

[www.medwayvelo.org.uk](http://www.medwayvelo.org.uk)



Tuesday, 17 February 2009

## Call for a velodrome in Medway

A local cycling club is asking local people to support them in their efforts to get a Velodrome built in Medway.

The Medway Velos, who have been cycling across the towns for the last five decades, are encouraging people to send letters of support for the project to their local MP. People can log onto the clubs website and download a copy of a template letter which can be e-mailed or posted to their Member of Parliament.

The club's president, who has been riding with The Velo's since the groups conception in 1968, explains the benefits of such a state-of-the-art sporting facility in the Medway Towns: 'With the recent success of the British cycling team in Beijing it is crucial that we maintain our domineering presence in the sport. Not only will the facility provide cycling enthusiasts with the opportunity to train and compete, but it will also allow us to harness some home grown cycling talent for the future.

'Sadly many parents do not want their children cycling on the road as they consider it dangerous, however, the Velodrome will offer youngsters a place to train in safety, learn new skills and perhaps even become a future champion. It will also encourage children from the streets and offer them something positive to channel their energies into.

'This facility would be community based and encourage people to take pride in Medway. I believe that it would benefit the local area immensely and who knows, we may even find the next Chris Hoy here!'

To support the Velos in their efforts log onto [www.medwayvelo.org.uk](http://www.medwayvelo.org.uk) and download a copy of the template letter.

### **All welcome at the Medway Velos**

Members meet regularly for rides and social activities and all levels of ability are catered for. The club are particular keen to welcome novices, juniors, women and triathletes to join them for rides, events and trips.

**Worried you will be too slow?** Relax, we won't leave anyone behind and will make sure you are riding with others of similar ability. So if you are looking for relaxing weekend rides or want to push yourself in a time trial, this is the club for you.

Come and join us for a group cycle, members meet regularly for club runs at the weekends, for more information log onto [www.medwayvelo.org.uk](http://www.medwayvelo.org.uk) or e-mail [rob.kennison@btinternet.com](mailto:rob.kennison@btinternet.com)

-ends-

Produced by Sally Smith (Medway Velo press officer)  
e-mail [sallyrmsmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sallyrmsmith@hotmail.co.uk)