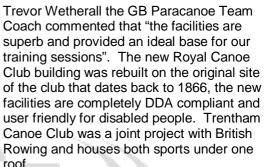
GB Paracanoe Team train at CCDP Funded facility

Trentham Canoe Club and Royal Canoe Club receive CCDP 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 (CCDP) 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.



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 Departure of Culture, Media and Sport, through Sport England, is aiming to improve grass-level sports facilities with its CCDP funding. In canoeing's case, it is raising the image. The majority of canoeists are unseen; therefore CCDP 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.

CCDP funding is one of the BCU's successes. Round 1 of the CCDP 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 CCDP funding for facilities.