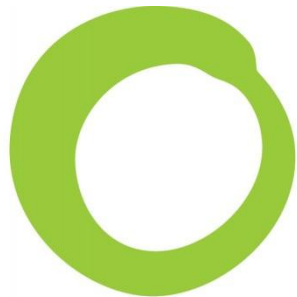


# Huddersfield Cycling Survey results

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# Cycling survey

## ***Rationale***

Survey to find out what would make cycling in the Huddersfield area easier, safer, more family-friendly.

## ***Outcomes:***

The survey findings will help us identify key action points and ways in which we can support council & other cycling campaign efforts to create lasting improvements for cyclists in the Huddersfield area.

## ***Methodology***

From June - Sept

Street Bikes event & University stalls paper survey

On-line

Via FoE website and social media

## ***Results.....***

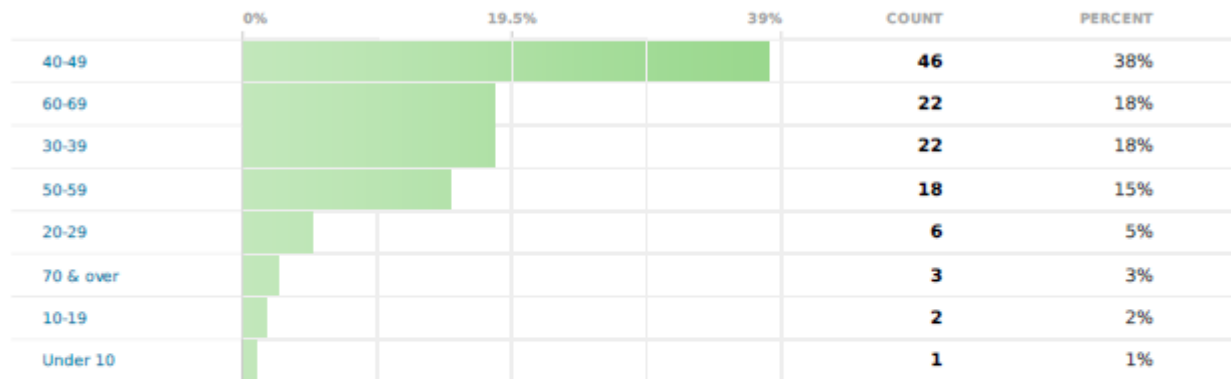
# Participants age and gender spread

Question  
**09**

Please could you tell us what age range are you in? (*Mandatory*)

Answers  
**120**  
100%

Skips  
**0**  
0%

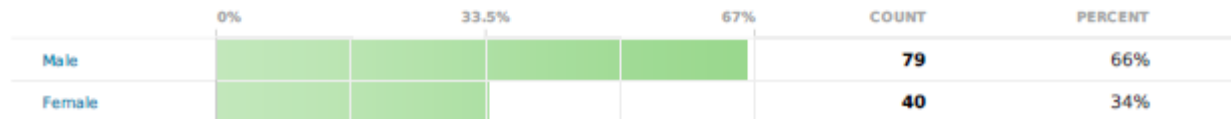


Question  
**10**

Please could also state your gender: (*Mandatory*)

Answers  
**119**  
99%

Skips  
**1**  
1%



Key Points:

- Mostly over 40 males

# Cycling activity

Question

**01**

Which of the following best describes your cycling activity?  
(Mandatory)

