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 **Sustainability and green businesses recognised as Scotland’s ‘Cycling Champion Awards’ are announced**

***Dave du Feu*** *of Spokes wins* ***Visionary Champion of the Year*** *for leading cycle campaigning in Edinburgh and the Lothians*

***Steven Rutherford*** *of the Urban Fox Programme received the* ***Delivery Champion of the Year*** *for his commitment to making cycling accessible to everyone in Glasgow*

*Bishopbriggs based family-run bike shop* ***G64 Cycles*** *is* ***Cycle Shop Champion of the Year*** *in recognition of their growth during the pandemic, sustainable ethos and support of local charities*

*Edinburgh cargo bike delivery company* ***Farr Out Deliveries*** *won* ***Business Champion of the Year*** *for their employee-owned approach to sustainable deliveries in the Capital*

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Scotland’s national cycling awards, the ‘Cycling Champion of the Year’ Awards, were announced today during Cycling Scotland’s annual conference, being held during COP26.

Sustainability played a key role for the winners. The Cycle Shop Champion, G64 Cycles, recycles all their inner tubes and re-furbishes bikes heading for landfill, while the Business Champion, Farr Out Deliveries, has taken cars and vans off the road in Edinburgh by using cargo bikes.

Steven Rutherford of the Urban Fox Programme in Glasgow received the Delivery Champion award. He has used his bike maintenance skills to ensure cycling is accessible in deprived areas of the city. Dave du Feu of Spokes was named Visionary Champion in recognition of his tireless campaigning on behalf of people cycling in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

The annual awards, now in their fifth year, are presented in partnership by Cycling Scotland, Cycling UK, Scottish Cycling and Sustrans Scotland. The winners were selected by a judging panel representing each partner organisation after a public nomination process earlier in the year.

The awards recognise the individuals and organisations that have made a lasting impression on cycling in Scotland in the last year. The judging panel were particularly impressed by the breadth and quality of nominations, making selecting winners a challenge.

**Visionary Champion of the Year – Dave du Feu, Spokes**

Dave du Feu has been a leading voice on cycling in Edinburgh and the Lothians for decades as part of Spokes. The campaigns Dave has worked on have helped influence local and national governments, as well as encouraged more people to travel on two wheels.

Consistency is often key to success, and two campaigns in which Dave has been heavily involved for several years came to fruition in 2021 - the right to install a modest front garden bike shed without planning permission, and improvements in Traffic Order rules to make it easier for Councils to install active travel projects.

**Dave du Feu** said: “It’s a great honour to receive this award. It reminds me of all the people who have put in so much time and energy to take cycling from a place where it was regarded as something for eccentrics to a place where everyone wants to do it.  And the many people who are campaigning right now to make it easier and safer. On a personal level, it feels great to be part of that progression.”

**Delivery Champion of the Year – Steven Rutherford, Urban Fox Programme**

Steven Rutherford is the Active Cycle Co-ordinator for the Urban Fox Programme in Glasgow. The judging panel were impressed with Steven’s passion for expanding the reach of cycling to deprived areas of the city. Bringing his experience of working in the bike sales industry, Steven joined the Urban Fox Programme as a volunteer and has led on cycle maintenance, training, bike recycling and more. He has taught volunteers bike maintenance skills, helping to expand the reach of cycling.

**Steven Rutherford** said: “I’m delighted to receive this award, I want to thank everyone who nominated me, our partners and everyone I work with at Urban Fox for the support to receive this award”.

**Business Champion of the Year – Farr Out Deliveries**

Farr Out Deliveries is a cargo bike delivery company in Edinburgh. Established using an employee-owned cooperative model during the first national lockdown in 2020, the company have worked with over 100 local businesses, replacing vans and cars with a more sustainable alternative. They champion cargo bikes at every opportunity, helping to set up Scotland’s first dedicated cargo bike hub in Edinburgh.

**David Squire, co-founder of Farr Out Deliveries** said: “We’re so happy to receive the 2021 Business Champion of the Year. It’s really encouraging to have our hard work recognised by such forward thinking organisations. We love our city, and we think that cargo bikes can play a huge role in the green future of Edinburgh.”

