

Useful links

www.electricbikemag.co.uk

www.atob.org.uk/electric-bike-reviews.html

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/cycling

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/smartertravel

www.travelplus.org.uk



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Borrow a Bike travel smarter



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Two week free trial! travel

Give cycling a try

Save money, get fitter and feel better this year. Commute to work by bike! Our new Borrow a Bike scheme, aimed at those who are considering cycling to work, will give you a taster so you can find out if cycling works for you. Maybe you already cycle but would like to try an electric bike or a folding bike? Borrow it from us for two weeks completely free of charge and see how you get on. There are no hidden costs and no catches, so travel smarter this year.



How the scheme works

1 Pick up a voucher for the scheme

- You can get one through our Travel+ Road Shows that are visiting local places of work
- You can email sustainable.travel@n-somerset.gov.uk to request a voucher
- Your voucher will give you details of your nearest participating cycle shop. If the shop is too far away from you, we may be able to deliver the bike to your house.

2 Phone the shop to make an appointment, check requirements and availability.

You can choose from:

- A hybrid bike – this is a robust road bicycle
- An electric bike – an e-bike helps with the hills
- A folding bike – easy to use on public transport.



3 Visit shop at appointed time

- You will need to take photo ID with you and leave a £50 refundable deposit or card swipe
- The shop will tailor-fit a bike to your needs
- The shop will explain the bike to you and provide safety advice
- You will need to sign the Borrow a Bike agreement.

4 Ride the bike away and enjoy two weeks of free cycling

- The shop is responsible for maintenance and repairs but does not provide a recovery service

- You will receive a phone call during your two weeks to check that everything is OK.
- You are responsible for damage caused by a crash or neglect.

5 After two weeks, return the bike to the shop at an agreed time

- You may be able to extend your trial if there are no other bookings
- You will be asked to fill in a short questionnaire about how you found the trial.

It's as easy as that.
Happy cycling!

