

# COMMUNITY CYCLEWORKS

## IMPACT REPORT 2024

### A TWO WHEELED MISSION

At **Community Cycleworks**, our mission is to ensure that all people, especially children, have access to a bike, the skills to repair it and the motivation and confidence to ride.



Operating in **London** and **Kent**, we provide young people and adults from marginalised backgrounds with

opportunities to learn bike repair and maintenance, build cycling skills, and have fun on two wheels. By empowering children and adults to fix their bikes through our **BikeFix** and **Fix-a-Bike** workshops and to improve their cycling skills and knowledge at our bike club sessions, we get our communities excited



about using their bikes for transport, fun and adventure.

Our projects create spaces where confidence grows, friendships are formed and communities connect. Young people engage positively with adults and can be seen for the amazing young people that they are.

We believe cycling can change lives - offering exploration, health, and joy to those who might not have imagined themselves as cyclists. Our work shows that cycling is more than just a way to get around - it is a tool that enables adventure, saves money, boosts wellbeing, creates joy, and channels positive change, in the individual and the wider community.



## OUR PROJECTS: OUR COMMUNITIES

**Community Cycleworks** operates from two strategic locations: a dynamic pop-up workshop near Burgess Park in South London and the Snodland Pump Track in Kent, developed in collaboration with the local council in 2022. Our approach focuses on two transformative project types: (1) empowering young people and adults to repair

bicycles, and; (2) building cycling confidence through coaching, group rides, and for our GirlsBike2 club, adventure experiences.

2024 marked a remarkable year of growth for our organisation, with record participant numbers and expanded community impact.



# Bike Fix: Breaking Barriers, Building Repair Skills

**Bikefix** is the backbone of **Community Cycleworks** - a free to access, inclusive workshop where community members learn the skills to repair their bicycles. We aim to put the tools in the participants' hands and truly empower them. What started as a young person initiative has transformed into a lifeline for so many people feeling priced out of traditional bike maintenance.

## London Workshop

In 2024, we threw open our workshop doors **100 times**, welcoming **1000 eager learners**. Our community is wonderfully diverse:

**29%** first-time visitors discovering that fixing bikes is for everyone

**43%** under 25, proving cycling knows no age limit

**34%** women, trans, and non-binary riders breaking traditional cycling stereotypes.

Our four dedicated volunteers (including two young women in training) contributed over **75 incredible hours**, proving that learning is a two-way street.

We were also proud to host **Dr Will Norman**, London's Walking and Cycling Commissioner, at our workshop in August, to show him the wonderful work that our team is doing and explore opportunities to reach more people.



## Kent Workshop

We run our Bikefix sessions alongside **Snodland Bike Club** meetups at our Kent location, so riders always have the opportunity to pop in during the 2-hour session and get their bikes fixed with expert guidance. We ran Bikefix here **over 30 times in 2024**, welcoming **196 learners**.

As in London, our sessions cater to all:

**36%** were first time visitors

**67%** were under 25 years old

**18%** were women, trans, or non-binary



## Transformative Partnerships: Youth Justice Collaboration

Our collaboration with **Southwark Youth Justice Service** isn't just about fixing bikes and paying back to the community through reparation - it's about rebuilding confidence. In 2024, **we worked with 39 young people**, offering more than mechanical skills.

Our partners shared powerful insights:

*"These sessions are transformative. Many of our young people, who have been excluded from traditional learning environments, experience real achievement here - they are empowered to use tools, supported to complete tasks, and given space to feel genuinely proud."*

## Community Outreach

Beyond our London Bike Fix sessions, we took our tools on the road, supporting **29 community events**, and youth clubs, **helping 402 people, young and old**, learn to repair their bikes.

## Looking ahead

2025 is already **looking bright**. In London we're expanding our reach, training our own community members as volunteers, and proving that everyone has the ability to repair and maintain their bicycle.

In Kent, we're supporting our riders and expanding into surrounding areas. Our bikefix will offer spaces for some of our SBC riders to **gain valuable work experience** as young volunteers, and enable them to **showcase their talents and attributes** to new community members.



# Fix-a-Bike®: Empowering Young Cyclists

Our **Fix-a-Bike®** programme is a fast paced, hands-on workshop that transforms how young people see cycling. Teaching those from Years 5 to 10, our sweet spot is with Year 6 students before their transition to secondary school. We **build confidence** to fix common issues with bicycles, **discuss and educate** around the benefits, map routes to new schools and encourage students to **choose cycling** as their preferred mode of transport.



## 2024 Highlights

**1,360 students** trained across **57 workshops**

**24 schools** in **3 boroughs** (Southwark, Greenwich, Hounslow)

Gender split: **45% female, 50% male, 2% non-binary**

Visits from London's Walking and Cycling Commissioner **Dr Will Norman** and the Mayor of Southwark **Cllr Naima Ali**

Key highlights from our Student Impact Survey (91.7% response rate) demonstrate the success of these workshops:

**84%** loved the workshop

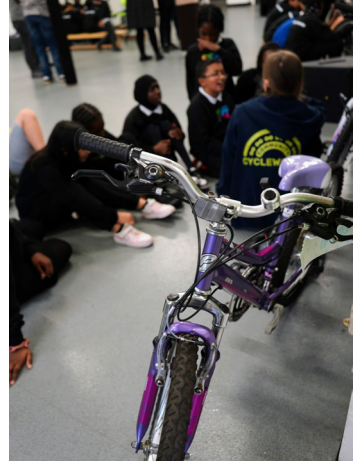
**58%** want to cycle to school

**69%** feel more confident fixing bikes

**87%** find cycling fun and exciting

## Looking Ahead

Our **Fix-a-Bike®** goals for 2025 are **ambitious**. We aim to **train 2,600 students** in 2025 and **6,000 students in the next two years**. We hope to extend our partnership with **Southwark Council**, and have secured agreements with **Greenwich** and **Hounslow** councils and a new partnership with **Joy Riders**, which will expand our reach into new London boroughs. By teaching practical skills and sparking excitement in an ever growing base of students, **Fix-a-Bike®** is **transforming** how the next generation sees cycling.



