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NHS Trust partners with VOLT Bikes to promote green and healthy commuting

Discover how the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is aiming to achieve Net Zero by 2040 with the help of foldable e-bikes from VOLT Bikes

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Staff at the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust have been given the opportunity to try out foldable e-bikes.

VOLT Bikes, an e-bike manufacturer, has launched the scheme to promote sustainable and healthy commuting.

The Trust, which has over 15,000 staff working across its sites, is aiming to reduce its carbon footprint and achieve Net Zero by 2040, in line with the [NHS's Green Plan](#). Staff travel accounts for four per cent of the NHS's total carbon emissions, so switching to low-carbon transport options can make a big difference.

VOLT Bikes offered staff the chance to trial a foldable e-bike for free for a week, to see if they liked it and wanted to buy one. The e-bikes have a battery-powered motor that assists the rider when pedalling, making it easier to tackle hills and long distances. The e-bikes can also be folded and carried on public transport or stored in small spaces.

The scheme was a huge success, with over 100 expressions of interest from staff members in the first three weeks. The feedback from the participants was very positive, with many saying that the e-bikes had transformed their daily commutes, improved their physical and mental health, and helped them save money on fuel and parking.



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Clare Jones, sustainability manager at the Trust, said: "Our Try B4U Buy foldable e-bike scheme in collaboration with VOLT has encouraged modal shift and improved my colleagues' commutes to work and opened their eyes to the world of e-biking. With the help of the bike's motor, you can easily tackle anything your commute might throw at you.

"It's been great to see so many members of staff supporting the Travel and Transport Area of Focus in our Green Plan. With the NHS's aim of hitting Net Zero by 2040 for Scope 1 and 2, VOLT has shown us a fun, accessible, and healthy way to reduce our Trust's carbon footprint. We've made great progress but there's plenty of work still to do. Hopefully, our experience with e-bikes can convince other organisations and users to get in the saddle."

James Metcalfe, co-founder and MD of VOLT Bikes, said: "It's been a pleasure to partner with the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and all their colleagues to show them the benefits of e-biking.

"As we continue to partner with NHS Trusts in the UK, it's great to hear that this latest scheme has been such a resounding success with the team. E-bikes can be a great way of helping businesses reach their sustainability goals and I hope the many team members who trialed a VOLT e-bike decide to take it up on a more permanent basis."