

Case Study

Bike shelter

Holton Primary School
Barry, Vale of Glamorgan
Primary School



Figure 1: New bike shelter at Holton Primary School.
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Background

Holton Primary School is an urban school in the heart of Barry, serving 402 pupils with a diverse pupil background with 25 different nationalities.

Holton Primary School has been one of 12 pilot schools of the Active Travel School Plan (ATSP) initiative from 2022 on, receiving support from a ATSP officer in writing the active travel school plan.

Key components

A key issue identified in Holton's active travel school plan was the need for improved on-site storage for bikes and scooters. To address this, an initial meeting was held in December 2022 with the school's active travel champion and the local authority's active travel officer.

Following these discussions, and through collaboration between the ATSP officer and the school champion, funding for the storage shelter was secured through the local authority, via the 2022/23 Active Travel Fund (ATF) core allocation. The shelter was built and installed by a third-party contractor by December 2023.

Results

Alisha Gibson, teacher and school champion for Holton Primary, was the main driving force behind the creation of the bike shelter. She highlighted "the importance of having a bike shelter within a primary school and how it positively impacts our children and their travels to school."

"Since having the bike shelter, more pupils and families are riding or scooting to school. Families feel that their possessions are safe and are happy with its implementation. Teachers spoke with their classes about the shelter during in-class assemblies earlier on this year."

Overall, the active travel school plan helped secure funding for the much-needed bike and scooter storage facility which will be key for allowing children to participate in behaviour change activities like 'park and stride' on the school run or in a whole-school active travel challenge, such as the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

Furthermore, the active travel school plan sparked the idea for Holton Primary to work towards their Active Travel School Award and to meet the qualifying criteria needed to achieve the award as they can now bring their bikes and scooters safely to school.

Quotes



"Having the bike shelter has made travelling to school fun"

– Year 5 Pupil

"I like riding my scooter to school"

– Year 3 Pupil

"My bike can be safe in the shelter"

– Year 4 Pupil

