

Up-cycled cycle storage – Shooters Grove Primary School, Sheffield

Shooter's Grove Primary school in Sheffield wanted to promote cycling as a form of transport to and from school, particularly as they already had a high number of pupils walking. One barrier which was identified was a lack of specific cycle storage where cycles could be kept upright and safe from damage caused by lying bikes on the floor.

The school along with ModeshiftSTARS staff decided to make their own cycle storage by recycling old wooden pallets. This provided a valuable opportunity for children to learn about environmental and conservational issues and how they could help to reduce waste by recycling. It is also a great example of a low cost, but effective idea to solve an otherwise potentially expensive problem.

The school sourced the wooden pallets from a local builders merchant and the caretaker constructed the pallets once they had been painted by the pupils. There was a grand opening of the cycle storage where children and parents enjoyed a free healthy breakfast and had a chance to cycle in the playground before the school day started. It was a great celebration of the school's achievement.

The grand opening was followed up with a cycle safety assembly for the whole school, where children learned about how to keep themselves safe when riding their bikes and the importance of being seen by other road users. A very busy Dr Bike session then took place, where all three cycle racks were full, demonstrating the value of the project.

