

CYCLING SCOTLAND FUNDING

Bridgewater Housing Association has been awarded a grant of £17,136 from **Cycling Scotland** as part of an initiative to improve health and wellbeing by providing facilities for walking, cycling and outdoor activities.

The Association is one of 33 housing providers across Scotland who will benefit from the funding, allocated to the Scottish Government's active travel budget, Cycling Scotland's Cycling Friendly Programme and the Social Housing Fund.

The funding will be used to provide cycle storage facilities at the Barholm development with the aim of encouraging residents to spend time outdoors for their health and wellbeing.

Cycling Scotland works closely with partners to help employers, community groups and housing associations take advantage of the benefits of cycling and this round of funding will provide opportunity for over 90,000 people across Scotland to access improved cycling facilities."

Ruth Brogan, Head of Housing and Customer Service, said: "We are delighted to receive this funding from Cycle Scotland which provides us with the opportunity to provide cycling storage facilities".

The Association is consulting residents to identify priority areas and suitable locations for the bike storage units. It is hoped that work will start during November 2019. The provision of external storage facilities will:

- prevent the current practice of storing bikes in the common entrance areas of the properties thus removing the Health and Safety and Fire Safety risks,
- assist residents and make cycling more convenient by removing the need to carry bikes up several flights of stairs in order to store their bike(s) in their homes
- encourage residents who do not cycle, to do so.