

# Our health. Our wellbeing. Our world.

**Walk Wheel Cycle Trust's Manifesto  
for the Scottish Parliament Election 2026**



# Imagine what could happen if we changed how we travel.

If we made getting around safer, easier, cheaper and fairer.

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust is the UK's leading active travel charity, making it possible for everyone to walk, wheel and cycle.

And we're calling on the next Scottish Government to take bold action.

Because when we change how we travel, we change everything.

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**Match the leading cities and regions in Europe by committing 10% of the transport budget to support walking, wheeling and cycling.**

- ▷ Scotland can reasonably aim for cycling to count for 10% of all trips, reducing congestion and improving options for healthy travel choices.
- ▷ A reduction in car use for local trips will make a significant contribution to cutting transport emissions.
- ▷ Boosting investment in public transport and active travel together will provide for sustainable travel choices and improve our health and the environment around us.

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**Ensure every child can get to school safely with a choice to walk, wheel, cycle or scooter to and from the school gates.**

- ▷ Walking, wheeling and cycling behaviour is reducing as children get older.
- ▷ Children and young people want to keep the habit of walking, wheeling and cycling but don't feel it is safe to do so.
- ▷ Scotland's schools should be supported in assessing and delivering what they need to guarantee pupils and their families the choice to safely walk, wheel, cycle or scooter to and from school.

# 3

## **Make Scotland's transport networks, roads and pavements fully accessible for everyone by empowering local Access Panels.**

- ▷ To prepare for an ageing population with greater mobility challenges we must prepare our transport systems.
- ▷ Too many disabled people face exclusion from public transport and getting around their local area.
- ▷ Access Panels, led by people with disabilities, will help to design, deliver and monitor the impact of transport investment on reducing inequality.

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# 4

## **Set up a Pavement Fund directed at key public places to improve and maintain access to public transport, jobs, shops, facilities and essential local services.**

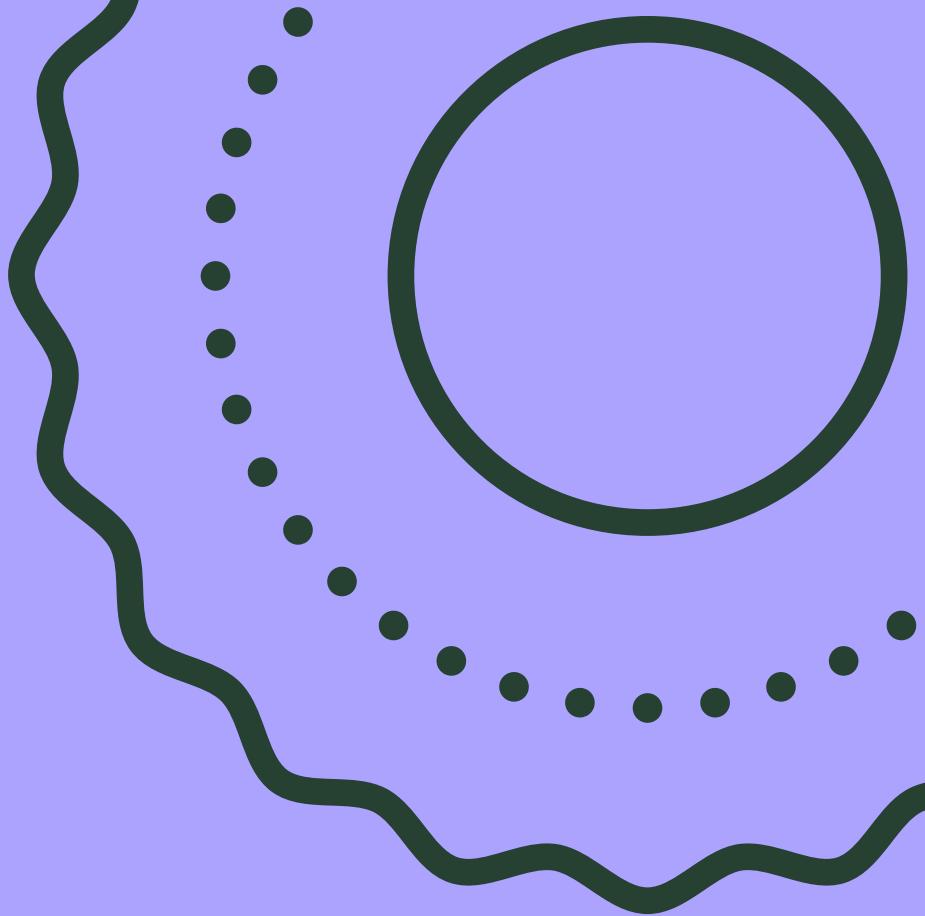
- ▷ Sustainable, liveable neighbourhoods are built on the concept of good walking, wheeling and cycling provision to get around, with access to public transport.
- ▷ Transport poverty arises where people cannot get access to the daily amenities and services they need.
- ▷ A 'Pavement Fund' will deliver accessibility for everyone at key locations used every day for work, main street shopping, health and education facilities, stations and bus stops.

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# 5

## **Connect Scotland by joining together rural and urban areas with a network of safe walking, wheeling and cycling routes, through investing in the National Cycle Network.**

- ▷ Good connectivity is a building block for thriving local economies and sustainable communities.
- ▷ All new development sites should be accessible by active travel and public transport, and all new homes should have access to safe cycling routes.
- ▷ The National Cycle Network already provides over 1,600 miles (2,606 km) of paths for walking, wheeling and cycling and is ready to be the cornerstone of a Scotland-wide network of active travel routes connecting our communities.



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**Because people-powered movement changes everything.**

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