

Transforming Travel in Watford

Q1 Highlights

- Enterprise have been procured as our new car club partner, with the Initial launch of six electric vehicles scheduled for Winter 2023. 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.
- Installation of 79 new charging points will commence in August and will bring the total number of charging points in the borough to 102). The new charging points have been funded by a successful ORCS grant bid and in partnership with provider Blink.
- The first of our School Travel Plans has been agreed with Orchard School.
- An immersive virtual reality bike ride experience of the eastern part of our green travel loop has been finalised. Virtual cyclists can experience what the green loop could be like in the future.

Q2 Priorities

- Progress design work with Hertfordshire County Council to improve the Dalton Way junction for cyclists to enable a bid for Active Travel Funding Autumn 2023.
- Proposals for the promotion and wayfinding of the Green Loop to be progressed.
- Green Loop virtual reality experience promoted at Cassiobury Park and Oxhey Activity Park events in September.
- Engagement work including information leaflet and questionnaire for local businesses and residents to commence that will inform designs to improve the Whippendell Road and The Brow parades, providing further opportunities for sustainable travel.
- Options on the St Albans Road masterplan to be finalised with clarification about long-term interventions that would make a meaningful contribution towards a modal transport shift.

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bus stop improvements made to date across the borough.

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.

Feedback from Beryl Bike users shows that, on average, nearly a fifth of the 347,000 bike, and e-bike journeys made in Watford have replaced road transport journeys, equating to over 43 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions saved; the equivalent of more than 19,000 litres of petrol.

