

“Bike Barn” opens at Bridgend



Mark Beaumont (right) leads the ride-out at Bridgend Farmhouse Round-the-world cyclist Mark Beaumont led a ride-out from Bridgend Farmhouse on Saturday to celebrate the opening of the community centre's new “bike barn”.

He told the gathering of 50 cyclists that cycling was for everyone, not just those doing it for sport or those going on long journeys round the world.

After the opening ceremony, he led a gentle ride through Craigmillar Park, up to the Castle and back. He was joined by Leanne Farmer, from the cycle tours company “A Wee Pedal” based at Bridgend, who has just cycled to Paris and back, with her family, to watch the Olympic Games.

Bridgend Farmhouse has spent two years converting the old piggery into its new “bike barn”. It's open Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Two members of staff restore donated bikes for sale, or for distribution to families who are struggling to afford a bike. They also do bike repairs and offer training to young people wishing to become cycle mechanics.