



## Donations

### PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISE

With spring round the corner, now is the time to plan adventures. What better way to make them even more fun than by fundraising for Cycling UK? You could take on one of our routes and ask your friends and family to donate to your achievement. Every donation to Cycling UK means more people can experience the joy of cycling and helps fund the future of cycling. [cyclinguk.org/fundraise-for-us](https://cyclinguk.org/fundraise-for-us)

## Governance

### 2023 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Following a successful election process and Board ratification, we would like to welcome newly elected trustee Robin Grant to the 2024-27 Board. He said: "I'm honoured that our members have put their trust in me. I'm looking forward to helping Cycling UK enable millions more to travel by bike, making a real difference to the UK's mental and physical wellbeing, and helping us reach net zero." Robin Tucker was re-elected to the 2024-27 Board.



100 cycling women who made a difference in 2023: [cyclinguk.org/100women/2023](https://cyclinguk.org/100women/2023)



Manchester's cycle network has been growing

Left and far left: Robert Spanning

## Transport

# MANCHESTER: EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CYCLING

**M**anchester has won its bid to become the first ACES European Capital of Cycling. The successful bid involved a collaborative effort from key partners, including Cycling UK.

The new title is a celebration of the city's commitment to promoting its cycling culture. It also recognises the work that Manchester has already done to improve cycling provision. Prior to the decision, Manchester City Council and partners hosted delegates from ACES to showcase the National Cycling Centre and the city's extensive network of new cycleways.

Ellen Holmes, Cycling UK's cycling development officer in Greater Manchester, worked with the city council on the bid. She said: "I'm delighted that Manchester has been named as the first European Capital of Cycling. Over the past few months I've been supporting Manchester City Council and MCR Active with compiling the bid. It's been a great opportunity to showcase the impact

of Cycling UK's work in the area through our Community Cycle Clubs, Big Bike Revival and Making cycling e-easier programmes."

The award should act as a springboard for further investment throughout 2024, further enhancing the city's cycling amenities. The council hopes that its 'Pedal More in 24' ethos will encourage more residents to get out on bikes, whether that's for transportation, fitness or recreation.

Visitors and residents alike can look forward to a year of cycling events, club activities and more and better cycle paths. A particular focus will be on inspiring and introducing youngsters to cycling, with the city aiming to play a pivotal role in developing the cycling stars of the future.

"The award gives well-deserved recognition to Manchester as a city that champions cycling," Ellen said. "I'm excited to see what progress and developments 2024 brings with even more of a spotlight on cycling in the city."