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Views of Cycling UK's  
video on teaching a  
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## Communities

# ON THEIR BIKES

*This year Cycling UK is again delivering a range of in-person programmes to help people start and keep cycling.*

**Tiia Jaakola** reports

**A**s we wrap up one financial year and look ahead to the next, we're pleased to announce that we'll continue delivering on some of our most important projects.

Cycle for Health, Cycling UK's referral programme to improve health and wellbeing, has been given the green light in West Yorkshire. Created as part of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's CityConnect programme, it supports adults with poor mental or physical health, offering them a route into regular activity. The 12-week programme to develop skills and confidence is a great example of how a targeted initiative can create positive behaviour change in areas with income and health inequalities.

Cycling UK's Community Cycle Clubs across England have also been granted further funding from Sport England. Our clubs run in all sorts of places – including workplaces, youth groups, and places of worship – and encourage millions more people to cycle. The clubs help people come together and get on their bikes for whatever reason they wish, connecting with their communities while enjoying being active. We're also currently in talks with the Department for

Transport about continuing our work on Big Bike Revival for 2022.

Cycling UK projects in Scotland are focused on reducing inequalities, increasing access to bikes, encouraging people to cycle for short, local journeys, and supporting more people to experience the joy of riding a bike.

Shift is set to continue in Scotland in 2022-3. The scheme will be open to community-focused organisations and businesses, who will have the opportunity to apply for funding up to £1,500 to run programmes designed to get more people cycling for short journeys.

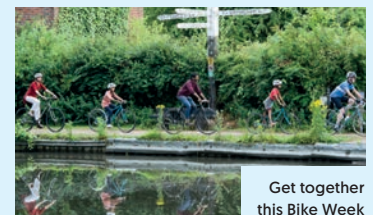
Our Rural Connections programme will continue to deliver in seven locations across Scotland, reaching our most remote communities, and our Play Together on Pedals programme will encourage even more pre-school children to progress from balance bikes to pedalling.

Cycling UK's network of bothies will continue to engage with local communities to champion everyday cycling and walking, and to support individuals to be more active, more often. We're grateful to Transport Scotland and a range of local authorities, public agencies, and Smarter Choices, Smarter Places for funding and support.

## Events

# BACK TOGETHER FOR BIKE WEEK

Group rides are back. We couldn't be more excited about coming together to celebrate the one week in the calendar dedicated to cycling. This year we're asking everyone to support cycling within their local communities by donating to our campaign work, so we can help more people across the UK, or by hosting a ride to inspire others to discover their area by bike. [cyclinguk.org/bikeweek](https://cyclinguk.org/bikeweek)



## Governance

# AGM & TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The 2022 Cycling UK AGM will take place on Friday 9 September. We are now calling for motions, the deadline for which is 2 May 2022. For details on the process, visit [cyclinguk.org/agm-2022](https://cyclinguk.org/agm-2022). AGM voting papers will be sent with the Aug/Sep issue. The Oct/Nov issue will include voting papers for prospective Cycling UK trustees, with details on standing in June/July. [cyclinguk.org/about/cycling-uk-board/how-to-become-a-trustee](https://cyclinguk.org/about/cycling-uk-board/how-to-become-a-trustee)



Deadline dropped for adding historic rights of way to maps in England: [cyclinguk.org/2026scrapped](https://cyclinguk.org/2026scrapped)

New 146-mile route through Kent will be ready to ride in May



Left: Robert Spanning Far left: Olaf Storbeck Below: Joalze Dymond

**Audax**

**LONDON-  
EDINBURGH-  
LONDON**

London-Edinburgh-London, the UK's answer to Paris-Brest-Paris, takes place every four years. It's a feat of planning and execution by Audax UK, and it relies on an army of volunteers who gather for a few days in August. Could you help out? For details, visit [cyclinguk.org/article/volunteers-needed-london-edinburgh-london](https://cyclinguk.org/article/volunteers-needed-london-edinburgh-london)



Volunteers at an LEL control

**Groups**

**AGM TIME FOR MEMBER GROUPS**

Keep your eyes peeled for notifications from your local Cycling UK Member Group about this year's round of AGMs. These meetings are a great way to get involved with your local group and meet other members. This year, many groups will have in-person meetings, although some will still be online. If you would like to attend your nearest AGM but haven't heard from your local group, email [groups@cyclinguk.org](mailto:groups@cyclinguk.org) or call us on 01483 238308.

