The Council is Serious About Supporting Cycling

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Cycling's Annus Mirabilis, D&G 2023

Scotland hosts 13 World Championships

https://www.dropbox.com/s/011mgkzvs7j5m8q/Dumfries%20and%20Galloway%20v%202%20%28Vari%29.mp4?dl=0

- Dumfries and Galloway to host the World Paracycling Championships 9-12 August
- The new Kirkpatrick Coast to Coast Route
- DGC leads on the Summer of Cycling Initiative
- Gravel cycling is the new rock 'n' roll
- Kirkpatrick Macmillan in focus



The World Paracycling Championships

- 9-12 August, in and around Dumfries
- 400 450 competitors
- Four days of closed roads
- Very difficult to forecast the spectator numbers
- The drive to make it accessible for all
- Partnership working to attract spectators



The Summer of Cycling initiative

- DGC leading this project with a £30,000 budget
- Summer of Cycling aims to make cycling as accessible as possible for local people and visitors
- Summer of Cycling Events Calendar runs from 13 May to 3 September
- The project will be based upon our existing cycling events portfolio, encouraging these events to be more accessible, and dedicated marketing and PR support
- Close links with the planning for the World Paracycling Championships



Gravel cycling is the new Rock and Roll





Gravel Cycling is the new Rock 'n' Roll

- The World Cup event in Gatehouse of Fleet on the 20 May
- The Raiders Gravel Festival returns
- The ambitions for a future World Gravel Championship to be held in Dumfries and Galloway



Kirkpatrick Macmillan in focus





Kirkpatrick Macmillan – the SOS's humble hero

- the Dumfriesshire blacksmith who invented a velocipede
- the 1842 ride to Glasgow
- where is the commodification Macmillan?
- Who exactly invented the bicycle?

