## **Transforming Travel in Watford**

## **Q2 Highlights**

- The future of Watford's Green Loop cycle route was unveiled in an innovative way this month through an immersive virtual reality (VR) bike ride, which is also now available for people to view on the website. The Green Loop VR experience drew in an impressive and diverse crowd over three days, demonstrating the project's wide-reaching appeal. The town centre event saw 150 participants, while the Oxhey Park event attracted 60 attendees, and approximately 60 enthusiastic pupils from Cherry Tree Primary School took part in a special event designed just for them.
- Installation of 17 out of the 38 new Electric Vehicle chargers has been completed.
- Installation of disabled parking bays in the Town Centre (Church Street) has been approved.



Free Beryl rides all day on World Car Free Day 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

57% of residents who responded to our consultation told us that they want to change to an Electric Vehicle.





Watford bike share riders have now clocked up one million kilometres since the scheme was first launched in March 2020 - the equivalent of almost 25 journeys around the Earth.

HCC consultation ongoing on proposal to introduce 20mph zones in West Watford and Cassiobury Park Triangle areas of Watford.









## **Q3 Priorities**

- Engagement work including information leaflet and questionnaire for local businesses and residents to commence, October 2023, that will inform designs to improve the Whippendell Road parade, providing further opportunities for sustainable travel.
- Communications regarding the Enterprise car club to go out to residents Q3. Initial launch of six electric vehicles scheduled for Q4. This will be a convenient, flexible and cost-effective solution for people who don't want to incur the high costs associated with car ownership, providing another travel option for the residents of Watford.
- Green Loop implementation plan to be shared for internal engagement prior to delivery