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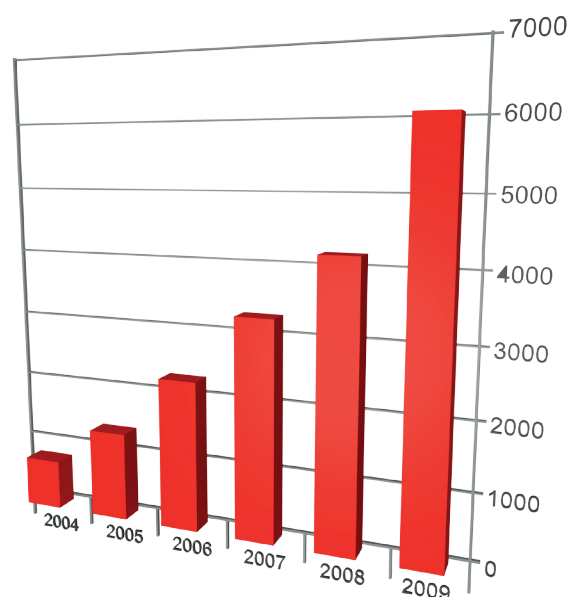
### 2009 at the Bike Station

We received more bikes than ever during 2009: over 6,000 (90t). Since 2004, we have now taken in over 19,000 bikes – the equivalent in weight of the rocket booster of an Ariane 5 spacecraft. Our 20,000th bike is due some time during March 2010.

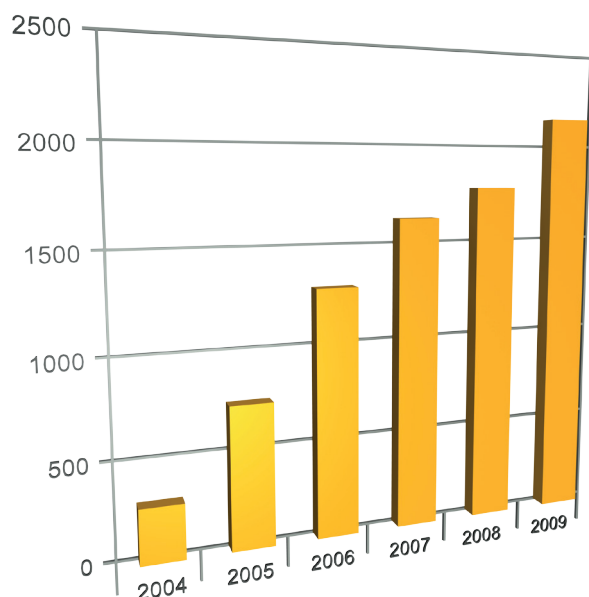
2,100 bikes were repaired and put back on the road, with 84% going to people who would probably not otherwise have got a bike, so are brand new cyclists on Edinburgh's streets.

We worked with over 70 organisations in Edinburgh to promote and encourage cycling, from Edinburgh Airport to the Granton Youth Centre, providing cycle training, Dr Bikes and bike maintenance and other activities, as well as many more in East, West and Midlothian, Perth and Kinross, East Dunbartonshire, Fife and East Renfrewshire.

### Bike donations 2004-2009



### Bikes back on the road 2004-2009



### Safe cycling campaign

With funding from the Scottish Community Foundation and the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership, the Bike Station is currently running a series of events on the Meadows and on other shared cycle and footpaths across Edinburgh to promote safe, legal and polite cycling, in conjunction with the Edinburgh Ranger Service and L&B Police, as well as to encourage cycling in general. Check our website for future dates.

### North Edinburgh cycle paths clean up

28th March – Sustrans are organising a clean up of the North Edinburgh cycle paths, and the Bike Station is taking part with a Dr Bike to check bikes cycled in on the day. Sign up to our website to make sure you regularly receive details of all Dr Bikes and other events.

### Fix Your Own Bike sessions

We doubled the number of workstands available for our Fix Your Own Bike session, so that more people can now come and use our workshop facilities to maintain and keep their bikes on the road. Up to 60 people a week are now using the workshop, even during the winter.

### Greener Leith – We Love Leith

The Bike Station is a project partner in Greener Leith's "We Love Leith" campaign to promote cycling and sustainable transport in Leith, by delivering the cycling element of their project. [www.greenerleith.org](http://www.greenerleith.org) has full details of their project and how you can get involved, as well as details of upcoming events.



Our ever-growing collection of vintage bikes



Taj being presented with a Christiana bike by Edinburgh's Lord Provost. The bike was given to Edinburgh by the Danish Consulate.

### Vintage bikes

The Bike Station's ever-growing collection of vintage, antique and retro bikes made its first public appearance in March 2009 at the Dreams on Wheels exhibition at the Botanic, in conjunction with the Danish Cultural Institute (when bikes were allowed in the gardens for the first time!).

The highlight of the collection is an 1896 Hill and Fowler, donated by MacDonald's Cycles and restored by Bike Station volunteers to a rideable condition, although you maybe wouldn't to cycle it far.

### Scottish Transport Award

November 2008: the Bike Station won a Special Sustainability Scottish Transport Award for its work promoting cycling and sustainable transport.

### Build Your Own Bike

18 Build Your Own Bike courses, funded by the Big Lottery Fund, the Scottish Government and Skills Development Scotland are planned for this year, benefiting young people from a range of backgrounds and a variety of different organisations, introducing them, often for the very first time, to cycling and bicycle maintenance.

### Bike Station debated in Parliament

A Member's Debate about the Bike Station, tabled by Dr Ian McKee MSP, was discussed in Holyrood on February 10th, with closing remarks by Transport Minister Stewart Stevenson. The debate marked the start of the Bike Station's major new project funded by the Climate Challenge Fund - see over the page for details.

### Keep in touch

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## So...what do I get?

We will visit your work to help plan your journey, discussing and looking at the different options available. If you've ever wanted to explore a new route, cycle to work and take the children to school or try out car sharing or the bus then, now is the time!

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# Some of the things on offer:

- Specialist advisors to assist with journey planning
- Free walking/cycling maps
- Loan bikes (like a library but better)
- Cycle training
- Cycle maintenance
- Trial bus passes
- Trial city car club memberships
- Advice on car sharing
- Advice on eco-driving
- Inter-company challenges
- Career/personal development opportunities including certificated training and volunteering opportunities

## Workplace champions

We are looking for people interested in changing their commuting habits to act as workplace champions.

If you are interested in your employer helping you to make a difference in your commuting habits then why not ask your employer to register with the Bike Station for 'A better way to work' or contact us for further information.



**A Better Way to Work:** a Bike Station campaign to promote sustainable and active travel, funded by the Climate Challenge Fund to help Edinburgh lower its carbon footprint to meet Scotland's climate challenge.

## Project partners:



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