



# A brolly good idea!

## Project overview

To discourage nearly half the school's parents driving to the school gates on rainy afternoons, Mauricewood Primary School ran a pilot umbrella loan scheme in February and March 2011.

## How it worked

The pilot school was chosen where the number of vehicles collecting pupils on wet afternoons was particularly high.

Buckets of umbrellas were located at school exits along with signing out books. On wet days, pupils take an umbrella from the box and sign it out, signing it back in the next day.

The scheme was launched at school assemblies and letters were given out to parents, telling them not to rush to collect children by car on wet days – their child could 'borrow a brolly'.

Sustrans funded 40 brollies for Mauricewood Primary and now more schools in the area have been inspired to run the scheme.

## Results

Now fewer parents are driving to pick up pupils on rainy afternoons - and less traffic makes it safer and more pleasant for the pupils to walk home.

A follow up survey showed 93% of parents felt it was a good idea, over 60% of pupils are using the scheme, and teachers are happy to run the signing out books.

**Project name**  
Borrow a Brolly

**Location**  
Midlothian

**Target group**  
Primary School Pupils

**Headline**  
Wet home times at a Penicuik primary are covered thanks to a 'Borrow a Brolly' scheme.

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