

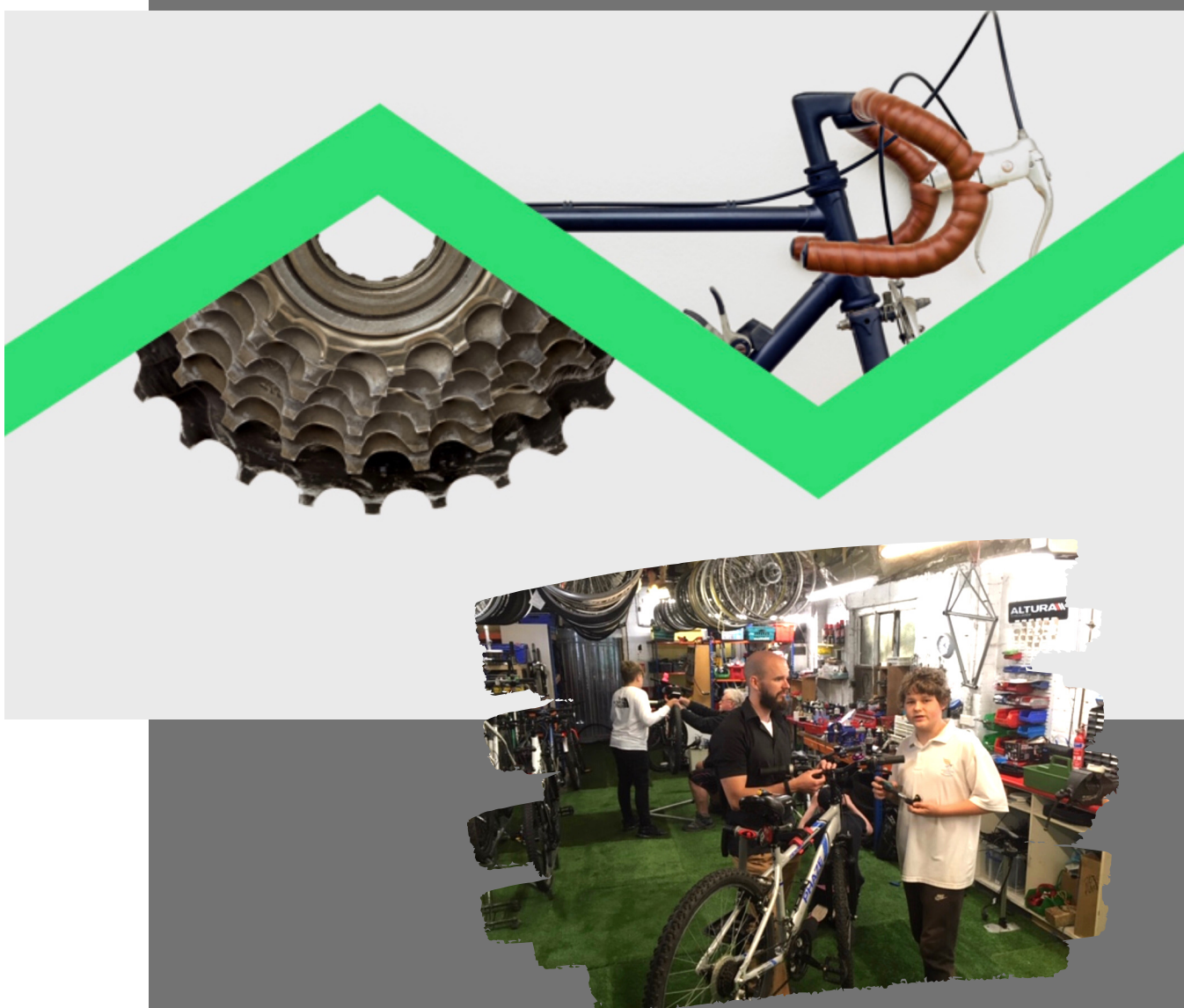
New Forest Bike Project

Annual Review 2020/2021

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New Forest Bike Project (NFBP) takes in unwanted bicycles and then repairs, restores and relocates them. We give people access to good, serviced bikes and equip them with the skills to stay on the road safely, gain independence and improve their wellbeing.

