

Bicycle Recycling



life chances for young people



slipstream

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Bicycle Recycling is a social enterprise (wholly owned by youth charity Motiv8) that exists to provide jobs for young people through work experience, traineeships, apprenticeships, volunteers, sessional and salaried jobs.

Working in Partnership all year round

Over the past year Bicycle Recycling has supported other organisations both large and small. In this edition are examples of a few:

- **Sustrans:** providing Bike Dr and training staff with industry recognised Velotech Gold qualification.
- **CTC:** developing Bike Maintenance Clubs with school and social housing providers.
- **British Cycling:** linking up with the Ladies only Breeze rides to provide dedicated bike maintenance.
- **Royal Navy:** establishing a new Cycle Hub in Portsmouth Naval Base.
- **Portsmouth City Council:** recently celebrated our 2nd birthday operating the Community Cycle Hub.
- **Highbury College:** co-delivering a full time Level 1 and 2 in Bike Mechanics.



100 bikes off to Africa

A big thank you to our friends Joe & Chas for collecting 100 bikes to take to Africa. This is all part of the the recycling that we do. Bikes donated to Bicycle Recycling are checked and resold, or stripped and recycled for parts, or shipped to Africa via our partners.

Bicycle Recycling Gosport's makeover

New signage at the Bicycle Recycling Gosport shop emphasises the 'life chances for young people' that Bicycle Recycling provides every day. Whether it is through providing apprenticeships and work experience for local young people, delivering Bike Maintenance Clubs in schools and with those unemployed or full time courses in partnership with Highbury College, Bicycle Recycling is really proud to do what it says and deliver real life chances for young people.



Women only bike rides

Jannine, Bicycle Recycling's Education & Employment Co-ordinator is also qualified to lead Breeze Bike Rides. These guided rides are for women only and offer a fun ride for all abilities along quiet roads and cycle ways, stopping for a cuppa on the way. For more info see Facebook or call Jannine on 023 9260 1441.



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Portsmouth Community Cycle Hub: unit 1 Ark Royal House, Winston Churchill Avenue, Portsmouth PO1 2GF 023 9281 4967

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News update

January saw the launch of our Cycle Maintenance & Repair Course, delivered in partnership with Highbury College. The first cohort of young people (age 16 to 19) have started working towards their level 1 and 2 IMI qualifications, and are getting to grips with bike maintenance. Alongside the practical element, the young

people receive additional support in English and maths, and will be given the opportunity to gain valuable work experience with other local employers. The course is a real stepping stone into bike maintenance and we very much hope that those involved will progress to an apprenticeship with us or elsewhere in the industry.

Velotech Gold training



Bike course brings out the best

Olly suffered brain damage when he was hit by a car at the age of eight – but this friendly, determined cyclist has become a dab hand at bike maintenance. Olly is one of four young, long-term unemployed people from Petersfield who have been taught new skills thanks to CTC, the national cycling charity. They have just completed a ten-week bike maintenance course at the Bicycle Recycling shop in Gosport, organised by Andrew Chapman, CTC's Cycling Development Officer for Hampshire. Olly, AJ, Tyler and Dan are

all young people living in Radian housing in Petersfield. Olly says: "I'm really enjoying the sessions. It is nice to learn what the different parts are called and find out how to fix things. I'm getting out of the house and mixing with people." Tyler, age 16, has progressed on to the Bike Maintenance Academy where he is working towards a Level 2 qualification in cycle maintenance & repair. AJ, age 23, says: "I used to own



Bike maintenance course for Radian Housing residents funded by CTC

a BMX and fixed it myself. I'm learning how to fix everything on a bike now and I love it. I would like to become a bike mechanic." CTC's Andrew Chapman said: "The whole bike maintenance programme has been a great success. The growth I have seen with AJ, Olly and the others is fantastic, in terms of both the skills they are learning and their self-confidence. They really seem to enjoy coming here – they get their coats off the moment they arrive and are ready for work."

Our first customer at the new Naval Base Cycle Hub



We welcomed our first customer to the new Naval Base Cycle Hub on 5 April. The new hub is inside HMS Nelson serving the 12,000 people that live and work on the base. Opening times are Tuesday to Thursday 8am to 4pm.

Bike of the month



Our featured bike is a pink Raleigh Twenty with chrome mudguards and rear basket. There is no specific height for this bike as it is a folder and can be adjusted at many different points. Don't forget our 90 day warranty. We have good quality bikes in all of our shops and always at great prices.

Bicycle Recycling opening times

for servicing, repairs, bike hire & reconditioned bikes.

Gosport: 023 9260 1441

8.30am - 5pm Tue to Fri, 9am - 3pm Sat

Portsmouth Community Cycle Hub:

023 9281 4967

8.30am - 5pm Mon to Fri, 9am - 3pm Sat

HM Naval Base: 023 9272 0713

8am - 4pm Tue to Thu

Bike donations needed

We accept donations of all bikes no matter what condition. If you can't drop the bike off, we will collect. Please contact us by phone or email, or call in to one of our shops.



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