



Coordinator Bio

Stirling Bikeability Scotland Coordinator

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Phil has been a Bikeability Scotland Coordinator since 2012. Phil's favourite aspect of the job is ensuring as many schools as possible deliver Bikeability Scotland Level 2, and subsequently seeing the positive impact that the training has made through the entire school, from pupils to head teacher. Phil is qualified as a Tutor, Cycle Trainer, Cycle Trainer+ and Outdoor Emergency First Aider, British Cycling Coach and Ride Leader, Velotech Bicycle Mechanic and a Balanceability Trainer.

Earliest memory of cycling?

As an infant, taking my trike to pieces regularly for fun, just so my dad would rebuild it, showing me how it worked. A bike mechanic and cycling enthusiast aged 5!

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

Call me and let's get this booked in, you won't regret it. The kids love it and many teachers tell me the pupils that continue cycling after the training tend to achieve more and concentrate in class better. In some schools, we have also seen a noticeable fall in congestion around the school gates as more parents are cycling with their kids into school. Cycling is a life skill too, which can open up so many opportunities for the children.

Best Bikeability Scotland moment?

I once had a wee boy who was standing watching the other children as he had a disability so thought he couldn't take part. For the second session, I took a specialist trike with me so he could take part. He loved it, and so did the rest of his class. I'll never forget that smile.

Most likely to be heard saying....

"If it doesn't feel safe, it isn't!"