**Routes**

**CANTII WAY**

**F**ollowing the success of the West Kernow Way bikepacking trail in Cornwall, which we launched last September, Cycling UK is creating two new long-distance routes in Kent and Norfolk this year. You won't have to wait long for the Cantii Way, a 146-mile loop around east Kent – it will be ready to ride at the end of May.

Taking its name from the Celtic tribe that inhabited the area during the Iron Age, the route combines coastal towns and dramatic chalk cliffs with the rolling hills of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Parts of the trail use our North Downs Way riders' route ([cyclinguk.org/northdownsway](https://cyclinguk.org/northdownsway)).

The Cantii Way follows traffic-free cycle

paths and quiet roads, and will be suitable for touring and hybrid bikes. It's perfect for a leisurely trip, with lots to discover along the way, ranging from remnants of military defences to vibrant art trails and eco-friendly farms. The 'garden of England' is also a haven for food and drink connoisseurs.

The Cantii Way has been created as part of the European Regional Development Fund EXPERIENCE project, which aims to develop sustainable year-round tourism activities in Kent, Norfolk and Cornwall. The route will be released at the end of May, with GPX files available to download, an online guide and an interactive map. More information at: [cyclinguk.org/cantii-way-2022](https://cyclinguk.org/cantii-way-2022).

**Access**

**PARKS AND RIDING**

More than two years after the National Landscapes review, the government has finally published its proposals for how to transform England's National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There is so much potential for making rural roads safer and more welcoming, and for opening up more traffic-free



Consultation could boost rural cycling

trails – but we need you to help make it happen. We've created a guide to help you respond to the consultation, which runs until 9 April. [cyclinguk.org/article/more-cycling-and-less-traffic-englands-national-parks](https://cyclinguk.org/article/more-cycling-and-less-traffic-englands-national-parks)

## Rail

### BIKES BACK ON EUROSTAR

Eurostar has not carried any oversized luggage during the pandemic, but Cycling UK has learned that the cross-channel rail service will start taking bikes again this summer. See [cyclinguk.org/eurostar](https://cyclinguk.org/eurostar). With our input, they plan to introduce a more streamlined booking service. Cycling UK members get a £5 discount on boxed cycle carriage with Eurostar: [cyclinguk.org/member-benefits](https://cyclinguk.org/member-benefits)



Eurostar to take boxed bikes again

## Transport

### WALES ROADS REVIEW

Wales has reaffirmed its commitment to creating alternatives to driving as its Roads Review Panel unveiled criteria for new road building, which includes creating more opportunities for cycling and walking. Gwenda Owen, Cycling UK's engagement officer in Wales, welcomed the news. [cyclinguk.org/news/wales-reaffirms-commitment-creating-alternatives-driving](https://cyclinguk.org/news/wales-reaffirms-commitment-creating-alternatives-driving)



Removal of cycle lane by West Sussex County Council ruled illegal

## Legal

### SHOREHAM VICTORY

**It shouldn't be down to charities like Cycling UK to hold councils to account, making sure they don't ignore government guidance on cycling and walking schemes. However, thanks to the incredible support of our members and our Cyclists' Defence Fund, we're able to take the gloves off and go to court when we need to. That's what we did with West Sussex County Council court last year.**

Twelve months later, a week before the trial and after spending a fortune defending its decision, the council finally admitted acting unlawfully when deciding to remove a popular cycle lane along Upper Shoreham Road in Shoreham. It had applied for and received government funding to install the cycle lane, put the lane in, and then decided to remove it five weeks later, despite evidence that the lane was well used. The decision flew in the face of government statutory guidance designed to support active travel schemes.

The final court order clearly sets out that the council failed to take the guidance into account and acted unlawfully in removing the cycle lane, and has to pay Cycling UK £25,000 costs. So, a legal win, but what did this achieve? Well, the case was always about far more than one cycle lane, because when we took this on

numerous councils were paying lip service to the government guidance, and it was vital to show that there are consequences for councils who treat active travel as an optional extra rather than something they have to prioritise.

