

HILTON HALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: BMX TRACK REPAIRS on 3rd DECEMBER 2014:

The First lot of photographs (below) show the damage caused to the BMX Track surface by Small-Wheeled Scooters, Skateboards and other Non-BMX / MTB type bikes.. The Hilton Hall Staff and Management Team have spent the last six months telling youngsters (and quite a few parent too) that Scooters and Skateboards are damaging the Track, but as soon we are 'Off-Site' these same youngsters are back on their Scooters again causing damage to the track. We've also been present (on many occasions) when the older and more experienced BMX Riders have told the same Scooter Riders exactly the same thing, but again, to no avail. The Wolverhampton City Council Sign '*Conditions of Use & BMX Track Guidelines*' clearly states that "The riding surface of this BMX track is NOT suitable for skateboards or scooters, which will damage the track". But this too is being ignored. It is not surprising then that we are getting quite frustrated about the misuse of this fabulous BMX facility and we really do not know the best way forward is to dissuade Scooter & Skateboard use. We really welcome your constructive & positive suggestions on solutions that will address this problem. Please send all comments and suggestions to: email@hiltonhall.com





James and Shaun from TrailCraft came over from Wales today (Wednesday 3rd December 2014) to carry-out vital repairs to the BMX Track Surfaces. The following photographs (below) were taken as they worked their magic on resurfacing the track. They have done a fabulous job once more, but feel much as we do that unless we can convince youngsters to stop using their Scooters and Skateboards, the damage will be a recurring problem. They both said to me "Let's hope these kids get loads of BMX Bikes for Christmas. That will make such a difference to the life of the Track". I agree!





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HILTON
BMX TRACK
HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY
WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
SOLELY FOR BMX & MOUNTAIN BIKES

CONDITIONS OF USE

(PLEASE ALSO REFER TO 'BMX TRACK – GUIDELINES' OPPOSITE)

1. ALL PERSONS USE THE FACILITY AT THEIR OWN RISK.
2. THIS FACILITY MUST BE USED FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE ONLY.
3. APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.
4. THIS IS A NO SMOKING AREA.
5. IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY, PLEASE DO NOT BRING DOGS, GLASS OR ALCOHOL INTO THE AREA.
6. THIS IS YOUR FACILITY; PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP IT IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

INFORMATION

THE EQUIPMENT IS INSPECTED FOR SAFETY ON A REGULAR BASIS

Please use the litter bins provided or take your litter home.
No smoking please.
No alcohol please.
No dogs please.

ALL ENQUIRIES TO WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL 01902 551155

WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL AND ITS EMPLOYEES CANNOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CLAIM LOSS OR DAMAGE WHATSOEVER WHICH MAY ARISE RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THIS FACILITY, EXCEPT AS SO FAR AS IS PROVIDED BY STATUTE.

BMX TRACK - GUIDELINES

This is a BMX Cycle Track and is NOT suitable for complete novice bicycle riders.

Falls and injuries are an inevitable consequence of using any BMX track.

The basic skills listed below are essential prior to riding the track in order to negotiate the obstacles safely.

Pedalling.
Braking.
Being able to pedal standing up.
Being able to coast standing up, with feet FLAT (3 O'clock and 9 O'clock).
Being able to ride around chicanes of cones standing up, with feet flat.
Being able to brake standing up, with feet flat.

BMX bikes must be set up with the seats as low as possible (slammed).

Riders should NEVER sit down when riding the BMX track.

Novice riders should build up sufficient speed on the tarmac areas of the track to be able to 'freewheel' over the bumps/jumps without initially trying to jump across them. NEVER attempt to pedal over the bumps/jumps.

Riders should then progress to 'manuals' - lifting the front wheels through the bows in between the bumps/jumps.

Only once riders have mastered FAST manuals should they progress to jumping across the bumps/jumps.

Jumping any kind of bike is DANGEROUS. Jumps should only be attempted once basic skills have been mastered.

Safety Equipment is essential to avoid cuts and/or grazes in the event of a fall.

Helmets MUST be worn.
Gloves should be worn to avoid cuts to the hands.
Knee and elbow pads should be worn to avoid cuts to the knees and elbows.

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