

Cycling Scotland

Active Travel Funding & Support

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Scotland's National Cycling Organisation

Vision:

A sustainable, inclusive and healthy Scotland where anyone, anywhere can enjoy all the benefits of cycling.

Mission:

We are Scotland's national cycling charity. Working with others, we get more people cycling, more safely and easily in a better environment.

[Link to our annual report](#)

**Health and
physical exercise**

Save time

**Environmental
reasons**

Good for mental health

Road safety

Traffic

**Good for one's own
finances**

reduction/congestion

Economic benefits

Practical reasons





Barriers that need broken down

No access to a bike

Lack of storage

Lack of role models

**Cultural and
perception factors**

**Too many cars on the
road**

**Environmental
factors**

**Lack of suitable
infrastructure**

**Lack of confidence
and/or skills**

And others...!





Who can support?

- Active Travel Organisations
 - Cycling Scotland
 - Cycling UK
 - Paths for All
 - Living Streets
 - Energy Savings Trust
 - Sustrans Scotland
- Regional transport partnerships
- Local authorities
- Third-sector delivery organisations:
 - Bike reuse organisation, e.g. Bike for Good/the Bike Station
 - Social enterprises, e.g., Forth Environment Link
 - Cycle training providers
- Local bike shops



Steps to Net-Zero: How can you encourage cycling?

- Cycling Friendly Awards
 - Support and advice to receive Cycling Friendly Accreditation
 - Site visit and action plan
 - Areas of focus: Workplace example



Facilities

- Cycle parking [guidance](#)
- Showering, changing & drying facilities
- Pool bikes

Organisational Policies

- Bicycle mileage allowance
- Cycle to work scheme
- Other workplace awards
- Monitoring cycle rates

Communication & Promotion

- Bicycle User Group
- Cycle champion
- Cycle maps & information
- Events & training

Provide suitable facilities

Cycle Parking

- Covered Secure and lockable if needed
- Well-lit
- Safe and conveniently located
- With sufficient space for all

Changing facilities

- Changing area fit for use
 - Mirrors, hairdryers, drying accessories
 - Lockers to store belongings
- Showering facilities

Other ways to support

- Basic toolkit with spares
- Emergency lock

[Funding available from Cycling Friendly development funds](#)



Ensure organisational policies support cycling

Cycle to work Scheme

- Set limit over £1,000
- Provide alternatives for those on low income

Cycle to work Set-up guidance [here](#)

Pool bikes

- Make bikes available for staff:
 - Commute
 - Work journeys
- Offer bike mileage allowance for business journeys
- Signpost to e-bike loans and free trials

Funding for pool bikes available from Cycling Scotland, Cycling UK, Energy Saving Trusts

Interest free loans available and e-bike trials available from Home Energy Scotland

Cycle training

- Signpost to local opportunities
- Share cycle training materials
- Organise your own session
- Train a member of staff

Events and promotion

- Route planning
- Dr Bike
- Basic bike maintenance training
- Bike buddy scheme

Find training resources and courses [here](#)



Any questions?

Appendix 1 National schemes – funding

- [Cycling Friendly development funds](#)
 - Run by Cycling Scotland
 - For workplaces, community groups, schools, campuses and social housing provides
 - Up to £25,000 for bikes, cycle parking, accessories and training
- [Cycle Share fund](#)
 - Run by Cycling UK
 - For third-sector and community organisations, charities, schools and other workplaces.
 - Fleets of bikes, associated storage and accessories
- [E-Bike grant fund](#)
 - Run by Energy Saving Trust
 - For third and public sector organisations

- [Smarter Choices Smarter Places Open fund](#)
 - Run by Paths for All
 - For third and public sector organisations
 - Revenue funding for active travel projects





Guidance notes

- An updated guidance note on cycle storage has been produced looking at general considerations, shelter designs and examples of cycle storage
- Link to guidance form is on the application

Cycling Friendly



Cycle lockers

These can provide secure storage for individual or multiple cycles. They can come as standalone units or banks of multiple lockers.



Possible locations for lockers can be at lower density housing association sites, workplaces or transport interchanges.



On street cycle storage

Typically providing spaces for up to six cycles, this type of secure storage has a small footprint allowing for two units to fit in a car parking space.



These facilities can work well for on street cycle storage or for lower density housing and can easily be relocated if needed.



Walk-in cycle storage

Provides larger spaces for a variety of cycles in a range of materials. Can be supplied with a variety of stands including Sheffield and two tier racks. Can also be provided with a range of additional features including lighting, CCTV and helmet lockers.



Possible locations for these larger types of cycle storage include outside higher density housing blocks, workplaces, educational institutions and transport interchanges.

Appendix 2 National schemes – E-bikes and E-cargo bikes

Energy Savings Trust offers interest free loans for individual and businesses:

For Individuals

- Up to 2 x new ebikes capped at £3,000 each
- Up to 2 x used ebikes capped at £2,000 each
- 1 x new family cargo or ecargo bike capped at £6,000
- 1 x used family cargo or ecargo bike capped at £4,000
- 1 x new or used adapted cycle (value assessed on a case-by-case basis)

For businesses

- E-bikes, up to £3,000 per bike
- Cargo or e-cargo bikes, up to £6,000 per bike
- Adapted or electric adapted cycles, amount assessed on a case-by-case basis

[Apply for the ebike Loan - Energy Saving Trust](mailto:transportloans@est.org.uk)
(transportloans@est.org.uk)



Appendix 3 National schemes – E-bikes and E-cargo bikes

Home Energy Scotland offers short-term ebike trials to individuals, organisations, and GPs/ healthcare practices in Scotland.

- Trials are available for up to 3 weeks
- Enquiries should be made by phone 0808 808 2282
- Testimonials [here](#)

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saving
trust**



Appendix 4 - Regional schemes – funding and support

- Regional funds:
 - [South of Scotland Cycling Infrastructure fund](#):
Open until 2025
 - [Highlands and Islands Cycling Tourism Facilities fund](#)
 - [Nestrans Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme](#)

- Bike subscriptions:
 - [Switch Up Bikes](#): Glasgow
 - All in one long-term bike rental service, inclusive of maintenance and insurance
 - Forth Environment Link Bike Library:
 - [E-bike and e-cargo trials](#)



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