



## August 2022 Newsletter

**We campaign to make all our roads safe in Brighton, Hove & Portslade, so that everyone can get around easily.**

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## Hangars On



The first secure and weatherproof on-street cycle hangars for residents have been put in place. Eventually there'll be about 180, each holding up to six bikes at a fee of £1.20 per week, which should cover the installation, operation and maintenance costs of Falco UK, the Council's contractor. A household can book up to two spaces. The first 20 hangars are listed [here](#). Sixty-seven more are planned this year and you can see their locations in [TRO-21-2022](#).

Tweets about the first hangar, number 001 in Cleveland Road, went viral, prompting enquiries from all over Britain and even from Malta. It's clear it's not only the people of Brighton & Hove who want something as simple as a secure and weatherproof cycle hangar but they're also in demand by hundreds of thousands right across the country.

None are open at the time of writing. When they are, residents will be able to unlock them with an app. Physical keys will also be available for people without smartphones. Bookings are going very well, apparently, so if you want a space or two call 01538 380080 or email [rentals@falco.co.uk](mailto:rentals@falco.co.uk) right away, saying in which hangar you'd like a space. And then [tell us](#) how you get on with the booking service.

## Smooth operators



The shared use path along the Ditchling Road, between Woodbourne Avenue and Old Boat Corner (where Stanmer Woods begin) has been resurfaced, with asphalt replacing the loose gravel that was frequently eroded by rain and overgrown. The new cycling, wheeling and walking path is now a reasonable 3.5 metres wide, which reduces potential conflicts with other users, although brambles are beginning to intrude.

To get a totally independent review of the improved path, we stopped Carrie and Bobby, who'd cycled from London via the Beacon. "It's so smooth," said Carrie. "It's lovely," said Bobby. So, in eBay language, that's "A++++++". Would recommend."

If you want to check it out, there's a cheat at weekends and on Bank Holidays which can get you to the south end of the path without having to slog up the steep urban section of Ditchling Road. The [79 bus](#), from Old Steine to the Beacon, accommodates up to two bikes *for free!* Ring the (bus) bell so you can alight at the grandly named Hollingbury Castle then it's a relatively easy pedal on the new path northwards and into the woods of Stanmer Park by crossing Coldean Lane. The 78 from Stanmer Village can take you and your bike back to the city.

## We kid you not



We hear there'll be a Kidical Mass in the city soon. Kidical Mass is a legal, safe and fun bike ride for kids, kids at heart, and their families. They happen all over the UK and the world and celebrate the fact that Kids are Traffic Too. The aim is for family fun on vehicles that don't hurt the future. To be honest, it's just another excuse to pedal around town with your family. We'll let you know when we hear it's going ahead.

## Easy does it



Our Sarah's written another great blog post about how it's easy to do more journeys by bike without the sudden stress of changing all your travel modes in one go. She spells out how to do it simply and easily by taking it one step at a time. There's no need to rush. In fact, you can take your time by reading it slowly just [here](#).

## The Road Ahead



Well, actually, it's less about roads and more about cycle lanes and pavements ahead. We forgot to tell you last month that the Council signed off its long-awaited and extensively consulted Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). It's [here](#). Bricycles contributed to the consultations as a group, as did team members, members and supporters in their capacity as individual residents. Naturally we are pleased that the Old Shoreham Road urban dual carriageway, in particular, is now categorised as a priority for better infrastructure for cyclists, although it's ranked only as 12th in a list of 39 (see pink priority routes on the maps) so it'll stay as a hostile environment for a while longer, effectively ignoring the needs of up to 6,000 pupils at nearby schools. The full list of "strategic network routes" that are marked for improvement is in [Appendix 1](#). Now we have to make sure that the council keeps its eye on the prize so that the improvements actually happen.



## Your Story Here



*You know us a bit, from the profiles of the Bricycles team in the newsletters. Now we want to get to know about you. [Send us 150 words](#) all about you, your cycling and the places you love (and hate) to ride in Brighton & Hove. A photo of you and your bike would also be great.*

*Our supporter **Nick Sayers** has done it already.*

I've lived in Brighton since 1992, when I came to study at the art college here. Having always lived in walkable and cyclable towns, I have biked, walked and used public transport most of my life.

My passion for sustainable transport – and an interest in performance art – led me to found Brighton Naked Bike Ride in 2006, after doing the London ride and thinking, "this is sooo Brighton – why isn't it happening here?!"

I stood back from the event after 16 years, to concentrate on other projects, when the pandemic struck. I also make [geometric drawing machines](#) from scrap bicycles, which I takes to science events and schools to demonstrate the magic and maths of gear ratios. Lately, I've been campaigning to install permanent, well-designed cycle lanes along Old Shoreham Road, near where I now live. Sadly, Portslade is very car-dependent and I've had to learn to drive."

