Spokes granted £1090, 50% of the cost, to assist *MG Handyman* to buy a cargobike in 2023.

Below is a brief report from Murray, who is a self employed handyman, undertaking general maintenance repair work in Edinburgh area. Phone 07920 435343.

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I have been using my cargo bike for about 3 months now and been very pleased with it so far.

I was undecided on which style of bike to opt for and in the end went for a Radwagon 4, long tail design.

Doing handyman work often means carrying out a variety of jobs requiring a range of tools/materials. Most of the time I can manage with a toolbag/ and or box, which this bike carries with ease whilst still providing a pleasant riding experience and manoeuvrability in traffic.

I have always cycled whenever I can but this bike allows me to cycle more, whilst carrying much heavier loads than I ever could before. I often get to destinations as quickly as when on 4 wheels or even quicker through town traffic.

I have still to experiment with making up a couple of boxes to load it further and also the possibility of combining with a trailer but it's going well to date.

I very much appreciate the support that <u>Spokes</u> have provided in the form of a grant and also to the <u>Cargo</u> <u>Bike Movement</u> who provided me with a lot of useful information on Cargo bikes and allowed me to trial a number of different types and make an informed decision.

