



**Cycling boost:** Data reveals record growth in the number of people cycling in London

# Surge in cycling

THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE TAKING TO TWO WHEELS AND LEARNING TO CYCLE SAFELY

THERE has been a record growth in the number of people cycling in the capital, with an increase of more than 200 per cent on some weekends according to new data.

Despite fewer journeys being made during the pandemic, cycling numbers continue to be significantly above the long-term average at weekends, with a 68 per cent increase across May 29 to May 30, compared to the baseline year. The last weekend in February saw an increase of 240 per cent compared to the same weekend in 2020.

An increasing number of people are using the Santander Cycles hire scheme, and last weekend there were almost 100,000 hires, making it the sixth busiest weekend in the scheme's history.

A survey commissioned by Halfords has also reported bike owners cycling in London more often, with 62 per cent of adults who own a bike in the capital saying they have cycled more over the past 12 months compared to previous years, while only 11 per cent said they cycled less. Plus, 49 per cent said they felt safer on the roads, compared to five per cent who said they felt less safe. This was based on a survey of 2,000 cyclists across the UK, of which 336 were in London.



**Cycle skills:** TfL has partnered with Halfords to encourage safer cycling

## SAFER CYCLING

TfL and Halfords launched a partnership last November to enable safer cycling through better training and safety equipment.

Since then, more than 12,000 people have registered for TfL's free online Cycle Skills course, with everyone who completed the course receiving 15 per cent off Halfords' own-brand cycle locks, lights and cycling helmets.

In addition to the Cycle Skills course, face-to-face cycle training across London's boroughs restarted in March, making it even easier for people to learn the skills they need to cycle safely. Heidi Alexander, deputy mayor for transport, said:

'Seeing more people out on bikes over the last year has been one of the few good things to have happened as a result of the pandemic. This partnership between TfL and Halfords is helping to ensure people have the skills they need to cycle around the capital with confidence, and the right equipment to keep them and their bikes safe.'

'We continue to work with boroughs to make our roads safer for all road users, and I hope this year's Bike Week inspired even more people to do some training and give cycling a go.'

For more information on cycling in London, visit [tfl.gov.uk/cycling](http://tfl.gov.uk/cycling)

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