

# The BIG BIKE Revival

Dear Supporter

The Big Bike Revival is back and ready for a wheelie good time!

Ready for its fifth year, the Big Bike Revival has returned to resurrect the 16.6 million bikes that are forgotten and unloved across the nation. By teaching bike maintenance and cycling skills free at the point of admission, we hope that the nation becomes and stays engaged with cycling.

2018 was an incredible year for many reasons. We shared stories of fixing bikes with [fire fighting speed](#), those that [caught the 'bug'](#) for the Big Bike Revival and a [PhD student's journey from books to voluntary mechanic](#). If you were one of the thousands to drop by an event, or you were a little late to the party, don't worry: you can relive a summer of wheelie spoke-tacular events with the infographic or our [video](#) from last year!



## Launching into a new year:

We kicked off the Big Bike Revival on the 3 of May with five events across England. Big Bike Revival events will continue to take place until 27 July 2019. This leaves enough time for new and returning cyclists to enjoy the summer sun on fixed trusty, and no-longer rusty, steeds before joining in local Celebration Rides through September and October.



## Here is a summary of our launch events across England:

### Southampton:

Ruth Magennis, Cycling UK Development Officer in Southampton launched the Big Bike Revival in Bargate with a series of activities including bike maintenance sessions and trial a bike. This allowed individuals to try bikes that would really benefit them and their lifestyle... perhaps with twice the pedal power.



## Manchester:

Greater Manchester kicked things off at Platt Fields Bike Hub with maintenance sessions, led rides and children friendly cycle activities led by local partners.



## Newcastle:

There was no bursting the bubble (or bike tyre) at the Cycle Hub in Newcastle: the event had bike checks, puncture repair workshops and a led ride to explore local routes. The damp weather couldn't dampen spirits in the North.



## West Midlands:

Two events in Birmingham and Walsall start off a series of community events centred around cycle safety and bike maintenance. We were able to meet Jeeti Sighu, from the Walsall Arboretum Community Cycle Club. She returned to the saddle for the first time in 47 years to increase her confidence riding a bike with her grandchildren. Just one of the many that we hope will return or start cycling over the coming months.



## What's to come this year:

We're welcoming new locations this year, with Development Officers joining us in Norwich, Essex and Portsmouth. This growing network of volunteer-led organisations within local communities allows us to share our passion for cycling with even more people. If you would like to know who, what, where and when then take a look at the [index of national events](#) on our website.

You'll be hearing from us bi-weekly to share the incredible work and stories that we are capturing throughout the Big Bike Revival. To share your images, stories and adventures from the Big Bike Revival 2019, use the hashtag [#BigBikeRevival2019](#) on social media and share your journey!



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