



Coordinator Bio

Angus Bikeability Scotland Coordinator

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JB has been our Angus local authority coordinator for Bikeability Scotland since December 2016, working 24 hours a week, supporting 51 primary schools and 8 secondary schools.

He is a retired police officer, a keen cyclist and coach at a local cycling club. He's based at Angus Cycle Hub in Arbroath, a local organisation involved in developing and promoting cycling and recycling bikes that have been donated or dumped for landfill. To support his coordinator role JB is a Cycle Trainer, Cycle Trainer Plus, Bikeability Scotland Mentor, Essential Cycling Skills instructor, Cycle Ride Leader, Trail Cycle Leader, UKCC Level 3 Cycling Coach, Outdoor First Aider and IOSH Risk assessor.

Earliest memory of cycling?

Riding the two miles from home to school nearly every day through the village and along country roads.

What would you say to a school thinking about participating in Bikeability Scotland?

Learning to ride a bike safely on a road is an essential life skill that every child should have the opportunity to learn. It builds confidence and gives children the skills to use their bike for exploration and discover their local area..

Best Bikeability Scotland moment?

I was told by a teacher at a school that there was a young girl who could barely ride a bike and was thinking about not taking part. She did not have a bike. I obtained a donated bike for her and she used that throughout the training. Halfway through the training block I was out on my own bike one Saturday afternoon when I saw this girl out riding with her friends with a big smile on her face. At the end of the Bikeability Scotland training block the teacher reported back that she had never seen this girl so confident and proud of achieving something that she didn't think she could do.

Most likely to be heard saying....

"Look around first, it's the number one skill that will keep you safer when out on your bike."