

DROITWICH CYCLING, WALKING & WHEELING

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CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

Welcome to our Spring & Summer edition! **This milestone edition marks an incredible achievement: DCWWG has now officially been operating for 1 year!** As the days stretch out and the warmth finally returns to Worcestershire, we have an incredible line-up of community updates, successes, and fresh opportunities to share. This past year has been all about growth, connection, and making active travel an irresistible choice for everyone in Droitwich.

From breaking records in national challenges to expanding our vital school initiatives, our community's energy has never been higher. Let's keep rolling, walking, and wheeling together into a beautiful summer season!

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR BIKE BUS PROGRAMME

Coming Soon: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Route

Following months of careful route mapping, safety assessments, and fantastic engagement with families and school staff, anticipation is building for our second official Bike Bus route serving **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School!** While the route hasn't launched just yet, preparations are in the final stages. We are excited to announce that the official launch date is locked in for **Wednesday, 8th July 2026**, just in time for the final stretch of the school year. Designed to build road confidence for younger pupils aged 5–10, this supervised weekly route will soon turn morning car commutes into joyful, active convoys.

Westacre Middle School Continuous Success

Our pioneer Westacre Bike Bus continues to be the heartbeat of our morning school runs. Even during unpredictable spring showers, our dedicated volunteers and energetic riders have kept momentum high, dramatically reducing school-gate congestion and bringing focused, ready-to-learn students to the classroom every single week.

OUR FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS

An initiative of this scale is only made possible through the generous backing of organizations that share our vision for a healthier, more connected community. We extend our deepest thanks to:

- **Open Google Calendar App ScheduleBike Worcester** — bikeworcester.org.uk
- **Wychavon District Council** — wychavon.gov.uk
- **Walk Wheel Cycle Trust** — walkwheelcycletrust.org.uk
- **Aquabio** — Aquabio.co.uk
- **Droitwich Spa Town Council** — droitwichspa.gov.uk
- **Droitwich Lions Club**
- **Worcestershire County Council** — worcestershire.gov.uk

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2026

Big Walk & Wheel Success

Droitwich Spa High School achieved an outstanding national ranking, logging over 2,000 active journeys and finishing 20th in the country! Students arrived energized with calmer traffic levels recorded.

5TH APRIL 2026

Easter Family Fun Day

We had a fantastic presence at Vines Park for the Easter Family Fun Day! It was wonderful engaging with local families, promoting active travel, and offering quick bicycle checks on a beautiful spring day.

25TH APRIL 2026

Inaugural Critical Mass Ride

A massive milestone! We hosted our very first Critical Mass ride starting from Lido Park. It was an inspiring group journey celebrating visibility, cycling solidarity, and safe urban spaces.

MAY 2026

Bike Marking with Police

Partnering with local policing teams, we hosted a massive bike-marking and security event to combat theft, registering local cycles onto national security databases.

ROUTES & VOLUNTEERING

Ready to explore the beautiful Worcestershire countryside this summer? Try these top curated picks:

Leigh Court Barn Ride

14 miles (one-way) • Scenic flat lanes

Greyfriars' House Loop

17 miles (round-trip) • History & culture

The Riverside Café Challenge

31 miles (round-trip) • Weekend group outing

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our group runs entirely on the passion and time of local people. We are looking for:

- **Bike Repair Mechanics:** Carry out safety checks and basic maintenance. All tools and training provided—beginners welcome!
- **Bike Bus Marshals:** Help supervise children on our school runs, ensuring safety. Regular or occasional availability is welcome.

JUNE 2026

"Room to Ride" Launch

Our team proudly supported the official launch of Bike Worcester's brand-new *Room to Ride* campaign advocating safer overtaking distances. **The launch video is now available to view online by searching "Bike Worcester" on YouTube!** We also celebrated midsummer with a evening ride along local towpaths.

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS & REGIONAL COMMUNITY POP-UPS

Our dedicated volunteer mechanics have been busy moving across the region to provide critical mechanical support, safety evaluations, and tune-ups through our popular **Dr. Bike Sessions**. This season saw a massive focus on local schools alongside festive community milestones:

Grassroots School Dr. Bike Sessions

To prepare pupils for active commuting and the launch of new initiatives, we hosted targeted safety and maintenance sessions on-site at our local schools:

Date	Location / School Campus	Focus & Impact
29th April 2026	Droitwich Spa High School	Post-Walk & Wheel multi-point cycle safety verifications.
30th April 2026	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Pre-launch fleet checks to ensure smooth rides for upcoming July routes.
1st May 2026	Westacre Middle School	Spring brake tuning, tire pressure checks, and gear adjustment workshop.
2nd June 2026	Westacre Middle School	Summer mid-term mechanical safety inspection pop-up clinic.

28TH MAY 2026

Evesham Velo Park Pop-up Clinic

Taking our mechanical support regional! Our team spent the day at the Evesham Velo Park providing dedicated Dr. Bike checkups, adjusting gear cables, rectifying alignments, and sharing tips for tracking performance and recreational endurance on the circuit.

JUNE 2026 FESTIVAL SEASON

Rik Mayall Festival Launch Party Repair Hub

Right in the beating heart of town! We set up a lively public Bike Repair station directly on Droitwich High Street for the official Rik Mayall Festival Launch Party. It was a spectacular day of music, laughs, and fixing up commuter cycles on the spot while connecting directly with the wider arts community.

FUTURE EVENTS & DIGITAL CALENDAR

Don't miss a single ride, workshop, or bike marking hub! Our full interactive schedule of activities is constantly updated online. Scan or copy our live calendar link to add upcoming group rides directly to your mobile calendar app:

Follow Our Official Interactive Schedule:

[Open Google Calendar App Schedule](#)

COMMUNITY SHOUTOUTS

A massive thank you to **PCSO Pat Holland** for leading our bike-marking initiatives, all of our brilliant **Morning Marshals** who keep our children safe with warm smiles, and our invaluable partner **Bike Worcester** for their ongoing regional support and guidance.

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