



Welcome

The **Jump Park** facility opened in June 2022 to promote life-long participation in BMX, to the local neighbourhood and beyond. Jump Park is a brand new floodlit 6-rider BMX race-track with a separate dirt jump area, built alongside Bexhill Skatepark.

One of the best BMX Clubs in the UK is on hand to whip-up the excitement for all abilities. And when the club activities stop, the facilities stay open and free for anyone to use, all year round.

All you need to do is turn up with a smile, be up for a good time and you'll fit right in.

Our mission is to give everyone the opportunity to jump on a BMX bike, ride with a crew, learn some skills and enjoy the BMX lifestyle. We're all about getting more people excited about BMX, getting more people on bikes, helping riders reach their potential, promoting pride of place and healthy lifestyles in the local community. Our crew run weekly sessions, maintain the facilities, and help organise road trips.

Join us on our relentless journey to thrash about on BMXs.

Jump Park is the home of **Jump Club**, our international team of racers and freestylers.

Jump Club celebrates its 10th year. This report focuses on the last 10 months (June 2022 – Mar 2023).

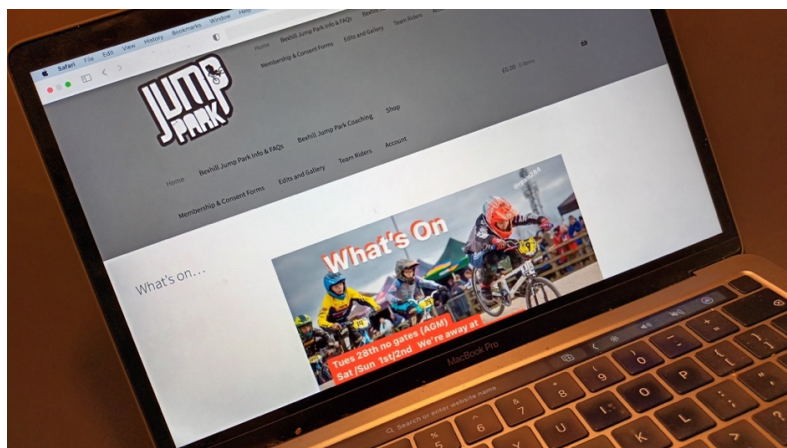
Summer 2022



- First Aid course organised in April 2022, resulting in a bunch of helpers trained and qualified
- Official opening event held in June. Involved 33 volunteers from the BMX Club. Big crowds, big success.
YouTube link to opening event edit here: <https://youtu.be/aY64Nr5czW0>
- 'Bexhill Jump Park' Community Interest Company was established in July. We have worked in partnership with Rother District Council, British Cycling and Heart of Sidley for several years to open the facilities, which will be operated by a not-for-profit social enterprise, which will be accountable to the Office of the Regulator of Community Interest Companies, with regular management meetings with RDC. Bexhill BMX Club to be dissolved. The long-term aim is to extend activities beyond the Bexhill track (community outreach, schools and other venues) using BMX and associated activities to create positive activities.
- The CIC will be responsible for all i) maintenance of the racetrack and jump area facilities (with exception of the perimeter fence), ii) run activities to increase participation and iii) fund-raise for the facilities. Maintenance averages 10-20 volunteer hours per week. A management agreement for the facilities has been drafted by RDC.
- Two regular weekly sessions have run during this reporting period:
Weekly 'open gate practice', every Tuesday 6:30-8pm. Attendance is increasing. Currently 30-35 regulars.

Saturday gates or Saturday coaching sessions 3 x 1hr sessions. Numbers increasing. Average of 40-50 riders currently attending.
- Membership scheme introduced. Runs from June 2022 when the Jump Park opened.
- Keith currently doing a Level 3 coaching course. Kim has recently passed her Level 1 and Ike is half way through his level one. A Work Force Development grant was accessed to help fund these courses.
- Club pro Dean Reeves has led two coaching clinics at Bexhill with a third booked in for April 23rd TBC.
- £750 Grant towards two bikes and gloves from Bexhill 100.
- All Saints Primary School attended a taster coaching session at the track in July 2022.

