with young families; children as young as 2 are able to enjoy them, as well as young people and adults wishing to improve their cycling skills and general fitness.

## **Why Lochend Woods?**

Consultation with local police and community development officers identified a lack of open facilities for young people on the south side of the railway line. Our pump track will be free to use and accessible to all.

We are also aware that cyclists have been building improvised jumps in the woods, sometimes crossing the existing paths (with potential for conflict with pedestrians using these paths) and sometimes to the detriment of wildlife. One purpose of this facility is to focus cycling activity in a small section of the woods.

Lochend Woods is a natural resource for everyone living in Dunbar, and DCWG works to encourage people to make use of it, where this doesn't interfere with the wildlife or the planting.

## **When will the pump track be ready?**

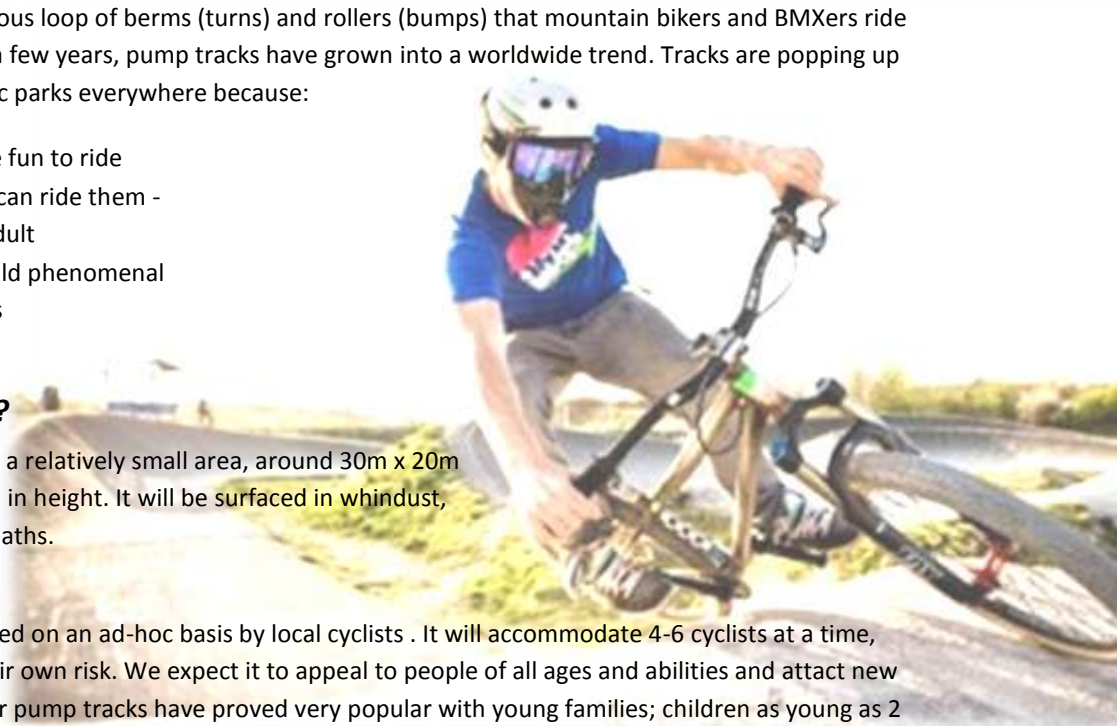
The funding was awarded in May 2012, and we are starting community consultation in June, continuing over the summer. We hope to start construction in August 2012 for completion before the end of the year.

## **How can I find out more?**

**SITE VISIT: Wed 4th July 5pm at The Stone on Kellie Rd and Middlemas Rd. All welcome.**

Contact Dunbar Community Woodland Group via Isobel Knox: [isobelknox@aol.com](mailto:isobelknox@aol.com)

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# Potential site for a pump track in Lochend Woods?

This site to the west of Kellie Road is the current preferred location for the pump track. It is close to the main part of town and to the other sports facilities at Hallhill, meaning that it will be easy for the majority of cyclists to get to.

There is good visibility from Kellie Road, which has frequent passersby, so potential for anti-social behaviour will be minimised and riders will feel safe.

It may be necessary to move some of the recently planted trees to get access to the site, but they will be replanted nearby.



An example of an earth-formed pump track in park land



Children enjoying the temporary wooden pump track at Dunbar Grammar School, June 2012



Our original proposals for the pump track to be sited on the east of Kellie Road, were considered to be too close to housing

We're open to suggestions for other locations for the pump track. The main requirements are a space approximately 30m x 20m with good access/visibility, dry, reasonably open ground and established planting.

Please get in touch with your ideas, by visiting our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/DunbarCWG> or use the contact details overleaf