



## Awards

### BOTHY BRILLIANCE

Cycling UK's Aberdeenshire Bothy won the 'Excellence in Walking, Public Realm and Cycling' category at the Scottish Transport Awards. The project, a partnership with Aberdeenshire Council, is part of a network of four bothies run by Cycling UK to support people to cycle and walk in rural areas across Scotland. The Aberdeenshire Bothy will now be shortlisted at the UK National Transport Awards in October.

[cyclinguk.org/bothies](https://cyclinguk.org/bothies)

## Member benefits

### SIZZLING SUMMER SAVINGS

Enjoy 20% off Hiplok bike locks, ensuring your cycle stays secure. Shield yourself from the sun with 25% off Pelotan high-performance suncream – perfect for sunny rides. Fancy a staycation? Escape in nature with 8% off Experience Freedom glamping breaks. Plus, Pedal Cover has you protected with 15% off home and bike insurance, protecting your belongings and bikes with an average saving of £50! Don't miss out on your exclusive savings: [cyclinguk.org/member-benefits](https://cyclinguk.org/member-benefits).



Half of schools in NI will now continue with cycle training

Left: Alamy

## Northern Ireland

### CYCLING LESSONS RETURN

**P**ositive change is finally afoot for people cycling in Northern Ireland.

Thanks to a joint campaign from Cycling UK and Sustrans, we've managed to save the Active School Travel programme.

This campaign was our biggest yet in the country, and the responses from schools and individuals were key in the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) changing its mind and coming up with enough funding to continue a reduced programme for the next school year.

The upshot is that when the autumn term begins in September, nearly half of the schools in Northern Ireland will be able to continue teaching the valuable life skill of cycling, which pupils can use on their way to school. And the cost? Not much more than the installation of two pelican crossings in Belfast.

The stats behind the programme are nothing short of remarkable: a 37% increase in pupils walking and cycling to school, and an 18% reduction in parents driving their children. More than 500 people answered our call and responded to the DfI, which represented over half of all responses to their proposed budget

cuts. It's a real indication of the strength of feeling about the importance of cycling for our children, and also active travel spending more generally.

Cycling UK believes that Northern Ireland decision-makers need to start seeing active travel in terms of long-term investment in our health, wealth and climate – and our campaign did just that.

Another way to help get the message through is the new Belfast Cycle Campaign, launching this summer. They will be organising in-person events in September, and also promise to have an active online presence.

This exciting development has been spearheaded by residents from across the city, with support from Cycling UK. The focus is to make Belfast a more cycle-friendly city, and the group is on the lookout for new members to help show decision-makers at every level that there's an appetite for safer cycle routes and a real opportunity to make Belfast a greener more pleasant place to live if people drive less and cycle more. Find out how to get involved at: [belfastcyclecampaign.com](https://belfastcyclecampaign.com).