

# KCC - TRANSPORT INNOVATIONS NEWSLETTER

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## THE FINAL SLOG

At this point I feel like I should break into a rendition of “The Final Count Down – Europe” but in all honesty there are several reasons why that would be a bad idea; 1) it’s annoyingly catchy and will probably result in it being stuck on repeat in my head for at least the next two days. 2) Its entirely cliché and you’ll probably hate me for getting it stuck in your head, or 3) it is already stuck in your head and has been since the beginning of the last school break. (I suspect this is most likely). You’re nearly there folks... the end of this school year is nigh!

I just wanted to personally say an enormous thank you to all of you who have continued working with us to promote and encourage active and sustainable travel as a “normal” choice for school runners. I hope that you have been finding the monthly newsletters an informative and interesting read since I started these back in January.

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## BIKE LOANS OPORTUNITY

As per our Heads Up segment in last month’s newsletter, you are now invited to apply for the Free bikes that are available as part of KCC’s Cycle Loans Scheme! Due to the aims and objectives of the scheme, your school can apply to receive a number of free cycles, for their staff / students to borrow and try out some active travel.

If you are interested, please cast an eye over the brief overview below and then, if you’re still keen or have any queries, you will need to contact my colleague, James Lehane (james.lehane@kent.gov.uk, 03000 419 971) in order to request and complete the (very short) application form.

So let’s get to it; here’s a rundown from James as to how this scheme will work:

In this scheme, we are providing free access to refurbished cycles with the aim of promoting active and sustainable methods of travel to work, education and training. The cycles are provided through Cycle Community, a Community Interest Company who are working with Kent County Council on this scheme. They will deliver the cycles to you and give some basic maintenance and safety instructions. You will need to have suitable storage for the cycles on your premises. They will ensure that the cycles are in good condition before they are delivered to you.

@KENTSCHOOLRUN

*followers : 61*

4Lincoln @hernecej  
celebrating their successful  
#operationmotion. Well done  
guys and keep up your active  
journeys! (22.06.2017)



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J Bespoke cycle training can be provided, free of charge, for a group at the start of the scheme. If you feel that your employees / students would benefit from this, please express your interest as soon as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements.

The cycles are to be loaned to individuals for 3 months at a time (that means up to 4 rotations in a year if you have enough demand!). After 1 year you are able, if you wish, to let users keep them permanently rather than continue with loans, or to use them in a different way that may suit your organisation.

There are a limited number of cycles available, so please make sure to get the application in by the deadline of Friday the 21st July!

## HEADS UP:

### Capital Grant Funding

All applications are being collated as we speak (or read) and the decision making process is now underway. Any school that submitted their application will hear back by 5pm Friday 14th July. As ever we have had a huge number of applications; I appreciate it can be greatly disappointing when when it feels like hard work has amounted to nothing but I would urge anyone who has an unsuccessful bid this year to still apply for next year's funding as and when applicable. A lot of consideration goes into the decision making process and and we will always try to be as fair as possible when distributing the funds we have available.



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I have tried to ensure that the content each month is relevant and useful for all of our Kent schools but if you feel that there is any particular topic that you would like to see covered, any particular questions answered or anything at all! - Please just email me your suggestions –

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After this July instalment the next newsletter will be greeting you upon your return in September. So until then I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and I thank you all once more for your continued support..

*And whilst I will avoid singing... I just couldn't resist sharing this - it felt appropriate... enjoy.*



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