

Cycling and walking

Transport Scotland is committed to increasing levels of cycling and walking for transport and leisure. This page provides information on the following topic:

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Supporting cycling organisations and projects



Cycling and walking - photo courtesy Sustans

We support a number of organisations and projects including:

- providing project funding to [Sustrans](#), [Cycling Scotland](#), [Living Streets](#), [Energy Saving Trust](#), [Bike Station](#) to promote active and sustainable travel
- encouraging local authorities to develop cycling strategies as part of their local transport plans, to link these with education and health improvement initiatives, and targets in their Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) Agreements
- providing support to local authorities for cycling projects through dedicated allocations for walking and safer streets (CWSS) projects
- tackling the school run by promoting school travel plans and active travel projects like the [School Initiative](#)

[Active Travel Strategy guidance](#)

Cycling Action Plan for Scotland 2013

The Scottish Government and its stakeholders and delivery partners collaborated to update the [Plan for Scotland](#) in June 2013.



Cycling along the canal: Photo courtesy of Scottish Canals

This draws on experience gathered since the initial Action Plan was published in 2010 and sets out a vision for the future of cycling in Scotland. It is intended to be taken up by government and others to work towards our shared vision that by 2020, 10% of all journeys made will be by bicycle.

National Cycle Network

Transport Scotland is taking an active role in helping deliver key sections of Scotland's [National Cycle Network](#) (NCN).

The network is promoted and developed by [Sustrans](#), in partnership with others.



In January 2014 Transport Minister Keith Brown announced £750,000 worth of funding towards a new cycle path from Kingshouse. He is pictured with Fiona Logan, CEO of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park and John Lauder, Sustrans Scotland.

Transport Scotland has helped in the delivery of the following projects:

- A828 Oban to Ballachullish
- A82 Fort William to Inverness Great Glen
- A835 / A9 Inverness to Dingwall Community and Commuting Link
- A86 Laggan Community Links and Link to A9 NCN Cycleway
- A82 Fort William to Torlundy Community Link and World Mountain Bike Link
- A1 North Sea Cycleway
- A9 Cycleway surface upgrade
- A82 Glencoe Visitor Centre to Ballachullish Community Link

Other projects we have helped develop include:

- A9 Cycleway Perth to Inverness (NCN)
- M74 Cycleway Gretna to North of Abingdon (NCN)
- A75 Cycleway Gretna to Stranraer (NCN)
- A77 Cycleway Kilmarnock to Newton Mearns

Online maps and details of the [National Cycle Network](#) are available on the Sustrans website, and also find all the latest information on the very best of the [routes2ride](#) across Scotland.

Cycling and walking, the benefits

Approximately 34% of all car journeys in Scotland are less than two miles in length and could be made by bicycle or on foot instead. The benefits of more people cycling and walking include:

- easing congestion
- reducing noise pollution
- cutting exhaust emissions
- improving health
- giving us more time to enjoy our urban spaces
- saving money

For businesses and other organisations, developing a cycling and walking culture can help:

- lower organisational transport costs
- reduce the need for expensive car parking spaces increase productivity through improved health and well-being
- demonstrate a commitment to protecting the environment
- meet criteria for accreditation schemes such as the Healthy Working Lives Award and the Employer Award.

This is why Transport Scotland has provided funding to help deliver a number of new cycle routes. For more information, see our [produced Cycling by Design guidance](#) for cycle routes.

Cycle route design guidance

Transport Scotland published [Cycling by Design](#) in June 2010. The document provides guidance for cyclists to ensure consistent and appropriate design.

It also includes design guidance for walkers and other non-motorised users, together with guidance for disabled people and improved integrated transport solutions.

Transport Scotland requires consultants and contractors working on trunk road projects to follow the guidance within Cycling by Design.

It is also commended to local authorities and others developing cycling infrastructure in Scotland.

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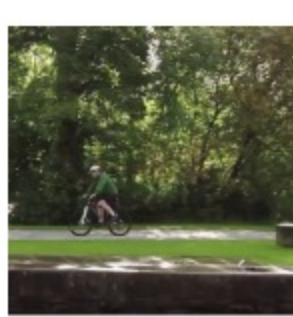
[Minister announces funding for a new cycle path in the Trossachs](#)

Wed 08/Jan/2014

Transport Minister Keith Brown today announced £750,000 worth of funding towards a new cycle path from Strathgryne to Kingshouse.

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