This case concerned guidance in England, and of course funding, guidance and legal options vary across the UK, but it still sends a message to councils everywhere. We're seeing the various governments in the UK invest more in active travel, though nowhere near enough, but at a local level the commitment to deliver, to get there with cycling and make it happen, varies hugely. That's why our manifestos for the elections this May call for more action locally. See page 47.

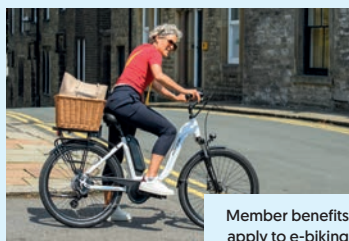
Thank you to the thousands of you who donated to our CDF appeal.



**Insurance**

**COVERED FOR  
E-BIKING**

If you're tempted to go electric, don't forget that your Cycling UK membership covers e-bikes too. Providing your cycle has pedals and only has electrical assistance, you're covered by our third-party liability insurance and legal assistance. Meanwhile, if you're planning a cycling getaway you can get covered for less with 15% off Yellow Jersey's cycling travel insurance.



Member benefits apply to e-biking

Right: Joolize Dymond

**Affiliation**

**CYCLING SUPPORT  
FOR BUSINESSES**

For employers keen to invest in the health and wellbeing of their workforce, our new business affiliation provides public liability insurance for organised cycle rides and events. Affiliation brings your organisation into Cycling UK's community, with help and support in building workplace cycling groups and publicising rides. To affiliate your business, call 01483 238301 or visit [cyclinguk.org/businessaffiliation](http://cyclinguk.org/businessaffiliation)

£11,000+

Money raised from our winter raffle. Thanks to all who played and congratulations to [cyclinguk.org/raffle/winners](http://cyclinguk.org/raffle/winners)



New kit is available: Heritage (left), Contemporary (right)

**Shop**

**GET KITTED OUT**

The Cycling UK x Stolen Goat kit collection is now in stock. You helped us to pick the designs and Stolen Goat have brought them to life. The collection features two styles: the Heritage kit, which has a clean, classic look; and the Contemporary kit, which features modern geometric lines.

The Bodyline short-sleeved jerseys are for everyday adventures and summer weekend rides. Made from a lightweight, premium fabric with four-way stretch, these jerseys pair eye-catching style with ride-all-day comfort. As well as three rear pockets, there's a fourth water-resistant zipped pocket for valuables.

The Orkaan long-sleeved jerseys are for

changeable weather during spring and autumn rides. Water-resistant yet breathable, with a cosy temperature-regulating lining and a comfortable fit, these jerseys will keep you warm but not too warm.

And when the mercury drops, there's our Climb and Conquer winter jacket. Designed to keep you warm and dry in even the harshest of winter conditions, these jackets are made from an insulating, windproof, waterproof fabric.

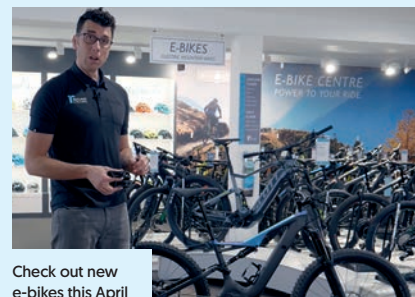
Pair with the matching accessories and you've got a Cycling UK kit collection that will keep you riding in style all year round. Purchasing it also helps fund our charitable and campaigning projects.

[stolengoat.com/cycling-uk](http://stolengoat.com/cycling-uk)

**Events**

**SAVE ON  
SHOW TICKETS**

Members get 25% off tickets to The Cycle Show and the London e-Bike Festival at Alexandra Palace on 22-24 April. Claim your cheaper ticket at [cyclinguk.org/member-benefits](http://cyclinguk.org/member-benefits). While you're on the site, you can browse our other amazing discounts on kit, gear and accessories, like 20%



Check out new e-bikes this April

off Hiplok bike locks and Muc-off cleaning products, helping you keep the bike safe and sparkling this spring.