

Cycling Officer – Committee Progress Report

MSH Committee Meeting: Monday 14 September 2026

Reporting period: 11 July – 8 September 2026

Achievements

- **100 community cycling sessions** delivered, supported by **23 volunteers**.
- **1,756 attendances** and **416 new participants**.
- New activities included a successful **HAF programme**, Big Bike Revival sessions and continued inclusive/community cycling.
- **5 new volunteers** recruited.
- First fundraising **Cyclothon** held on 27 July, supported by the Rotary Club of Thamesdown and North Swindon, raising **almost £5,000** for adapted cycles and equipment.
- A **wheelchair trike** has already been purchased and added to the Limitless fleet.

Finance

- **£3,014 income** secured from Swindon Borough Council for delivery of the summer HAF programme, contributing towards Cycling Officer hours.
- **£2,700 Big Bike Revival funding** secured through Cycling UK, including **£750 developer funding**.
- **Almost £5,000 raised** through the Cyclothon for Limitless inclusive cycling equipment.
- The HAF programme provides a **new potential funding stream for future school holiday delivery**.

Impact

The programme continues to reach people who can face barriers to cycling:

- **51%** of participants identified as disabled.
- **22%** identified as being from BME communities.
- **22%** were from CSNPC (*available data*).
- **86 children and young people learned to ride for the first time** through Ditch the Stabilisers sessions and HAF summer sessions.
- **10 adults learned to ride for the first time** through Big Bike Revival.
- **44 women & children** attended Sanctuary cycling sessions, with **5 learning to ride**.
- HAF sessions were **over-subscribed**, with a waiting list, and received very positive feedback from families and Quality Inspectors.

“My son was told that he’d never be able to ride a bike, thanks to your support he has once again beaten the odds and shown that he can do it! The next aim is to cycle to school!” (mum of Nathan, 11)

“It has always been my dream to ride a bike, but I was never allowed to learn as a child. Now, as a mother myself, I can’t believe that I have finally achieved my dream. Thanks to your help and support.” (Furkana, 33)

Next Steps

- Continue free **Big Bike Revival adult learn-to-cycle and cycling confidence sessions** through September and October, including new Saturday dates.
- Deliver **free inclusive cycling taster sessions** for disabled participants, disability groups, schools and community groups, supported by **Openwork Foundation funding**.
- Continue developing the **Limitless inclusive cycling fleet** using funds raised through the Cyclothon.
- Explore opportunities to build on the successful **HAF programme** and secure further school holiday funding.
- Continue volunteer recruitment and development to increase programme capacity.

Overall Position

The Cycling Officer programme continues to demonstrate **strong participation, significant community impact and successful external fundraising**, while developing new income streams and expanding inclusive cycling opportunities at Moredon Sporting Hub.