Answers

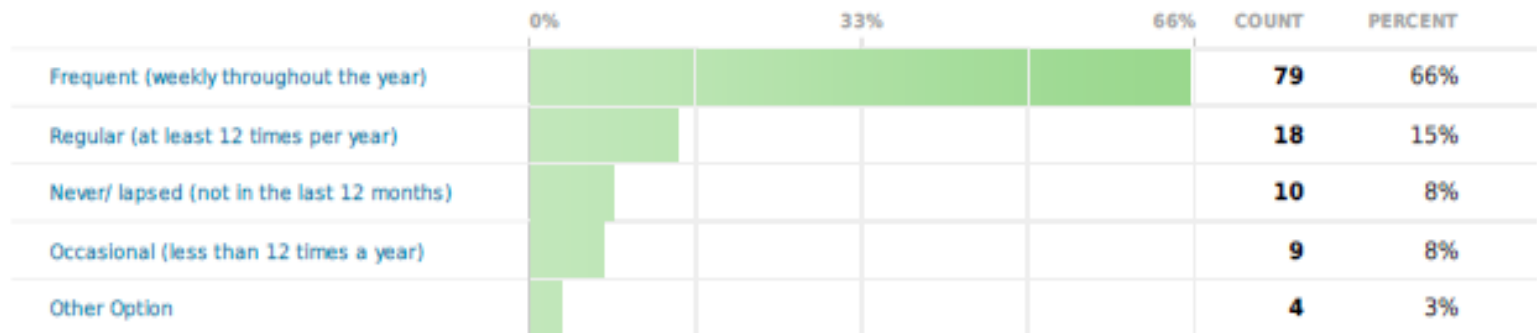
**120**

100%

Skips

**0**

0%



Key Points:

- Most survey participants were frequent/ active cyclists

# Cycling purposes

Question

02

Please tick as many of the following which apply to you

Answers

110

92%

Skips

10

8%

|  | YES |
|--|-----|
| I cycle to work  | 55  |
| I am a pupil/ student and cycle to school/ college/ university   | 6   |
| I cycle to the shops/ other 'utility' journeys                   | 39  |
| I cycle to keep fit/ lose weight                                 | 86  |
| I cycle as a family activity                                     | 43  |
| I cycle as a sport/ leisure activity                             | 83  |
| I cycle on holiday   | 61  |
| I attend organised cycling events eg Sky Ride local/ cycle clubs | 51  |

Key Points:

- Mostly keep fit/lose weight/ leisure/ sport
- Less for utility journeys/ commuting

# Barriers to cycling

Question  
**03**

Which of the following acts as a barrier to you cycling at all, or cycling more often? (*Mandatory*)

Answers  
**120**  
100%

Skips  
**0**  
0%

|   | STRONGLY AGREE | AGREE     | DISAGREE  | STRONGLY DISAGREE | DON'T KNOW |
|---|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| I don't own a bike                              | 9              | 3         | 15        | <b>92</b>         | 1          |
| Bike maintenance issue/bike needs repair        | 4              | 22        | 26        | <b>67</b>         | 1          |
| The weather (eg when windy/ rainy)              | 10             | <b>50</b> | 33        | 26                | 1          |
| The hilly terrain around Huddersfield           | 12             | 22        | 39        | <b>44</b>         | 3          |
| Personal health issues                          | 6              | 17        | 20        | <b>75</b>         | 2          |
| Traffic safety issues                           | 32             | <b>49</b> | 25        | 13                | 1          |
| Lack of cycle parking at my journey destination | 13             | 29        | <b>35</b> | 35                | 7          |
| Lack of confidence and skills to cycle          | 8              | 10        | 28        | <b>70</b>         | 3          |

Key points:

- Traffic safety
- Cycle parking
- Weather/ hilly terrain
- Answers reflect 'active cyclist' profile

# Improvements in Huddersfield?

Question  
**04**

Which of the following would improve cycling in Huddersfield? (Please rank in order of preference) (*Mandatory*)

