



## Northern Ireland

### ACTIVE TRAVEL ON TRACK?

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) has completed its public consultation on the Northern Ireland Active Travel Delivery Plan. While it's great to have a plan, Cycling UK's concern is the lack of analysis on where investment will give the best returns. For example, where will new cycle paths lead to more people cycling? This is vital as, if early routes aren't successful, public support for active travel will fade. [cyclinguk.org/ni-active-travel-delivery-plan](https://cyclinguk.org/ni-active-travel-delivery-plan)

## Governance

### CYCLING UK AGM 2025

The 2025 Cycling UK AGM will take place on Friday 19 September. We are now launching the call for motions. For details on the process for proposing motions, as well as the criteria against which motions will be reviewed, visit [cyclinguk.org/agm-2025](https://cyclinguk.org/agm-2025). The deadline for motions is 9am, 16 April 2025. Voting papers will be released in the August/September issue of Cycle.

Right: Cycling UK. Below right: Peter Cornish. Left: Getty Images



## Women's safety

### FREEDOM TO RIDE

**O**n a cold, dark evening in February, more than 100 women and their bikes gathered together in the shadow of London's Marble Arch to highlight a disheartening fact: a significant proportion of women give up cycling in winter because they don't feel safe riding in the dark.

Many of the riders had decorated themselves and their bikes with fairy lights and tinsel, and there was an e-cargo bike pumping out disco tunes. There was something of a festival atmosphere. But

we were there for a serious reason too.

Organised by London Cycling Campaign, we were to be led on a ride through some of Transport for London's (TfL's) approved cycleways that go through unlit underpasses, deserted back streets and industrial areas – places where women don't feel safe riding after dark. A survey by LCC had shown that a quarter of TfL's cycle network isn't safe for women at night ([cyclinguk.org/womens-safety](https://cyclinguk.org/womens-safety)).

The problem isn't restricted to London. Many women across the

UK put away their bikes in winter. This is why Cycling UK has launched a new major campaign: 'My ride. Our right'. We believe that everyone should have the freedom to ride and to feel safe while doing so.

We know that women cycle far less than men, and a perceived lack of safety is one of the main reasons for this. We want to change perceptions of cycling and to advocate for high-quality, safe cycle networks. Because safer cycling for women means safer cycling for everyone. [cyclinguk.org/my-ride-our-right](https://cyclinguk.org/my-ride-our-right)



Get ready for your first 100km ride in just 10 weeks. See [cyclinguk.org/article/10-week-training-plan-100km-ride](https://cyclinguk.org/article/10-week-training-plan-100km-ride)

## Events

### TRI-VETS RIDES 2025

Our popular triennial veterans' (Tri-Vets) social rides are back this June and July, with events taking place across the UK from the Cheshire Plain to the Scottish Borders. These non-competitive 100km and 100-mile rides bring together cyclists aged 50-plus, and they have been organised by our member groups since 1928. Reconnect with friends and collect a



memento – everyone who completes the ride within 12 hours qualifies for a 2025 date bar. Find your nearest ride and sign up for another fun round of Tri-Vets events this year: [cyclinguk.org/triennial-veterans-rides](https://cyclinguk.org/triennial-veterans-rides).