

GB Paracanoe Team train at CCDF Funded facility

Trentham Canoe Club and Royal Canoe Club receive CCDF
funding to host GB Paracanoe training



The team selected by the BCU to represent GB at the 2010 World Sprint Championships selected two facilities that have benefited from the Community Club Development Fund (CCDF) to base their training from. The team had to find a facility that accommodated their needs and these newly build facilities proved to be ideal. The team used Trentham Canoe Club in Staffordshire, and Royal Canoe Club at Teddington.

Trevor Wetherall the GB Paracanoe Team Coach commented that "the facilities are superb and provided an ideal base for our training sessions". The new Royal Canoe Club building was rebuilt on the original site of the club that dates back to 1866, the new facilities are completely DDA compliant and user friendly for disabled people. Trentham Canoe Club was a joint project with British Rowing and houses both sports under one roof.

This is only the second time that the Canoe Sprint World Championships have held events for Paracanoeists and it is hoped that following the event this year that canoeing will be selected as a Paralympic event for 2016.



Community Club Development Programme, is a government initiative to support community based sports clubs to do what they do best – introduce and nurture future sporting stars and to involve the community in great worthwhile activities.

The Department of Culture, Media and Sport, through Sport England, is aiming to improve grass-level sports facilities with its CCDF funding. In canoeing's case, it is raising the image. The majority of canoeists are unseen; therefore CCDF funding aims to help change this image. It recognises that the best coaching in the world might be taking place and that our excellent canoe clubs are capable of developing future World Champions or paddlers capable of worldwide first descents.

CCDF funding is one of the BCU's successes. Round 1 of the CCDF programme is nearly complete with 11 clubs proudly using new facilities or about to move in. Round 2 is in healthy progress with grant applications in, and planning submissions, partnership funding and the likes well under way. Already 36 projects have been directly helped by CCDF funding for facilities.

