



ADUR RECREATION GROUND

SHOREHAM BIKE PARK

the vision



A free to use shared space

to help people in Adur stay active and healthy.

The vision is to create a unique multi-use bike park to the north of Adur Recreation Ground.

The bike park is designed to include five sections to cater for all ages and abilities, with challenges for a variety of cycling disciplines.



The site

The 1.6 acre site is on the north of Adur Recreation Ground next to the Adur river and train bridge. It is currently an unused space overgrown with wild vegetation.



History

Adur Recreation Ground is a historic landfill site and contamination has previously been identified in proximity to the site. It would be necessary to carry out a proper site investigation before any work commences on site.

In the 1980s it was the site of a BMX track and the home of "Adur Aces" BMX club.



Transport

15 min (1.2km) walk from Shoreham-by-sea train station 350m from the A259 bus stop.

Two existing car parks for approximately 100 cars.

who is the bike park for?

The bike park attracts people from a wide range of ages, abilities and interests.

People use the parkour section without equipment.

trials
bikes

skateboards

BMX

Mountain Bikes

balance
bikes

scooters

The Shoreham Beach Forum Young People survey suggests that there is a strong desire for a space for cycling, skateboarding and scooting.

Mountain biking is popular with all ages, this space is not just for youngsters!



The pump track

A pump track is a playground for all wheels, from mountain bikes, to BMXs to skateboards!

By combining rolling jumps with turns, pump tracks are accessible to all. Teaching the basic skills of carrying momentum, balance and speed by using your arms and legs to pump your bike/board/scooter around the track.

As you improve, the tracks are designed to provide more challenges for you with no changes to the construction. A feature that a 5-year-old can roll through can be used as a gap jump by a skilled adult.



Made from asphalt, pump tracks are very hard wearing, weather proof and require very little maintenance.

Pump tracks provide the opportunity for communities to be innovative and promote a healthy, active outdoor lifestyle. Pump tracks have become a hive of community activity, encouraging all generations to be healthy, fit and active. They teach basic skills, such as balance and coordination, that can cross over into multiple sporting disciplines. But most importantly they are FUN. Pump tracks are the modern day outdoor playground for all ages.

Through years of experience in building pump tracks all over the world, Velosolutions approach pump track design with safety as a number one priority. Velosolutions pump tracks are designed to cater for all ages, all ability levels and to be suitable for bikes, skateboards, scooters and more.

Velosolutions have developed industry leading construction techniques that apply strict health and safety risk assessments and ensure all their pump tracks are built with a 'safety first' mentality.



The beginner's pump track

This is a much smaller pumptrack for beginners to hone their skills before moving onto the main pumptrack.



The dirt jumps

Dirt jumping is the practice of riding bikes over jumps made of dirt or soil and becoming airborne, usually performing tricks.

The idea is be to create a series of different dirt jump lines incorporating jumps of different sizes and skill levels. This will range from smaller 'rollable' jumps for beginners through to large gap jumps for advanced riders.

Dirt jumps do require maintenance, but this is usually carried out by volunteers who use the jumps, reshaping and compacting the soil with shovels.