**Cycle Shop Champion of the Year – G64 Cycles**

G64 Cycles is a family-run shop based in Bishopbriggs, Glasgow and are the deserving winner of the Cycle Shop Champion of the Year.

During the first lockdown, in his spare time Peter Flockhart offered free bike repairs at his home to help get people cycling when bikes were in short supply and bike shops inundated with request for repairs. Six weeks and 160 bike repairs later, it became clear a market existed and G64 Cycles was born. In the year since, the family have opened a local bike shop to offer repairs and a range of refurbished and new bikes. Social good is a core principle of G64, with the team accepting donations of old bikes, refurbishing them and donating them to a variety of local charities.

**Katie Flockhart, of G64 Cycles** said: “We’re so proud to be the Cycle Shop Champion, especially as we are a newly established business. We love to help the local community and support charities to get more people into cycling. We are also trying to help tackle the climate emergency by making bikes more accessible through our refurbished bike upcycling activity and minimise our waste by recycling tyres and tubes."

**Christopher Johnson, Head of Education and Training, Cycling Scotland** said: “In another incredibly challenging year, with the global pandemic and facing up to the climate emergency, it’s brilliant to recognise the deserving winners of these awards who have gone above and beyond to ensure as many people as possible can make sustainable choices by enjoying the benefits of cycling.”

**Suzanne Forup, Head of Development Scotland for Cycling UK** said: “The quality of nominations this year shows just how many people in Scotland are dedicated to improving lives through cycling. Each of the winners has made a really significant impact in their local area and we congratulate them all.”

**Melanie Toner, Participation Programs Manager with Scottish Cycling** said: “Scottish Cycling is happy to once again promote the Cycling Champion Awards in collaboration with our partners, especially when there is such a worthy list of winners from an array of different backgrounds. It was an absolute pleasure for me to present one of the awards, which are a great celebration of our sector.”

**Des McAllister, Delivery Coordinator at Sustrans Scotland** said: “The Cycling Champion Awards demonstrate the best and most inspiring people and organisations working to promote cycling within Scotland. Sustrans is proud to support these awards and congratulates the winners.”

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**Visionary Champion**: Dave du Feu
**Delivery Champion**: Steven Rutherford
**Business Champion**: Alex Fitzhowle, Iain Steven, David Squire and Junita Calder
**Cycle Shop Champion**: Ben Flockhart, Katie Flockhart, Lesley Flockhart and Thomas Flockhart

**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

The 2021 Cycling Champion of the Year Awards were presented to:

* Visionary Champion of the Year - Dave du Feu, Spokes Lothian
* Delivery Champion of the Year - Steven Rutherford, Urban Fox Programme
* Business Champion of the Year - Farr Out Deliveries
* Cycle Shop Champion of the Year – G64 Cycles

**About the Cycling Champion Awards**

The Cycling Champion Awards are Scotland’s national cycling awards. They recognise the people and organisations that have made the largest impact on cycling in the past year. The awards were first presented in 2017, making 2021 the fifth time they have been presented.

The awards are presented in partnership by [Cycling Scotland](https://www.cycling.scot/), [Cycling UK](https://www.cyclinguk.org/), [Scottish Cycling](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/scotland) and [Sustrans Scotland](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/about-us/our-work-in-scotland).

Previous winners include:

2020

* Visionary Champion: Cllr Lesley Macinnes
* Delivery Champion: Cathy Miller
* Business Champion: Civerinos Slice
* Cycle Shop Champion: Heaven Bikes

2019

* Visionary Champion: Cllr Anna Richardson, Highly Commended: Ben Raw, Laura Nisbet

2018

* Visionary Champion: Michael Heath, Highly Commended: Kirsteen Torrance
* Young Cycling Champion: Steven McCormick

2017

* Visionary Champion: Sally Hinchcliffe, Highly Commended: Dominic Doyle

**About Cycling Scotland**

Cycling Scotland is the nation’s cycling organisation. Working in partnership with other organisations, with funding from Transport Scotland, we help create an environment for everyone in Scotland to cycle easily and safely. Our vision is of a sustainable, inclusive and healthy Scotland where anyone, anywhere can enjoy all the benefits of cycling. For more information, please visit [www.cycling.scot](http://www.cycling.scot)

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