

Hampshire Bike Equipment Library

Helping families try out bike equipment...



Photo: John Clode/WWCT



Background

In spring of 2026 project officer John Clode launched the Hampshire Bike Equipment Library.

With a variety of equipment provided by Hampshire County Council, we have been able to loan trailers, child seats, locks, pumps, pannier racks and bags and lights to families who want to try cycling alone or with their children before they take the plunge and buy their own equipment.

Currently the library is available to families linked to the schools which we are engaged with in South Hampshire. We work regularly with these schools to encourage and enable active travel. If this proves successful, we hope to expand the library to other areas.

What we did

The launch of the library saw a flurry of enquiries from interested families and several successful loans of trailers, child seats, locks and lights.

Families can borrow the equipment for up to a half term. This allows them to really get to grips with it and try the equipment for different journeys.

John delivered each piece of equipment to loanee. They were shown how to set it up and demonstrated its use. Allowing users to feel confident.

Each family enjoyed using the equipment so much, having been able to see how easy it can be to make their journeys happier and healthier, that they were keen to borrow it again ,or even buy their own.



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“We were thrilled to hear Walk Wheel Cycle Trust was lending out bike trailers for free, we’ve always wanted to give our children the chance to watch the scenery whizz by and enjoy cycling this way together.

They are absolutely loving the double trailer, even local rides have felt like an adventure.”

Claire Osborne, Chandler’s Ford

Being able to cycle with the children was more worry-free as I could be alongside them in the 1+ miles from home to school.

Ellie Harris, Fareham

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