

LCF Case Study

Milton Keynes BMX Racing Club

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Total project cost:
£23,300

LCF contribution:
£23,300

'New start gate'

Background

One of the countries most established BMX clubs, MK BMX Racing Club have been producing champions since 1984. The club caters for riders from three years old to 70 plus years old, with a year round programme of coaching and racing activities.

The club have more than 350 members and more than 120 active racers.

The old start gate could no longer be used due to safety reasons and the schedule for both training sessions and competitive race meetings had been severely hampered.

LCF project objective

The purpose built BMX track was built in 1984 at Pineham, Milton Keynes and consists of an out of use start gate.

The existing gate will be removed and groundwork preparation will be undertaken, with a new UCI (Union Cyclist International) standard barrel start gate installed.

The new start gate will bring the track back to life, enabling the club to actively continue and to develop riders and encourage local communities to join. The track is designed to deliver a series of benefits but these cannot happen without the vital start gate.



Project details and outcomes

The project installed a brand-new UCI (Union Cyclist International) standard barrel start gate, allowing the track to become fully operational again.

As one of the countries most established BMX clubs, boasting more than 350 members from across Milton Keynes and the surrounding counties, it is hoped the new start gate will enable further success stories associated with the Club, having already had representatives compete at national and international levels.

The new start gate was officially unveiled in an opening ceremony and very shortly after hosted a regional race which featured 159 riders, all of which were comforted in the knowledge that the new start-gate was unlikely to 'fail'.

Benefits to the local community include promoting and increasing healthy activities, promoting inclusion, developing BMX riding and skills, reducing anti-social behaviour and promoting cycling in general.

Karis Pattinson, Chairman, Milton Keynes BMX Racing Club said: *"The start gate is the heartbeat of the track and forms a vital part of any race. The new addition will bring the track back to life enabling us to actively continue to develop our riders and encourage the local community to get involved. We are over the moon with the results and are very grateful to Mick George Ltd for their contribution."*



Milton Keynes BMX Racing Club. New Start Gate

Further information: www.mkbmx.org

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