



Know Your Neighbourhood Yorkshire Bike Shack - Doncaster

What a difference these events can make

Yorkshire Bike Shack work hard to provide our local community with the opportunity to learn about bicycle repairs and help them with their cycling confidence. We hold community repair classes and can provide educational workshops for our local schools. We're very fortunate that we can help make sure our community has the confidence to get out on their bikes and explore the Trans Pennine Trail.

The funding allowed us to explore another area that we've been asked about before but not had the funding to do them – putting on a series of guided rides.

We did four guided rides with small groups which kept things really personal and allowed us to give more attention to them individually, starting with helping them improve their bike maintenance and safety checks – something we should all do before we set out on a bike ride.

Some of those who took part weren't confident cyclists at all but with a little coaching and encouragement they were off! Even those who were struggling up a small climb were then confident to know what gears to use and then managed to keep up with us all.

It's wonderful to see how these events can make such a difference to them wanting to now get out and cycle on their own or with their friends. With an age range between 16 to 55 it didn't stop the friendship that you could see forming within the groups.

Everyone said how wonderful the Trail was, especially the section between Sprotbrough and Conisbrough.

“The led bike ride was the first time I had ridden a bike in around 10 years and so I was a little nervous, especially taking my son on the ride with me. But having met Julian and the team before, I knew it was going to be ok and that I'd be reassured the entire time, which we both were. The ride was very family oriented and so I had worried over nothing! It was great getting out and doing something active with my son, we both enjoyed the led ride a lot.”

“The staff are always friendly and are not just willing to help but encourage you to be part of the Bike Shack community too”.

“I'm taking advantage of organisations that are helping me to build my confidence, like the Bike Shack. My son was so thrilled I'd taken him out on the led bike ride, which obviously makes me want to carry on being part of the Bike Shack and being active with my son. I also have now purchased a bike from the Bike Shack, so in between led bike rides, I can take my son out bike riding”.

As staff we couldn't have wished for better feedback and it has even given us a nudge to apply for some further funding to try and continue our guided ride programme.

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Aim of the Organisation:	<p>To provide the community access to bicycle repairs and technical knowledge, affordable bicycles and cycling confidence. They improve the health, well-being and the environment while giving people skills and opportunities. Some of the services they offer include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle servicing and repairs • Refurbished bicycle sales • Community repair classes • Educational workshops for schools • Pop-up community repair clinics • Repair clinics for businesses • Guided bike rides • Bike hire • After school clubs
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