## Picture this

A dramatic new mural is being painted on the wall at the back of the stand in Preston Park Velodrome. It's been designed with community involvement by artists Dawn East and Rebecca Angel and paid for by the three ward councillors donating their community allowances. When finished, later this month (the corrugated metal makes it very fiddly to ensure the sweeping lines look smooth, apparently), it'll cover all 11 panels. We think it adds extra vibrancy to what is the oldest cycle track in the United Kingdom and the oldest working cycle track with its original design, in the whole wide world.



## Our Future Leader



Here's the chair of Bricycles for the year 2050, on their first ride. Where and how did you learn to ride? Where's the best place to learn in Brighton & Hove, not just for toddlers but also for adults? [Tell us everything](#) you can remember and, with sensitive editing, we'll put your memories in our next newsletter.



## Meet Angela Devas



My name's Angela Devas and I've been a member of Bricycles for ten years or so, though I do have distant memories taking me back to the 1980s and jolly trips to Normandy, where cider and calvados fuelled our excursions.

Cycling is how I get around for all my local journeys – and occasional longer ones. It's blissfully fast on the downhill while the uphill – well, perhaps best not to dwell on those until I surrender to the embrace of an electric bicycle, so far deferred until storage available, which is why I've been supporting the introduction of lockable cycle hangars in our streets.

I'm the Campaigns Officer for the lovely [Brighton and Hove Clarion Cycling Club](#) so I get to support all sorts of initiatives about cycling under our rather grand heading.

I believe our city could become a brilliant eco place to live if we got rid of most private cars – and all the space they take up – and just filled it with people walking and cycling.

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## Order, Order

The Council is asking for comments this month on several Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) which affect cycling. Feel free to support any of them or to let them know of flaws. Go [here](#) then scroll a long way down to get to each of the TROs numbered below. Then read the details and submit comments.

- The most important is [TRO-25-2022](#) – Seafront A259 Cycle lane. Yep, it's a biggie so, if you like a really decent cycle lane along the seafront, send your comments in by 12 August. Tell them if you spot problems.
- Next up is [TRO-26-2022](#) – Queens Park Primary School Street, helping kids and families to cycle, scoot and walk safely to and from their school by closing Freshfield Place to most motor vehicles at each end of the school day. Comments open on 15 August so put it in your diary. For more on School Streets [go here](#).
- Finally, [TRO-22-2022](#) – Gardner Street, North Laine. Mostly it's making the times consistent for prohibiting motor vehicles so that it's open only to people walking, wheeling and riding bicycles. Deadline to comment is 12 August.

## National news

It's good to see the Department for Transport has published its policy paper, called "The second cycling and walking investment strategy (CWIS2)". You can read the details [here](#) but if you have something more important to do, like watching paint dry, we're happy to sum it up for you in a few words. Basically, it means there will be £3.8bn available from central government to double cycling by 2025 (on 2013 figures) so it'll help to pay for better cycling facilities in Brighton & Hove (and elsewhere in England). While we may have expected this, at least it does indicate some sort of commitment from the government. We hope the city can get a good deal of it.

## Liveable Neighbourhood



There are no direct plans for cycle lanes as part of this pilot scheme for Hanover & Tarnet but the planned improvements should be beneficial to cycling.

We'll continue to push the council to consider cycle routes, especially on Elm Grove, and we encourage you to do the same during the consultation period, which ends on 11th September.

You can do so [online](#) and in person at the following five drop-in sessions:

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White Room, Phoenix Art Space, 10-14  
Waterloo Place BN2 9NB

- Monday 15 Aug (12-4pm)
- Tuesday 30 Aug (2-5pm)

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Hannover Community Centre, 33 Southover St  
BN2 9UD

- Thursday 18 Aug (4-7pm)
- Wednesday 24 Aug (4-7pm)
- Saturday 27 Aug (11am-2pm)

## Sheffield on the seafront



The best kinds of cycle stand, named after Sheffield where the first was made by bending an unused metal pole into upturned U, are proliferating along the seafront. Forty new ones have been put in by the council near Adelaide Crescent, Brunswick Square, the Peace Statue and Oriental Place. Each location has five stands or 10 spaces. One stand or two spaces at each are designed to accommodate specially adapted bicycles or larger bikes such as tricycles, cargo bikes and bikes designed to carry children.

**Help! We love you.**

**Volunteer for Bricycles, just two or three hours**  
a month. we particularly need people with these skills:

- writing and editing articles for press and for our blog
- giving interviews and statements to press, radio and TV.

The roles we'd like to share are relatively easy and you'll get loads of support and encouragement from the rest of the team.

[Check out our website](#) for further details, or email [info@bricycles.org.uk](mailto:info@bricycles.org.uk). C'mon, you know you're exactly the right person!

Have a great August.

The Bricycles team

PS You know other people who ride bicycles in Brighton & Hove, don't you. Ask them to join and make our campaign even stronger. Send them this [link](#)