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£1.1MILLION CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR CYCLING PROJECTS IN SCOTLAND

- *Another 13 community and club cycling projects in Scotland to receive investment from the Cycling Facilities Fund*
- *Over £1.1million being invested in the second round of projects*
- *The fund will deliver a tangible benefit from the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships – Glasgow & Scotland by celebrating the unique power of the bike and all it can bring to our everyday lives*

Communities across Scotland are celebrating as the Scottish Government and **sportscotland** announce another 13 projects will receive investment from the £8million Cycling Facilities Fund. Projects in seven different local authorities will share £1,143,825 to develop accessible, inclusive and inspiring cycling facilities.

Sports Minister, Maree Todd, said:

“I am delighted that more communities across Scotland will benefit through the cycling facilities fund. We have seen a record increase in the number of people participating in cycling particularly during these very challenging times. It is important we continue to build on the interest in cycling and the positive impact it has on health and wellbeing helping us achieve our vision of an active Scotland where everyone benefits from sport and physical activity for their physical, mental and social health.”

“This investment in accessible, inclusive and inspiring cycling facilities will also deliver a legacy from the Cycling World Championships in 2023 for decades. By taking this innovative and collaborative approach to investment in cycling we can

harness the power of the bike and encourage communities across Scotland to realise the many health, environmental and economic benefits of riding a bike.”

The projects set to benefit from this second round of investment are:

- Transition Extreme New Pump Track, Aberdeen, £50,000
- North Berwick Pump Track, East Lothian, £50,000
- Lochore Meadows Whitewood MTB trails, Fife, £49,466
- Middleden Mountain Bike trails and skills area, Fife, £100,000
- Bellahouston Park Cycle Hub, Glasgow, £100,000
- Cathkin Braes Cycle Hub, Glasgow, £145,800
- Pollok Park Cycle Hub, Glasgow, £100,000
- Lochaber Wheeled Sport New Bike Park, Highland, £290,000
- Abriachan MTB Trails and Pumptrack, Highland, £50,000
- Auchterarder CSR New Pump Track, Perth & Kinross, £50,000
- Getting Better Together Shotts New Pump Track, North Lanarkshire, £50,000
- St Philips Neighbourhood Safe Cycling Tracks, North Lanarkshire, £50,000
- Cumbernauld Centurions BMX Track, North Lanarkshire, £58,559

With today’s announcement, 22 community cycling projects have now received investment totalling £2,698,458 since the fund was launched.

The national Cycling Facilities Fund was established to build on the growing interest in cycling by developing a network of accessible facilities to encourage people of all ages to ride bikes and enjoy the sport of cycling. It will also deliver a tangible benefit as part of the wider policy objectives driving the forthcoming 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, which will take place in Glasgow and Scotland bringing together the 13 existing World Championship cycling disciplines into one event for the very first time.

Chief Executive of sportscotland, Stewart Harris, said:

“These continue to be challenging times for everyone, but we know that sport and physical activity has an important part to play in the recovery of the nation. By investing in local facilities like these, more people can be more active.

“By working together with a range of partners including the Scottish Government, Scottish Cycling, the National Lottery, and the National Lottery players we are able to support communities across Scotland in their ambition to deliver projects like this.”

The fund has been made possible through a £4million commitment of Capital funding from Scottish Government and £4million of National Lottery funding from **sportscotland**. This significant investment in infrastructure is being delivered through a partnership between Scottish Cycling and **sportscotland** to ensure projects can have a lasting impact.

Clubs, education establishments, local authorities or leisure trusts, charitable organisations, community sport hubs and community organisations can all apply to the Cycling Facilities Fund and demand has been high, underlining that there is real demand for community facilities of this kind.

Nick Rennie, Chief Executive of Scottish Cycling said:

“This is another major milestone for the Cycling Facilities Fund, as round two of investment sees another 13 sites receive financial support, to turn their dreams into a reality. As the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships approach, we’re determined to ensure our cycling clubs, and cyclists across Scotland, have safe places to ride their bikes, and these projects do just that. As with the first round, I’m delighted to see such a brilliant spread of geographical locations and cycling disciplines, but once again, we still have plenty of funding available to support more great projects in 2022.”

The world’s best riders will take centre stage at the UCI World Cycling Championships in 2023, but the Championships is more than just an event and will celebrate the unique power of the bike and all it can bring to our everyday lives, whether it’s physical and mental health benefits, easing congestion on the road to help the environment, or simply making it easier for people to get around. Underpinned by four key policy drivers - participation, transport, tourism and economy - the Championships will be a catalyst for behavioural change across Scotland moving forward.

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Notes to editors:

- More information on the Cycling Facilities Fund is available on the [sportscotland website](#)
- The three key objectives for the fund are to:
 - Inspire the nation to cycle by developing accessible, inclusive and inspiring facilities
 - Grow and develop club and community cycling through multi-discipline hubs with safe coaching and skills development areas; and
 - To develop the events infrastructure by building or upgrading facilities capable of hosting local and regional events.
- Working closely with Scottish Cycling, **sportscotland** developed clear guidance to identify priorities to ensure projects can make a lasting impact.

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