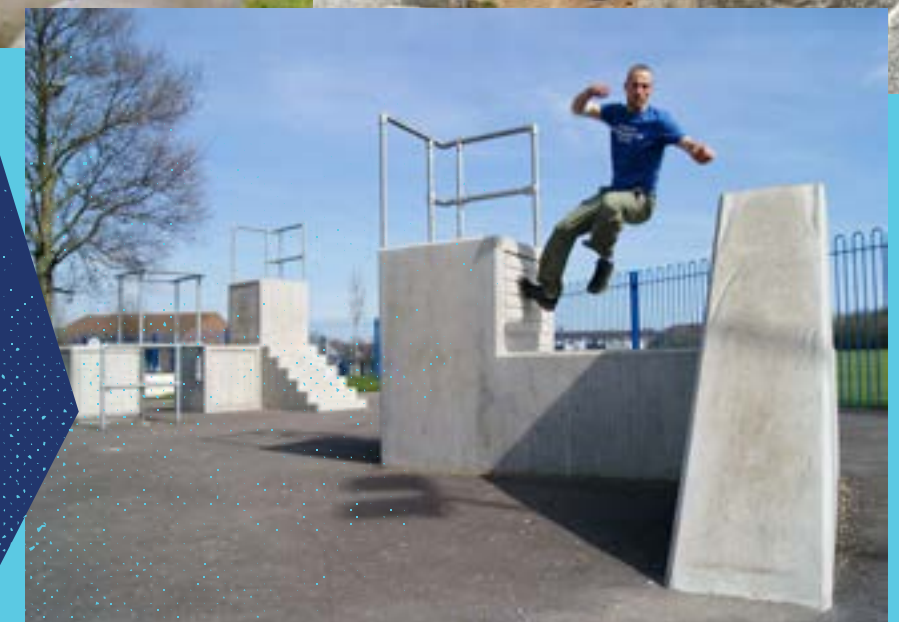
The bike trials & parkour area

Mountain bike trials is a discipline of mountain biking in which the rider attempts to pass through an obstacle course without setting foot to ground.

Trials riding tests extreme bicycle handling skills across various natural and man-made obstacles. It's a niche yet global sport, primarily popular in Europe. Skills from trials riding, such as balanced braking and track standing, translate practically to any bike, enhancing balance.

Parkour, derived from military obstacle training, involves efficient movement through complex environments without equipment. It includes running, climbing, jumping, and more. Often in urban spaces, parkour offers a new perspective on navigating surroundings.

A versatile space merging natural and man-made obstacles could serve trials riders and parkour enthusiasts. Concrete blocks, poles, rocks, and more could be used as durable, low-maintenance features.



The mountain bike skills area

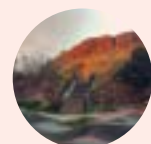
A mountain bike skills course is designed to create a place for riders to develop their skills.

Using a series of wooden and natural obstacles riders practice the techniques necessary to navigate obstacles they might encounter off road. With so many obstacles in a small area this enables the rider to learn quicker and practice in an area close to home.



National examples

There are a few very popular and successful bike parks across the UK



The Skelf, Edinburgh
theskelf.org.uk



Cyclopark, Gravesend
cyclopark.com



National Cycle Centre, Manchester
nationalcyclingcentre.com



Hadleigh Park, Essex
hadleighparkcycles.co.uk



Newhaven pumptrack



Horsham pumptrack



Angering pumptrack

The team

We're a team of local volunteers all with passion for cycling and creating a fantastic space for the Shoreham community. We run our own businesses and have extensive experience delivering projects for clients locally and nationally.

We've registered Shoreham Bike Park as a 100% not for profit community interest company and are dedicated to making the project a reality.



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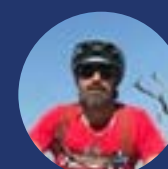
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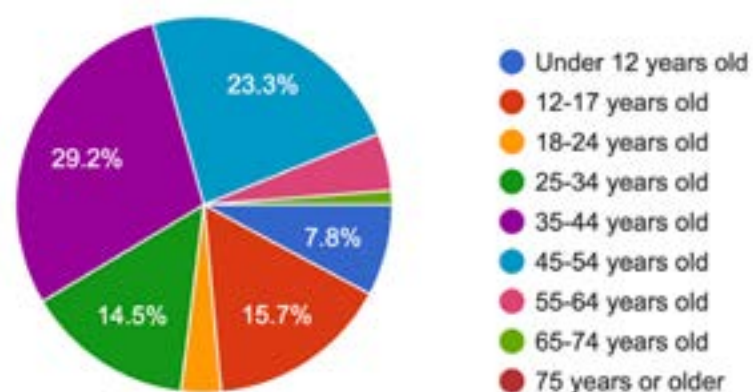


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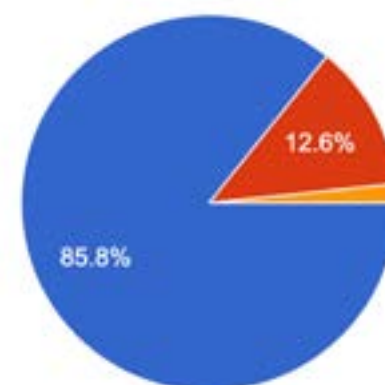


2433 people have registered their support for Shoreham Bike Park. We also conducted a survey with **over 400** responses from the local community.

