



Coordinator Bio

Shetland

Bikeability Scotland Coordinator

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Elaine has been teaching children to cycle since 2004 when she first started as a Road Safety Officer with the Shetland Islands Council. She is based in Lerwick but travels all over Shetland to all of the Islands' schools, which include five junior high schools and 24 primary schools. She works full-time, and during the Easter to summer term is out delivering Bikeability Scotland Levels 1 & 2 to various schools for most of the week.

Earliest memory of cycling?

My earliest memory of cycling was stealing my sister's bike, feeling the sense of freedom and being able to whizz around was amazing.

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

All of our schools have been delivering cycle training on the road for the last 16 years and I would say it's a life skill so please do try to deliver it to your pupils.

Best Bikeability Scotland moment?

Seeing pupils you have taught, out cycling on the road themselves and following all the rules you have taught them – so pleased to see that and so proud of them.

Most likely to be heard saying....

"Be aware of your surroundings and other road users."