



# Biking Heaven News

## The Website—our window to the world



Biking Heaven is a company limited by guarantee, which means that any profits we have go back into working towards our objectives.

Our prime objective is to promote the region to tourists and to develop the cycling culture and infrastructure on the ground.

Our website brings businesses keen to invite bikers together, eg B&Bs, campsites, restaurants etc. The businesses are all prepared for the needs of bikers and the mud they can bring with them, as well as the profits

they can bring!

We visit and approve each site before offering membership.

There are galleries of images, events calendar, maps and tourist information on the website.

We run a FREE events calendar, and a forum.

## Who are we?

The Biking Heaven group is a not for profit group, dedicated to attracting more cycling visitors to the area and to work at the ground roots level with kids, events and facilities and more or less anything to do with bikes. We want people to be able to experience what we have here. We are bikers ourselves and know what to look for and the kind of things they might need – like where to get repairs or good food!

## Partners



We work with various departments in Dumfries and Galloway Council, Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary, Forestry Commission Scotland, 7stanes, Drumlanrig Castle, Tour of Britain and BUCCLEUCH ESTATES more all the time.



## Other Highlights on the Website

**Calendar:-** The new Biking Heaven Event Calendar is now on the website. This is for any events you are running, or any local events that you want to promote. If you want access to put anything up on this we will happily give you password to enable you to do so. Do let your local cycling groups, mountain biking groups or other clubs know.

**News page:-** This is about to go up on the site. It will give you space to put up any piece of news which will be of benefit to visitors to your area. For example:- new cycle routes, new access to areas by bike, transport, facilities, events and so on. If you have a story please send it to [Kathryn@bikingheaven.com](mailto:Kathryn@bikingheaven.com) Up to 120 words and a picture if possible please.



Drumlanrig 2006



Castle Douglas Steppin' Stanes 2006

## Bikingheaven.com Team

In 2006 we coordinated sponsorship for 3 local young riders who competed under the colours of bikingheaven.com. We had national and regional podium finishes in Cyclocross, Cross-country, Mountain Biking, Downhill and Criterion racing.

One of the team—Dean Martin pictured left in CD last summer.

## Stepping Stanes (copyright Biking Heaven)

We are developing the Stepping Stanes series as a way to get kids interested in using their bikes in different ways, taking part in organized events and maybe going on to joining clubs. More kids biking means more adults involved and a broader 'bike culture' in the area. We anticipate knock-on effects in the bike and tourism sector as this area really becomes a bike-orientated part of the world. I could go on.. There are many benefits all round and the kids love it. The council has really helped us a lot with support from Active Schools and Greg Knowles from the Outdoor Services Department. We would like to organise these across the region. We are currently looking to see if we can get some funding to help.



Castle Douglas, Stepping Stanes 2006

## Biking Heaven at the Castle!

2006 saw the first Biking Heaven at the Castle event., which we ran very successfully again this month. This was a mini bike festival, with a mix of entertainment for families and a chance for kids to learn about and try new bike skills. We had BMXers, Trials riding, mountain biking, an adult cyclosportive challenge, 7stanes info, Outdoor Education Skills Training, Stepping Stanes and fun, fun, fun!!!! We couldn't run these events without our partners, see above—thanks to all, especially the police, Active Schools, Buccleuch Estates and the Outdoor Services Department.

**We live in Biking Heaven, Southern Scotland!**

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