We aim to help people from all walks of life get out on two wheels and for it to be an inclusive and fun experience. We seek to reduce vehicle journeys and emissions, promote recycling and have a positive impact on the environment.

Set up in 2016 and based in New Milton in the New Forest, we serve the community in an area of the U.K. approximately from Southampton across to East Dorset and up to South Wiltshire.

We are affiliated members of British Cycling and Cycling UK, the leading national cycling organisations and are 'Cytech' qualified for the bike maintenance we do.



Project Review

Beneficiaries of the project are people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities in the wider community and we specifically aim to help those on low incomes, such as those in receipt of benefits, students or pensioners, or those who suffer disadvantage in their lives.

We work to achieve primarily social objectives and are a registered Community Interest Company (CIC), meaning the profits and assets are put to work for the benefit of the community.



We work to promote and deliver the following:

- Affordable, inclusive and fun cycling for all; providing:
 - free or heavily subsidised refurbished bikes for local people in need, and
 - good, reconditioned, used parts and accessories to keep people on the road cheaply and safely
- Bicycle maintenance and safe cycling skills to the community
- Volunteering skills to the community
- Health benefits of cycling for the community
- Environmental benefits of reduced vehicle journeys and pollution
- Support for recycling and sustainability issues in the local community
- Help to alleviate issues of poor local public transport and rural isolation



Volunteering

As NFBP only has one full time employee, we engage with volunteers in all aspects; such as helping with collecting bike donations, refurbishments and sales. There are currently 3 regular volunteers and 5 others helping out on an ad hoc basis, with an average volunteering time of 35 hours per week during the past year.

During this period we hosted five local young people on work experience placements from school and youth organisations. We also partner with Community First New Forest for advice and support on aspects of fundraising and volunteer hosting, as well as with the Fortune Centre and Minstead Trust, who support young adults with learning difficulties and autism.



Taught Sessions

We provide free 'Dr. Bike' maintenance sessions to the community with the support of grant funding. In spite of the Covid-19 restrictions, we managed to deliver over 200 sessions and serviced 50 bikes through the Government 'Fix your Bike' voucher scheme.

We ran 30 'Build a Bike' sessions for local groups working with 11-16 year olds who have been excluded from mainstream education and ran similar sessions for people of all ages and abilities; including New Forest Care, who provide 1:1 support for vulnerable young people.



Sustainability

Hundreds of bikes are being saved from being dumped and possibly ending up in landfill. As well as individual donations, we recycle bikes for various businesses, including Hargroves Cycles, Woods Cyclery, Boost Bike Hub, New Forest Cycling, Moors Valley, Hampshire Police, Bournemouth University, Forestry Commission and Southampton Central railway station.

Although it is hard to measure the precise impact of reducing the number of car or public transport journeys (and associated emissions), or to quantify the benefits of better health and wellbeing, we believe these are significant.

Keeping the wheels on

NFBP seek to achieve a sensible balance of income streams and earned revenue from the sale of bikes; either subsidised for local people in need, or at local market rates to the wider community. The sale of refurbished components and taught sessions at the New Milton workshop help to deliver some additional revenue.

Grants from charitable organisations and businesses aligned with our social objectives are also a main source of income. These help with capital expenditure and running costs, such as workshop premises and the van - literally helping us keep the wheels on.

Special thanks go to our supporters who have made grants in the past year: **Waitrose, Sun Life Financial of Canada, New Forest District Council, Cycling UK, Local Giving and Co-op.**

If you or your organisation would like to help us 'just get on with it', then contact Louis at New Forest Bike Project CIC:

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2020/21 milestones

The number of people served and bikes recycled was 600 over the last year - in line with our original projections of c50 per month.

NFBP has helped reduce the need for many thousands of local vehicle miles.

The average cost of a refurbished bike (where sold) is at a market rate of between £40-£80 - significantly below the cost of a new bike.

We installed a £2000 cycle repair stand outside our workshop premises for FREE public use.

With *'just get on with it'* as our motto, we hit our financial projections in spite of Covid-19, with tight control of our expenditure and cost base coupled with funding from our supporters.

Although the impact of the pandemic has inevitably hit some areas like volunteering and teaching, we remained open for most of our work, including essential free bike servicing for key workers.

