

Woodland Learning Adventures Report E-Cargo Bike



Woodland Learning Adventures would like to extend our utmost thanks to 'Spokes' for their support in our purchase of an electric cargo bike in February of 2021.

With your help we purchased a Riese & Muller Load 75, electric cargo bike. This is a 2 wheeled electric bike with a substantial cargo box facility positioned in front of the rider. It has a maximum load capacity of 100kg and we went for a model with 'off road' capability specifications. This allows us to ride our bike; complete with our essential kit, directly into the woodland base camps that we use to deliver our Forest School sessions.

Having received our bike in February 2021 we delivered the remainder of our Forest School sessions of that academic year using it to get us and our kit to and from our sites 3 times per week for 16 weeks. Riding from Portobello to sites in and around Holyrood Park we were able to use mainly cycle paths and avoid the busy roads at commuter times. This greatly increased our own sense of well being and satisfaction but also created a sense of completion to our work and the message we try to promote through it. We finally were able to deliver our environmental message while demonstrating it via sustainable 'green' transport.

It cannot be over stated how important it is to us to deliver environmental education in this very sustainable way. We hope to encourage and inspire those we work with to become stewards of the natural world and are so pleased to do so through positive example.

In August 2021 we moved to Prestonpans and have continued to deliver 2 out of 3 woodland sessions using the cargo bike. This equates to 40 miles each week and means we can avoid driving a polluting vehicle through very busy city streets at peak times. Instead we cycle on quite; very often beautiful, cycle paths.

Our e-cargo bike has helped us to deliver outdoor education and positive outdoor experiences for over 50 children per week for over 65 weeks at this stage and will continue to do so for many years to come. Thank you Spokes.

The WLA Team
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