

# Ucycle Nottingham

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## RIDE AND PARK New Cycle Compounds at NTU

Just in case you haven't already noticed, NTU have installed a brand new, and rather snazz looking, swipe card access, covered cycle compound outside the Sports Hall at Clifton.

Hooray and harumble I hear you shout, but I can tell you more. While the likes of you and I will be enjoying our turkey and Dr Who; (or whatever *you* like to do on Dec 25th) the hardworking NTU Estates team, who don't like Christmas anyway, will be busy extending the cycle parking compound behind the Chaucer building at the City Campus. So when we come back in January it will be a much bigger, better and more practical facility.

This will be open to students and will nicely compliment the staff cycle compound underneath the Maudslay building that can be accessed from Shakespeare Street.

This all really helps to overcome one of the key barriers to cycling to Uni and provides staff and students with parking that will not only be much more secure than leaving your bike on the street but will also stop your trusty steed going rusty in the rain.

We are planning some further developments but I'm keeping you in suspense about that until someone approves it. In the meantime if you want an overview of the cycle parking at each campus then have a look at the Ucycle website [here](#).

## About Ucycle Nottingham

Ucycle Nottingham has been set up in partnership with sustainable transport charity Sustrans, Nottingham City Council, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University to increase the numbers of staff and students cycling.

To find out more about Ucycle Nottingham or any of the information or events in this news update, please use the following contact details

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## Miles and Trials

### Staff Cycle Mileage

Did you know that in the 2009-10 financial year the total staff mileage allowance claimed by **all 2,800 NTU staff** was a paltry **14 miles!**

Now I guess this means that a lot of NTU staff don't realise they can claim a cycling mileage allowance at 20p per work-related mile; for instance, anytime you cycle the great route between City and Clifton you'll get about 80p. It's not going to pay for three months in the Caribbean or even Skegness, but my claim usually comes in at around the value of a nice bottle of vino once a month so why on earth wouldn't you claim it?

Staff can claim [here](#).

### Journey Planner

Are you, like me, a 24 carat duffer at finding your way around Nottingham? I'm sure you're not, but even so, you might be interested in Nottingham City Council's Cycle [Journey Planner](#).

You simply put in your departure and destination postcodes and it plots your route.

But it's just a start and NCC need a group of well informed people to provide feedback for improvement and that of course is where you come in. Don't send feedback to me, it'll go in one ear and straight out the other. Please use the Contact section on the website to get in touch with the experts.

## Your project

Hello! I'm Andy, the Nottingham Trent University project officer for Ucycle Nottingham. I am based on the City Campus at Terrace Royal but work across all of the university. My role is to set up various events and activities.



If you want to know more about the project at NTU or to pass on ideas for improvements or activities you'd like to see happen you can contact me at [andy.rowe@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:andy.rowe@sustrans.org.uk) or on **0115 848 6136**.

## NTU's First Student Bike Hire Scheme

The bright and observant members of my readership (and I know that's all of you) may have spotted some great looking white bikes around the campus in the last few weeks.

These are our wonderful new Ucycle hire bikes which we launched at the Freshers Fairs this October. We have hired out 70 bikes to students at NTU at all three campuses which, given the hitherto low level of student cycling at the University is a great leap forward.

Bikes can still be hired and details viewed by visiting the NTSU website [here](#).

And something for the staff? Of course. We are now working on extending the bike hire scheme to NTU staff and also on implementing the cycle to work scheme. Details will be in the next newsletter.



*Ucycle's Sarah Fraser gives her very biggest grin to passers-by at the NTU Freshers Fair.*

## Don't go yet— read this bit too.

### Doctor Bike Waiting List

This week's sessions were cancelled because of the snow but we will be back with more Dr Bike sessions soon. Email me if you want an appointment

### City Tram Stops—£30 Fine

Remember it's illegal to cycle through a tram stop, tempting though it sometimes is at the City site. The local constabulary are enforcing this regulation at present with £30 on the spot fines. So stick to the rules and either avoid tram stops or wheel your bike around them.

### The Big Wheel - making Christmas greener!

Get around our region quicker, cheaper and greener this year by planning your sustainable travel journeys in advance. Click here ([www.thebigwheel.org.uk](http://www.thebigwheel.org.uk)) to find out more.

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## End of year Competition Time

Answer these questions:

- 1) Which sprint cyclist known as the 'Manx Missile', has been nominated for BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2010?
- 2) Which film features the song 'Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head', which plays whilst the main characters are shown messing around a bit on a bicycle?
- 3) I used the word 'harumble' in the newsletter. Can you tell me where I used it, and for an optional bonus point, where the word comes from?
- 4) Can you tell me in about twenty words, why you like cycling in winter? I will judge the entries and anyone who makes me laugh will be at a distinct advantage.

The top five winners who email in the best answers will get a set of twinkly lights and the next twenty runners up will get a hi-viz vest.

...and to all a good night.

  
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