- The club manages a website with weekly 'What's on' listings.
www.jumpclub.co.uk



- RSR (Regional School of Racing) training event was held at Bexhill in September 2022. Invitational event, part of British Cycling's Olympic rider pathway. RSR team riders also took part in RSR training at Runnymede, Gosport. Keith coaches at these sessions around the region.
- We have a UCI World Champion! Ollie Kendall lives in Folkstone, trains in Sidley and races for the local Jump Club team.
- Our regional team participated in the 2022 South Regional Series. Nine events held across the South region, travelling to races around London, Kent and Dorset.
- Our national team attended the 2022 British Cycling National Series, including tracks in Scotland, Midlands, Manchester and London.
- Team gazebo taken to all regionals and all nationals in 2022, creating a team environment for riders and parents.
- Team photographer BMX.Photos (Howie) continues to support the team.
- Our skatepark team attended the freestyle nationals, including events in Wales and Scotland. Successfully achieving two podiums.
- The club has attached tools via a chain to the fence for anyone to use.
- Bexhill Cycle Tech in attendance on Saturday mornings. Thank you to Tom.
- Risk assessments (coaching and gates), consent/ membership forms all in place.
- Sponsored café signs in place. Thanks to everyone who donated.

Winter 2022/23

- Successful floodlit Winter Race series in partnership with our sister club TNT
Round 1 Cyclopark 12th Nov
Round 2 Bexhill 3rd Dec
Round 3 Cyclopark 21st Jan
Round 4 Bexhill 4th Feb



- Novice, expert and new Bro-Class floodlit racing. 210 racers took part, including 71 novices
- **10th Annual Jump Club Rookie Awards**
Free event at the Source Park took place in Dec 2022:



- Round one of the South Regional Series took place at Cyclopark. A total of 497 riders took part, with 22 from Bexhill BMX Park. Bexhill are currently ranked 11th (out of 31).
(NB: some comparable stats from the 2022 season: 34 riders took part from Bexhill during the 2022 season, including 5 novices. 17 Bexhill experts took part in the first round. Bexhill finished 12th last season).
- Tuesday sessions become £2 per session for Sidley residents (supplemented by Heart of Sidley and Street Games)

- All Saints School pupils visit twice termly to help with maintenance/litter picking. They have visited the track four times during this reporting period. Ian and Ike have helped to involve the children. *We have previously presented at the school assembly and coached at the school during the school day



FUTURE PLANS 2023/24

- The South Regional Series will return to Bexhill on 23rd July 2023. A working group has been formed. Maintenance team have begun to widen the track in various areas (you may have spotted the bags of type 1 being used up).
- We aim to focus on the dirt jumps area this year so we can host dirt jump events planned from 2024 and fulfil our freestyle participation targets.
- As per our original funding plans, we aim to increase membership to 100+ members by 2024 season and add a range of additional sessions.
- We have started preparing a grant to cover new club bikes. This will be submitted in Q1.
- Dean Reeves clinic returns in April.

CHALLENGES:

- Facilities are busy, requiring lots of maintenance.
Racetrack maintenance is going well, thanks to the weekly maintenance from Don and Ian. Speaking to other clubs, we really are very lucky to have Ian and Don on a weekly basis. Thanks also to Ricky and Ike who have spent several days on the jump area as well. Jason King visited three times during this reporting period – big thanks to Jason!
- Still several contractor snagging and defect issues which we are working through with RDC. These are being taken very seriously. We are expecting drainage works to take place in April, they aren't planned to disrupt the riding surface and the indicative timescale for works is 2 weeks max. More details to follow.
- Jump area has proven popular, but maintenance is a struggle to maintain. The quality of the jump area facilities is not as per our original brief. One issue is that it lacks several areas of tarmac, which has resulted in a high maintenance area. Currently in discussion with RDC

regarding the best solution as we need changes to areas of surface would really help to lower maintenance.

- Admin is a relentless challenge for a small number of people. Behind the scenes we are getting more efficient, putting systems in place to reduce admin moving forward. i.e online booking, google docs etc.
- Thank you to everyone who helps. Specific lead roles (who we hope will continue under the CIC); Nicky Wood Welfare Officer, Don and Ian Maintenance (with support from Ricky/Ike for the jump area), Jenny café, subs, membership, general help (book-keeping in the future), Rich Tier Start Gate and Kim gates and coaching support.
- Several businesses have helped over the last few months. Special thank yous to Bexhill Farm House Kitchen, Fowle & Co, BMX Photos, LCR, Oakley's dad Sam, and TV's Robin Johnston of Johnson's Bespoke.



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"good people, doing good things"

There is some real grafting going on by the crew. We love putting our hearts and soul into this, but we can't please all the people all of the time. So thank you to everyone who helps and thanks to the person who said the quote above, it made our day (you know who you are 😊).