

# 10 years of sporting legacy

**750,000**

people have  
cycled here



**55,000**

school pupils  
have cycled



**11,000**

riders from clubs,  
each year



**5,800**

free event tickets for  
community groups



**4,000+**

participated in  
funded programmes



**18**

major international  
events



It's been 10 years since Lee Valley VeloPark opened to the public just two years after the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority's vision for a "VeloPark" – a centre for racing, training, coaching, health and recreation, and a breeding ground for future champions – dates back to 2004. The idea gained so much currency that it was adopted as part of London's 2012 Bid.

We were involved in every stage of the development of the velodrome and Lee Valley VeloPark, from the earliest ideas through to construction, to ensure it would deliver a lasting legacy.

Following the Games, the conversion from Olympic venue to the community focused Lee Valley VeloPark was seamless. Lowering the BMX start ramp and building road and mountain bike courses had been designed in from the very beginning. The venue hosted its first major event in March 2024 and opened its doors to the public just weeks later, becoming the only place in the world to offer four Olympic cycling disciplines in one location: track in the velodrome, BMX on a remodelled Olympic track, miles of challenging mountain bike trails and a one mile road circuit.

During the past decade this inspiring venue has offered cycling opportunities for everyone, with community, club, school and elite activity. Major events are part of Lee Valley VeloPark's DNA with the iconic track hosting a stream of major international events in front of sell-out crowds.

As we mark this major milestone and look ahead to the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, this is Lee Valley VeloPark's legacy impact.

# Accessibility

- World class facilities available to everyone
- 90% of the programme at Lee Valley VeloPark is for communities, schools and clubs
- Programmes for first time riders through to those participating in local, regional, national and international events
- Corporate activity such as conferences, team building days and large scale cycle rides provides valuable commercial income and helps to subsidise community programmes
- Dedicated sessions for cyclists with disabilities, female cyclists and over 40s, among others
- All Ability Cycling Clubs targeted at disadvantaged groups using all ability bikes, delivered by social enterprise Bikeworks
- Specialist toddler sessions using mini balance bikes



# Increasing participation in cycling

- Our Community Access Fund and Active Communities Grant scheme provides funding for groups from across London's 33 boroughs, Hertfordshire and Essex
- British Cycling City Academies Programme tackling inequality in cycling, improving the gender balance, increasing involvement from underrepresented communities and diversifying the talent pathway
- Cycle Sisters – programmes and events making Lee Valley VeloPark more accessible for local Muslim women and developing their cycling skills and confidence





## Bringing fans face to face with their heroes

Lee Valley VeloPark hosts an almost non-stop series of major international events including World Cups, World Championships and Track Champions Leagues, along with Six Day London, Revolution and world record attempts. These sell-out events introduce people to the thrills of live cycling events and enable fans to follow their sporting heroes.



## Iconic moments

**2014**

The Invictus Games Road Cycling event – the spirit of the Games was rekindled at this inspirational event

**2015**

Sir Bradley Wiggins one hour world record – in front of a sell-out crowd of 6,000

**2016**

UCI Track Cycling World Championships – five days of thrilling events watched by 52,000 spectators

**2021**

UCI Track Champions League – grand finale of this international event held since 2021

**2022**

Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games – Lee Valley VeloPark hosted the track cycling events, making it the only venue in the world to have hosted an Olympics, Paralympics, World Championships and Commonwealth Games in the same sport



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## Venue facts

- World's fastest track in the iconic 6,000 seat velodrome
- BMX on a remodelled, floodlit Olympic BMX track
- One mile floodlit road circuit
- Mountain biking on trails graded like ski runs into blues, reds and blacks
- Café, conference and meeting space and a stunning 3,500m<sup>2</sup> track centre which has hosted speeches by Prime Ministers, award ceremonies, exhibitions and conferences
- Designed by Hopkins Architects
- Multi-award winning venue
- One of the most sustainable Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park venues, sustainability features include:
  - special lightweight roof build on 10 miles of cables, avoiding the need for hundreds of tonnes of steel
  - natural ventilation – no air conditioning needed
  - roof collects rainwater – reducing mains water usage by 70%
  - we have installed £800,000-worth of LED lighting in the velodrome, reducing the carbon footprint and halving the lighting bill. This followed a £45,000 project to replace the floodlights on the venue's BMX track with LEDs, reducing energy use and increasing light

## Pre-Games

Lee Valley VeloPark's one mile road circuit is built on the Authority's much loved and popular Eastway Road Circuit, which opened in 1975. One of London's best known cycling venues, it attracted famous names from the sport such as five times Tour de France winner Eddy Merckx, Gerrie Knetemann, Jan Rasmussen, Sir Bradley Wiggins and Laura Trott.



## During the Games



The velodrome saw some of the most thrilling action of the whole Games with Team GB dominating the track winning seven out of 10 possible golds one silver and one bronze



ParalympicsGB continued the phenomenal success, winning 15 medals - five gold, seven silver and three bronze

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