

WiSH



It's been a long time coming. After a number of years campaigning and raising funds we are now nearing the finishing line for the Ronnie Moore Speedway Statue. We would firstly like to thank everyone who has donated to the cause, without your help this wouldn't be possible.

So we have now set the unveil date for 5 July 2025. Save it in the diary now, you don't want to miss this. Not only will the statue be unveiled, but we are now planning a whole afternoon and evening of activities to celebrate Wimbledon Speedway. We do hope for a sunny day, however we have planned for indifferent weather so please don't worry, the event will go ahead come rain or shine here at the Cherry Red Records Stadium, with the event activities starting from 12 noon, the statue being unveiled mid afternoon, the day being concluded with the FIM Swedish Speedway GP being screened live on the big screen in the 1889 Suite. This will be a ticketed event, so we would urge you to purchase your tickets as soon as they go on sale to avoid disappointment. Ways to purchase your tickets and further event details will be released very soon. Please follow both WiSH and TheDonsDen social media posts for the most up to date information. You may also email

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So a bit about the Curator to TheDonsDen and the link with WiSH. My name is Jon Stevens, I am proud to say I raced for the Wimbledon Dons Speedway



team at the old Greyhound stadium in 2002-2005. Since I set up TheDonsDen, my aim was to preserve the heritage of Wimbledon Speedway, to also bring the history of the sport of speedway out to the local Community and Merton Borough through public events. When I first spoke to the head (John Lynch) of WiSH in 2020, one of our common ideas was to honour the speedway team with some form of monument or statue. I am pleased to say that this idea that John and I had is now finally coming to fruition. Rest assured, the statue unveil will not be the last Speedway event with WiSH nor will it be my last involvement with WiSH, as I look to assist and manage public events that take place across the calendar year. So watch this space.

WiSH is a registered charity and relies on volunteers to make events and projects happen. Without offering their time to help, none of

this would happen. WiSH is multi sport, it preserves the heritage of sports that have taken place in the Borough, this isn't just football or speedway. Think of all the many different sports played at the old greyhound stadium, paddle tennis, boxing, greyhounds, formula stockcars, banger racing, or the other sports across the Borough. WiSH would be interested to hear from individuals and people who have an interest in the different sports within the Borough, who may be interested in getting involved with WiSH, whether that be to give some of their time, knowledge or items of interest associated to these sports. If this is of interest please contact us and we can discuss further.

Jon Stevens