

Volunteer Role E-cargo bike Autumn/Winter 2024

Background to the Role

Transport is one of the biggest causes of greenhouse gas and threatens climate change. Home deliveries are popular but cause congestion and pollution on our roads. Online shopping is often from businesses outside our area and causes money to leave our local economy.

We can often find ourselves just nipping to the shop in the car as an easy way to transport goods back home.

You can make a difference.

EPIKS are opening an active travel Hub in Holmfirth for the Holme Valley.

We have an e-cargo bike that we want to put to good use as soon as possible, we will start with delivering a small amount of goods from the market/shops to local customers. Other ideas are to use the bike for 'social' purposes such as food bank deliveries, helping community groups and delivering to schools.

We are keen that the bike's uses cover the whole of the Holme Valley Parish and not solely focused around Holmfirth.

How will volunteers help with this project?

By volunteering with the e-cargo bike delivery scheme, you will be helping to inspire people to find alternative ways to transport small items in the Holme Valley without the use of a car.

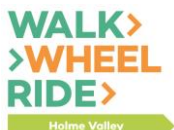
Most importantly, *we want volunteers to take the bike out and for it to be fun and rewarding for them!*

What are we asking volunteers to do? *Some or all of the following:*

- Make deliveries by e-cargo bike around the Holme Valley Parish area
- Spread the word about the scheme and how the e-cargo bike works
- Record the hours you spend on the scheme



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About the bike –



Our e-cargo bike has enough battery power to carry goods up hills, has standard Shimano gears and a front carrier. The battery lasts around 4 hours, but we would never ask volunteers to ride for as long as this in any one session. It was bought second hand from Cargodale in Calderdale with similar terrain – you may like to look at their website <https://www.cargodale.co.uk>

What skills and training are we able to offer? We will ask volunteers for their availability in November/December 2024 to attend a free 2-hour familiarisation training session with a qualified trainer.

Our riders will be covered by insurance, and we will work with volunteers to maintain up to date / dynamic risk assessments.

Please note – the cargo bikes do take some getting used to, handling them is slightly more strenuous than standard bikes and riders will have an advantage if they are familiar with riding an e-bike.

Where will the bike be stored?

The E-Cargo bike will be stored at the Holme Valley Hub next to the public toilets

What equipment will we provide?

We will provide high vis vests with logos

We can provide a helmet (unless you prefer your own) We will ask volunteers to provide their own outdoor clothing.

Further info

General info about EPIKS [EPIKS – Environmental Projects in Kirklees | EPIKS - Environmental Projects In Kirklees](#)

The Walk,Wheel,Ride Online Hub [Walk Wheel Ride: cycling, wheeling and walking in Kirklees](#)

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