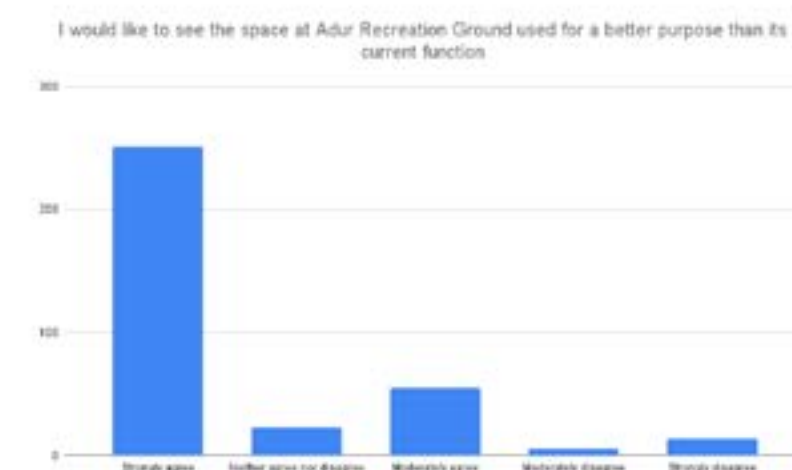
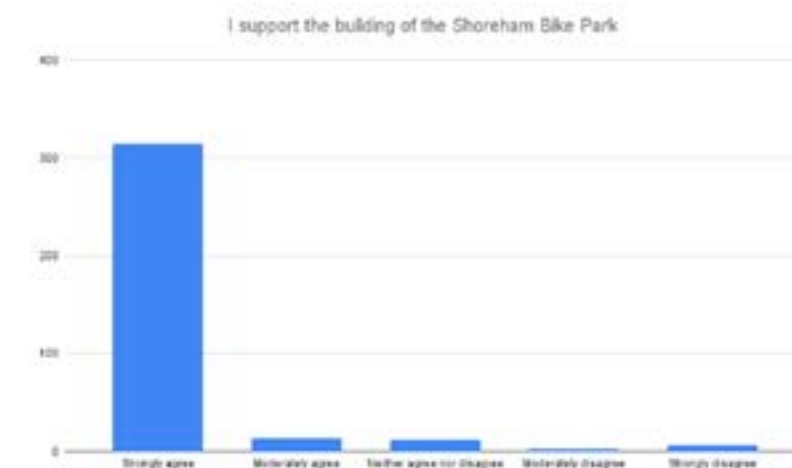
What age bracket do you belong to? Select one answer.
408 responses



Do your children ride bicycles?
246 responses



- Yes
- No, but they are learning or keen to learn
- No, they are not interested



Community support

Shoreham Bike Park Project

Dr Kat King, July 2022

Qualitative research with 25
young people between 12 and 16

"Some days like going Steyning like after school, for instance, we don't obviously don't go to Steyning because it's too far"

"Just a bit annoying there's not there's not a lot of places to ride here."

"We have a lot of time after school which we'd like to use to go mountain biking, but the fact that it is so far away there's not really much point going because you'll get there and you'll be able to spend like 20 minutes there, and you have to go home for it gets dark yeah yeah it's just sort of the distance so holds you back a bit."

"I like S4P bike park, it's over an hour's drive away but the problem is that because we're kids you can't drive there, and there terrible train access so we can only when our parents free. And then there's this place called the Bull rack which is, 45 minutes away. But that has also got terrible train access, it's like hours and hours trying to get there and very expensive."

The Investment



The estimated budget for the project is £630,000. We have received an initial estimate from Velosolutions, the world market leader in pump tracks.

Planning application & reports	£25,000
Capping & levelling	£200,000
Pump track	£200,000
Beginner Pump track	£50,000
MTB trail	£75,000
Parkour and trials area	£100,000
Jump Track	£75,000
Landscaping	£50,000
Total	£630,000

Potential funders

We are seeking funding from a number of

- Section 106
- Sport England
- Lottery funding
- British cycling
- Viridor
- Rampion wind

Ongoing maintenance

With the right design and construction materials, maintenance will be minimal.

To provide funds for ongoing maintenance and improvements improvements, there is feasibility to seek sponsorship of the bike park, as well as organising fundraising events on the site.

Redbull hold an annual ‘Pumptrack World World Championships. If the site is deemed to be of an appropriate standard.

Supporters

We have great support from our local community. The following organisations are already behind the project:



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If you have any questions about this project vision, please get in touch:

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