## GirlsBike2: Riding Beyond Boundaries

Our London bike club – **GirlsBike2** – is a cycling club for girls and non-binary people aged 8-16 years old living near Burgess Park. This club was founded to address the low numbers of girls cycling in the area, where access to bikes was found to be one of the main barriers. The club provides a separate

space for our riders to **build their confidence** and **explore the shared joy, excitement and adventure of riding bikes** and learning repair skills, with others. In a world where girls often feel sidelined in sports and outdoor activities, particularly girls from minority ethnic backgrounds, **GirlsBike2** offers a **supportive and welcoming environment** where they can learn, explore, grow and get active without judgment or pressure.





A typical Friday afternoon session in the summer sees **up to 20 riders** turning up to ride and learn new skills through a combination of games, activities and micro races. Our riders tried **new cycling disciplines** on trips throughout the year, including mountain biking, BMXing, track riding and road riding.

We have a pool of **20 bikes** that our riders can access for our sessions, which means that bike ownership – or lack thereof – will never be a barrier to participation.

## 2024 Highlights

**14 new riders** (+36% membership)  
**396** registered attendances  
**44** coached sessions  
**15** adventure rides  
Over **100** cycling hours



## Rider Motivations

**83%** of our riders come for exploration and adventures.

**100%** of our riders come to learn new skills.

**92%** of our riders come to have fun in the process.



## Impact Snapshot

**25%** of riders would not cycle if it were not for **GirlsBike2**.

**17%** get their only weekly exercise at **GirlsBike2** sessions.

**100%** of riders are looking forward to more trips next year.

## Community Outreach

Special highlight: **Neurodiversity Family Hub** mountain bike trip with **14 neurodiverse riders** taking on the trails at **Bedgebury trail centre**. Exploring the forest, their fitness levels and **overcoming challenges**, while building stronger connections within their group and with mentors.

## Looking Ahead

Our **goals for GirlsBike2** in 2025 are to **harness the energy** created in 2024 by making sure we continue to run our club in line with our core values: rider-led, inclusive, community-based and joyful.



# Snodland Bike Club: Community on Two Wheels

Born in 2019 to **transform antisocial riding into positive community connection**, our bike club is about more than just cycling - it's a youth club on two wheels.

Based at the **Snodland Pump Track**, which we developed in collaboration with the council in 2022, a typical club evening in the summer sees around **50 young people** attend and ride.

**Bikes get fixed, challenges are set, skills are learnt, and laughs are guaranteed.** Our riders also tried new cycling disciplines on trips throughout the year including track riding, mountain biking, and BMX racing.



**Snodland Bike Club** is an **inclusive community**. Parents and carers stay around to socialise and help. Our members guide the activities that we offer, and our youth worker partners support them when they need it.



## 2024 Highlights

- 1,280** registered attendances
- Peak summer sessions: **67 riders** in 2 hours
- Girls attendance increased from 16 to 21 (**+31%**)
- Successful away day** at Phoenix Bike Park (no broken bikes or bones!)

# Women & Girls Initiative

We began running monthly women and girls sessions to address the low turnout of girls attending Snodland Bike Club. These sessions are led by our **wonderful, dedicated volunteers Kate and Kim**, and offer women and girls a quieter time to practice with others and **build their confidence** to join our mixed club sessions.

The results are something we are proud of:

- 17 women** registered for women's BMX sessions
- 13 girls** registered for girls' BMX sessions
- 31% increase** in girls attending mixed sessions

Our goal in 2025 is to **continue to build** this mixed session approach and increase the number of women that access the space.



# Snodland Riders Community Cycle Club

This is our **community focused adult club**, breaking down the barriers to club riding for the leisure cyclist. This club was designed to enable people who just want to go on a bike ride, have a good talk, and enjoy the view from the saddle. Any bike's a good bike and lycra is not required. With five volunteer ride leaders leading rides twice a month, this club is **building community and confidence**, one pedal at a time.



## Looking ahead

Our 2025 ambition for **Snodland Bike Club** is to hand the club to the community, with SBC becoming a volunteer-run club that holds **true to its youth rider-led principles**.

A group of young leaders will **help to design and run the weekly sessions**, with our mountain bike offering focusing on **holiday trips to trail centres** - less riding in the hills, more slaying the nearby trails.

We also want to **encourage more women and girls** to get involved, and will continue to support their numbers to rise amongst our ranks.



Our Snodland Riders plan to offer some member led rides, as well as some longer challenge rides to **offer progression** to those that are keen to ride more.

# Acknowledgements

We **deeply appreciate** the support of local authorities, private donors, grant-making organisations and our amazing volunteers that have enabled us to create lasting change.

Your contributions have **empowered young people, and adults**, equipped them with valuable skills, and fostered a love for cycling that will ripple through communities for years to come.



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