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Scope

Service

District, County, Unitary

Waste Services



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# Environment and Transport

Characteristic(s) / CSF(s):  
Managing Expenditure



**BARNLSLEY**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council

## Problem and Approach

- Too many re-useable items were being disposed of
- No budget for a re-use shop. Worked with Rotherham and Doncaster Councils.
- Appointed WEEE contractor (Recycling Lives) and the charity Refurnish to apply to the Environment Agency for permit to operate as an approved authorised treatment facility (AATF).
- Facilitate reuse of electrical items from the waste stream to facilitate reuse.
- Other items such as bikes and other suitable non-electrical items would be re-used, recovered or recycled.
- The recycled bikes are available from as little as £25 and are given a full refurbishment and given a 3 month indemnity warranty.

## Outcomes

- Cycle Penistone dependency on funding reduce from 51% to 10.5%.
- The scheme has created numerous employment opportunities
- Due to the increasing number of bikes going to Cycle Penistone for refurbishment they were able to justify employing, 5 staff members
- It has a positive impact on public health by encouraging people to get moving by either hiring a bike or buying one
- The scheme helps make cycling affordable for customers who previously may not have been able to afford to buy a bike

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