

**Bicycle Recycling**



life chances for young people

# slipstream

summer 2016

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.

## Elite riders open Portsmouth Naval Base Cycle Hub



The official opening of the Naval Base Cycle Hub at HM Naval Base Portsmouth took place in June with Commander Andy Green joined by Irish national champion Lydia Boylan and Hannah Walker, both from Elite Women's Team WNT, to perform the ribbon cutting ceremony. Lydia and Hannah stayed chatting after the ceremony and were keen to hear about BR's work with young people as well as answer questions about their forthcoming Pearl Izumi race later that day.

## Bike Dr is back!



Bike Dr has been supporting events throughout the summer including Pearl Izumi and Pedal Portsmouth. Bicycle Recycling has worked in partnership with We Big Local to offer Bike Dr sessions including at Cowplain School and the We Big Local community day at the Acorn Centre on 30 July. Best of all, from July regular Bike Dr sessions return to Cosham High Street every Monday and Commercial Road every Wednesday. This work is fully supported by Portsmouth City Council.



## The Earl of Wessex visits the Community Cycle Hub Portsmouth

In April, a group of young people met the Earl of Wessex when he visited the Portsmouth Community Cycle Hub. The Earl graciously accepted a challenge to change an inner tube against the clock. Wearing a Community Cycle Hub apron over his suit, Prince Edward took just over two minutes to replace the inner tube, assisted by Jodie who is taking her Silver Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award. Jodie said, "I was shaking throughout. I didn't expect him to get involved but he was friendly. It was a great experience though." The Earl's visit to Portsmouth was part of the DofE Diamond Jubilee celebrations but his visit was also to see Bicycle Recycling in action, especially the opportunities for young people. Nick Casper has



worked at BR since joining in 2012 as an apprentice and is now a full time BR mechanic. Nick said, "The Earl asked about my career progression to bike mechanic and he was very interested in how bikes have changed and just how technical modern bikes are."



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# News update



**Cycle jerseys £30**

Now available! Top quality cycle jerseys. With thanks to our sponsors, 1st Computer Services and AMT Evolve.

## Work experience

We have had a number of students from The Bridge Education Centre with us over the last term. They attend the workshop in Gosport for one day a week and help with tasks such as stripping bikes down and building them up ready for resale. All of the students have been extremely conscientious and hardworking, and we look forward to welcoming them back to Bicycle Recycling Gosport in the new academic year.



**Bikes for hire from £8.50**

## Bicycle Recycling opening times

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 (closed for 2 weeks 8 - 18 August)

## Bike donations needed

We accept donations of all bikes in any condition. If you can't drop the bike off, we will collect. Contact us by phone or email, or call in to one of our shops.

## Bike Maintenance Academy end of term report: "brilliant"



One of the students on Bicycle Recycling's inaugural academy course, has been impressed, and so impressive that he has been accepted as an apprentice at Bicycle Recycling.



"The course has been brilliant and I've learned how to fix gears." Michael said. "I'm looking forward to starting my apprenticeship with BR in August." The academy course has been developed and delivered in partnership with Highbury College. It provides a full time accredited qualification in Bike Maintenance through the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI).

Students have been working towards units in gear and brake removal and replacement, puncture repair, and carrying out a cycle check, alongside more advanced units such as removing

and replacing bottom brackets and cranks, and wheel truing and building.

Course instructor, Jannine Thompson said, "They have all done exceptionally well, and will leave the course with a whole new skill set, ready to embark on the next step towards a career in the cycle industry. I know Michael can't wait to start his apprenticeship!" The inaugural academy cohort finishes in July and BR/Highbury are currently recruiting for new starters in September.

Contact BR 023 9260 1441 or Highbury 023 9238 3131

## A hand-built bike for £70!



**Falcon Super Tourist £70**

Our bike of the month is a men's Falcon Super Tourist, hand built in England. It has 5 speeds, a 22 inch frame and 700 x 28 wheels. All bikes have our 90 day warranty and our stock changes daily We have good quality bikes in all of our shops and always at great prices.



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