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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-036885-18
Cycling in the Retford area**

Thank you for your request for information relating to cycling in the Retford area. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

- 1. Plans for improving cycling in the Retford area, in particular making it safer to cycle to school for children and parents;** There is no specific funding allocated to cycling in Retford.
- 2. What funding is spent, to be spent, or planned for the next two years;** please see below
- 3. What funding is there for safety for Cyclists in Retford.**

Grant funding from the Department for Transport enables primary/secondary schools and their school community to engage with the core levels of Bikeability - Level 1, 2, 3. Each year the Scheme offers training to all county schools and academies subject to availability of places. To date, 1033 places have been delivered to children attending Bassetlaw schools this current financial year of which 101 places were from children attending schools in the Retford area.

Level 1 courses are off road (traffic free). Level 2 courses are designed to ensure that all participants learn to ride on quiet roads and to make a journey independently. Level 3 courses build on those skills to be able to ride on busier roads safely; understanding advanced road positioning techniques including communication with other road users and route planning. All courses include bike maintenance (appropriate to the level), encourage helmet wearing and appropriate hi viz clothing and bike security.

In addition to the above core levels we also offer the option of:

Transition cycle courses for year 6 children who wish to commute to their secondary school;

Safari which is a led cycle ride for children who have completed level 2 course (and do not have a commutable route to secondary school)

We also have holiday activity cycle courses and family rides at different venues across the county during school holidays and weekends.

We also support groups including scouts, tri-clubs to achieve their in-house cycle badges.

The current Grant funding will continue in 2019-2020;(funding from 2016-2020), beyond that date. Schemes are expected to receive more information late September 2019, (2020 – 2024) programme.

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, [click here](#) to see the Disclosure logs.

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Yours sincerely

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