

Looking to incorporate some exercise into your commute a few days a week?

Want to swap the car for a bike and cycle to the train station on sunny days?

Or what about that client meeting you have in town every week?

Surely cycling the 1 mile trip would be so much quicker than taking the car.....

Ever thought how much fun it would be to cycle to the park or the swimming baths with the kids on a weekend, but you don't have a bike?

## Sign up to TfGM Business Travel Network to take advantage of BfB

1. Email [sustainable.journeys@tfgm.com](mailto:sustainable.journeys@tfgm.com) to register your interest:
2. Pick selection of bikes based on needs (commute, deliveries, leisure etc.)
3. Loan period up to 3 months
4. Cycle training can be provided to any employees who feel they lack confidence/skills

### THE CHRISTIE HOSPITAL

After a successful loan with TfGM the Christies has gone on to develop and run their own pool bike scheme. The positive results and employee feedback persuaded hospital bosses to fund the purchase of ten pool bikes, equipment, secure storage and a maintenance package.



*"Easy to get around, arrived at meetings on time without worrying about parking. Felt good getting some exercise."*

*"I love the convenience of taking the bike for a short ride at lunch."*

The **FREE** scheme enables businesses to 'try before you buy' with a wide range of hybrid, electric, folding and cargo bikes to choose from.



*"Thanks to my work signing up to **Bikes for Business** I took a free bike on loan, and after taking part in TfGM's free on-road cycle training I commuted to work all summer. It has built up my confidence to ride safely on the road and I love the energy buzz I feel when I arrive at work. And I burnt some calories too!" **Maxine: Great Places Housing Group***

### WIGAN COUNCIL

Wigan Council have reported that since enrolling onto the scheme they have recorded an increase in cycling commutes and a rise in employees signing up to their cycle to work scheme.



Wouldn't it be great if you could try before you buy?

# Bikes for Business

TfGM's **Bikes for Business** scheme enables businesses to loan bikes on a temporary basis for the benefit of staff; to be used for commuting, business and leisure trips.

## BfB Scheme

Transport for Greater Manchester's (TfGM) Bikes for Business scheme is designed to encourage more people to give cycling a try, particularly for trips to and from work and meetings.

Businesses can borrow a range of bikes from TfGM for their employees to use. The bikes can be used for commuting, work, and leisure purposes.

### The bikes on offer

Bikes are suitable for the majority of journeys to and from work.

Each bike is supplied with locks, tools and equipment for emergency repairs (such as punctures), a hi-vis waistcoat, and a cycle helmet.



**Women's and men's hybrid bikes:** for use on roads and cycle tracks with a reasonable surface

**Women's and men's flat bar road bike:** a lightweight design for men and women, for use on roads only

**Folding bikes:** great for journeys that include buses or trains

**E-Bikes:** Ideal for most people, especially those traveling long / topography journeys

**E-cargo bikes:** sustainable & effective tool for the delivery of goods in cities and towns

### Loan period

Bikes are available for an initial period of up to three months.

**Bikes for Business**



## Setting Up a BfB Scheme

### Bikes & Accessories

If you would like to see some photos of the bikes or want to speak to the team regarding suitability please let us know, this might help in your choice.

We supply lights, locks, helmets, hi-visibility vests and items that are needed to deal with a puncture.

### Security

You will need somewhere secure to keep the bikes.

All e-bikes need to be kept secure and under cover so they don't get wet. Ideally all accessories should be kept separate, for example in a locker.

### Booking System Requirements

All BfB loan schemes require a booking system – either using a central calendar such as Outlook or TfGM can provide an online booking system with operating guidance.

We ask for this so you can keep track of the bikes and also ensure we can track how much the bikes have been used which will help us to survey the individuals at a later date and evaluate the schemes impact.

### As part of the scheme, please also consider:

- That staff are aware of our cycle training courses:  
<https://www.tfgm.com/cycling/training>
- Wearing of helmets or hi-visibility clothing is not compulsory; it is up to your organisation to decide on its own policies.
- Our standard loan period is 3 months.

To set up the scheme you will need to complete and sign a **TfGM-employer** agreement form

Email [sustainable.journeys@tfgm.com](mailto:sustainable.journeys@tfgm.com) to register your interest: