

Dr Bike continues.

Courtesy of the Parish Council, the “Dr Bike: Making your bike better”, project continues throughout the summer. Volunteers will check your bike for free, and hopefully be able to fix minor issues for a donation. We are normally open at ‘The Slaughterhouse’ on Church St on a Tuesday from 15:00 until 17:30.

We also hope to run two special sessions, one on Sunday May 5th from 10:00 until 16:00, at the Slaughterhouse, and another during the Saturday of the Village Show weekend when we will be on the Stapleford Recreation ground. These are good opportunities for you to come with a child’s bike that is the worse for wear.

We’ve a team of about a dozen volunteers, on a rota, all of whom can tackle most common problems, and we’ve a supply of simple parts, should new inner tubes, brakes, cables etc need replacing. We’ve also a supply of other generously donated bike parts. This is a service especially for those in our local villages who wish to cycle more but find it difficult or expensive to get their bikes ‘better’ now there is no local bike shop. Of course, the service IS available for everyone, and ‘Dr Bike’ hopes our checks, advice and guidance will help all.

Our regular volunteers all not only enjoy fixing bikes, but find seeing our customers go away with their bike pleasanter and easier to ride a reward for their effort. In the past year we’ve put some 250 volunteer hours into this project, and have better than balanced our books.

We’re sorry but we cannot do any work on e-Scooters or e-Bikes that don’t meet road legal regulations, and even for road legal e-Bikes, we are reluctant to do anything that might alter electrics.

We are doing this through the ‘Going Green in the Shelfords, Stapleford and Sawston’ group with our insurance through the ‘Repair Café’ system.

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