

Mountain Bike Centre leaves nothing to chance



In Swaledale in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, two people had a dream. Those people were Stuart and Brenda Price and their dream was to create the ideal mountain bike centre where people would come to learn and improve their mountain biking skills and enjoy the outstanding natural beauty of the Dales.

They spent two years getting planning permission from the National Park to redevelop a derelict stone barn in Fremington and, with support from Yorkshire Forward and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, they turned their dream into reality.

The centre is now fully open with everything you could possibly want from a bike centre including accommodation and a café that specialises in locally sourced food.

The key to success for a project like this is to consider everything and this is exactly what Stuart and Brenda have done

Within the planning and design process, they identified a potential risk from flooding, a risk that was kept at the forefront of their minds as they struggled to complete the building works during the torrential downpours of the Summer and Autumn of 2008.

To protect their investment against the potentially devastating effects of flooding they approached Floodgate and, between us, we came up with a solution that gives them total peace of mind.

In total, we designed a solution that incorporated 7 off-the-shelf floodgates together with one custom made XXL gate to provide complete protection. Each floodgate can be put in place in around 2 minutes and, when not in use, can be stored out of the way.

Stuart Price said, "All through this project, we have wanted to make sure that we get everything right and that extends to making sure that what we have set up here is protected from flooding.

Floodgate have been very helpful in making sure that we fully understood how to integrate the gates into the design of the renovation and that we have the easiest possible solution in terms of putting the gates in place whenever we get flood warnings."

For more information about Dales Mountain Biking, visit their website at:

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