

Community Newsletter update May 2020

Stow pump track update

Despite lockdown plans have still been progressing for the development of a pump track for Stow. We have recently submitted a pre-planning advice application for construction of a pump track on the land between the Bowling Club and Mill Lade (thank you to the Community Council for funding this). We are waiting to hear whether our application to the wind farm fund has been successful for funding to cover the design costs for the pump track as well as all the surveys and assessments that are required for a planning application.

Cycling has seen a boom in popularity during lockdown both for recreation and active commuting. It has been wonderful to see so many families out on bikes enjoying the quieter roads. However, I also know that many young people are looking forward to the time they can ride their bikes with friends again. I'm sure a pump track in Stow will be valued more than ever when the freedoms we have all previously taken for granted are eventually restored!

We are incredibly lucky to live in the beautiful Galawater valley. I'm sure I'm not alone in saying lockdown has given many of us the opportunity to really appreciate what we have around us. Investing in our community feels more important than ever and a pump track will be a fantastic amenity.

If our wind farm application is successful then we will be proceeding with the design phase. If you would like to be part of the user group who will be consulted as part of the design process please let us know by contacting stowpumptrack@gmail.com. It is unlikely that we will be able to hold a public meeting in the near future but we will keep you informed and involved as best we can via online communication.