



Dear Supporter

With over 60 organisations signed up and having already hosted over 150 Big Bike Revival events, we are pedal-powering our way into a summer of cycling.

From Dr Bike workshops to bike-powered smoothie stations, we're helping to restore hundreds of unloved bikes for a summer of cycling and beyond. We've have been out meeting groups across England, read on to find out how the Big Bike Revival is getting on.



## **Beauty and the recycled bike:**

On the search for sunshine, the BBR team headed down to the East Sussex coast to visit the Brighton Bike Hub. Walking into the courtyard, powered by wind turbines and solar

panels hovering above the tools workshop, you can see why this little corner of Lewes Road is incredibly special to the local community.

Duncan Blinkhorn, coordinator of the Brighton Bike hub said “While we want to get more people cycling, we want them to be safe and we want them to know the impact they are having on the environment, the world would be a prettier place if cycle paths were more frequent.”



The group specialise in bike recycling and maintenance, transforming broken and unloved bikes into safe cycles or separate parts they are able to sell to support the bike project, or donate to refugee causes.

Working with local groups like the Youth Offending Service and opening its doors to local high school students to join them after school and on weekends, the link with the bike project and BBR's aims are tighter than the chain Duncan was fixing for a customer.

“We want to support the reduction in pollution in this area of Brighton”, Duncan continued. “We want to make this an open community space to share resources and social change, where people can talk to and support each other while giving a sense of belonging in the community while they help us continue this journey”.





The group will be partnering with Extinction Rebellion on the 9 June to take part in Brighton's infamous 'Naked Bike Ride' providing a Dr Bike service and promoting the importance of bike recycling.

## Gearing up for the Envirolution:



From the south to the north, [Platt Fields Bike Hub](#) share the same passion for cycling. Lynnette Evans, Big Bike Revival Senior Project Officer, visited the group. With more mud guards than the muddy puddles found at a festival, the Community Cycle Group held a Dr Bike and stall at the 'Envirolution Festival' to celebrate all the things that we can adopt in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the planet.





By sharing their unique, local knowledge on cycling routes around the city, they have started to spark the behaviour change of switching from cars to bicycles in the busy city. Find out more about the community group and the events they'll be hosting throughout the summer on their [Facebook page](#).

## Making tracks:

In the shadow of the All Saints Church, a small community unites together... the only common factor uniting them? Cycling. The [British Red Cross](#) cycle group aims to support the transition of asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants to their new home in Portsmouth. Using their new cycling skills to have mobility and freedom across the city.



Muhammed has been an integral part of this gathering over the last two years as a volunteer ride leader. With a passion for cycling as infectious as his humour, we asked him why he comes back each week, "I like cycling and having them here" he said. "Everyone enjoys the ride and it finishes with smiles. It makes me happy knowing they are safe on their bike and learning something new".

It is easy to see, with volunteers as passionate as Muhammed, why the group has been consistently growing over the past two years and attracting those within the community to take up cycling.

We'll be celebrating their volunteers, participants and cycling at the British Red Cross bike ride during refugees week on 20 June.

## Summer Snapshots:

Don't forget to share your best memories with us from your summer of cycling using the [#BigBikeRevival](#) on Instagram!

From 8 to 16 June, Cycling UK will also be celebrating [Bike Week](#). With BBR and Bike Week running side-by-side, there has never been a better time to get back on your bike. To find out how to get involved, be sure to look at the [7 days of cycling](#) to celebrate [why life is better by bike](#).



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And lastly,

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There is great technical advice on there and they are a friendly bunch.  
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