Answers  
**120**  
100%

Skips  
**0**  
0%

| RANK | CHOICE   | WEIGHTED RANK |             |             |             |             |             |  |
|------|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| 1    | More greenways (eg mostly traffic-free cycle routes not on roads)                  | 1.63          | <div></div> | <div></div> |             |             |             |  |
| 2    | More cycling facilities on the roads (e.g. cycle lanes and better junction design) | 1.95          | <div></div> | <div></div> |             |             |             |  |
| 3    | Bike maintenance support & training  | 3.77          | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> |             |  |
| 4    | Access to bikes for loan/ free/ affordable.  | 4.30          | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> |  |
| 5    | Cycling skills support & training  | 4.48          | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> |  |
| 6    | Greater availability of electric bikes (e.g. sales, hiring, re-charging hubs)      | 4.82          | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> | <div></div> |  |

## Key Points:

- Better off road routes
- Improved cycle lanes/ safety features on road routes

# Suggestions – cycle friendly Kirklees

Question  
**05**

Do you have any other suggestions for ways to make cycling in Huddersfield & Kirklees easier, safer & more family-friendly?

Answers  
**77**  
64%

Skips  
**43**  
36%

More & better  
greenways,  
canal paths and  
cycle paths

Educate drivers  
about cyclists

Monitor parking/  
misuse of cycle  
lanes by motorists

20mph speed limits

Improve road  
surfaces

Bike training for  
children & families

Better marketing of  
events and routes

Cycle to school -  
cycle parking at high  
schools etc

Boris bikes  
Bikes on buses  
Park & ride

Remove street  
furniture clutter

Sharing wide  
pavements in town  
with pedestrians



# Suggestions - safety

Question

06

If you are concerned about traffic safety and cycling, do you have any suggestions as to specific locations where cycle lanes/ other measures might be useful?

Answers

70

58%

Skips

50

42%

## Town centre

Needs coherent cycle routes through it (both ways.) Current cross town route is effectively only one way and there is no signed north to south route.

Lockwood to  
Honley

Huddersfield to  
Brighouse

Lockwood/ Chapel Hill

Manchester Rd

Meltham to  
Huddersfield

Holmfirth to  
Huddersfield

Penistone Rd

Woodhead Rd

## Greenways

Kirkburton  
Fenay  
Meltham  
Colne Valley  
& linking up  
existing greenways

Church Lane, Mirfield

Bradford Rd  
Leeds Rd  
Balderstone Rd  
New Hey Rd

# General comments

I cycled in Glasgow but Huddersfield is scary.

Make the town feel like a cycle centric place to cycle

Flatten all the hills and ensure it never rains, is never windy, is never cold, and is never too hot.

Make key routes across & into towns safe & accessible & well signed. Make sure they link up where possible.

I have 2 children who are very keen to cycle on the roads. However I am reluctant to let them as I fear for their safety!!!!

Better spatial planning in general with all traffic (pedestrians, cyclists, cars, public transport) given due consideration when planning takes place

# Summary

## Key Points:

- Survey participants mostly active cyclists
- Traffic safety key barrier/ concern
- Cycle parking also flagged up

## Suggested improvements

- More & better off road routes
- Improved safety features on roads
- Better cycle parking facilities in town/ workplaces/ schools
- Educate motorists about safe driving near cyclists
- Improve road surfaces
- Prevent parking in cycle lane
- Specific problem areas highlighted

# Way forward

Making cycling in Huddersfield easier, safer and more family-friendly is a big task

## **Huddersfield Friends of the Earth suggestions**

- Regular forum for cycling organisations
- Chance for cyclists to input on all new highway-related developments so that needs of cyclists are considered within plans (eg Kirklees College, Sports Centre, changes to ring road)
- Some way for cyclists to tell highways about existing problem areas – either through meetings with highways or through an interactive online maps (such as used in City Connect project in Leeds/Bradford, see: [www.cyclecityconnect.co.uk/participate.php](http://www.cyclecityconnect.co.uk/participate.php))
- Town centre - sort out routes, signage in town centre as a 'quick win' first start and signal that Huddersfield is a cycle-friendly town

# Huddersfield Friends of the Earth

Huddersfield Friends of the Earth is a new group for Huddersfield which aims to take positive action on climate change and a range of environmental issues both locally and nationally

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