

ScotRail to pedal abandoned bikes to cycling charity

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Abandoned bicycles across Scotland's railway network are to be given a new lease of life, as **ScotRail** introduces a policy that will see unclaimed bikes renewed or recycled.

The new strategy will allow ScotRail staff to identify and label bicycles considered abandoned, before placing them in secure storage to be reclaimed.

If the bikes aren't reclaimed within three months, they will then be recycled, or donated to ScotRail's nominated cycling charity for reuse.

Cycling UK has been chosen by ScotRail to support redistribution of any unclaimed bikes. The charity is committed to getting more people cycling in a better environment.

New signage will now be rolled out across all ScotRail's stations, designed to inform owners about ScotRail's new policy.

David Lister, ScotRail Safety and Sustainability Director, said: "It's great to see so many of our customers

cycle to our stations, but it's right that we maintain sufficient cycle parking by removing and recycling unwanted or abandoned bikes.

"Our new policy will be highlighted to customers through improved signage, and there is a three-month grace period for abandoned bikes to be reclaimed.

"We're delighted to be able to collaborate with Cycling UK, enabling abandoned bikes to be renewed or reused, sharing ScotRail's commitment to delivering low-carbon, environmentally friendly ways to travel."

Sarah McMonagle, Director of External Affairs at Cycling UK, said: "Recycling an abandoned bike can change someone's life, so we're delighted that ScotRail is rolling out this fantastic initiative.

"The benefits of cycling are huge, but you can't choose to cycle if you don't have access to a bike.

"This scheme will provide new owners with the health and wellbeing benefits that come from cycling, plus increased independence through a low-cost transport option."