Synergy Active Travel Partnership Gala Days

A free event delivered at your school or youth group to help ensure all children have access to a suitable and safe bike to help them develop independence and travel actively- the project also supports a whole family cycling approach by ensuring this provision is extended to interested parents and carers.

Who we are
Cloudberry Communities are a North Lanarkshire based Community Interest Company who have been providing free basic cycling activities for over five years inspired by the Glasgow based work of St Pauls Youth Forum and their Blackhill on Bikes project.

In 2018 we formed the Synergy Active Travel project which looked to overcome transport poverty and tackle the climate emergency with a cross border grass roots partnership approach.

We continue to campaign together for better infrastructure, direct funding to enable us to change young people's lives by opening up the world of opportunities and health benefits of cycling and a recognition that our ICE car dominant society needs to change in order for us all to thrive.

Our cycle gala days have been hugely successful for all age groups in schools, developed in partnership with active schools co-ordinators, we are building long term connections so that the schools, young people and families who take part, know they can always come back for advice, ask for help improving their skills, or kick start their own cycling project, whether that be repair or led rides through our community led enabling approach.

What can happen at a bike gala day?

From our experience so far - absolutely anything 🙂

But generally what we deliver is

- Free minor bike repairs and safety checks for those who already have a suitable bike
- Free bikes for those who need one to fulfill their active travel ambitions
- We collect in outgrown or unused bikes to be upcycled and given back out to those in need (sometimes at the same event)
- Free helmets and hi Vis for young people alongside safety advice

Generally high schools take a full day, primaries and youth groups 2 to 4 hours, these events are a great opportunity to create additionality through a cycle to school day or could run alongside your sports day, or invite in other partners, just get in contact and we will always try to be flexible - email claire@ourgreenspace to enquire.