

Building a Bike Hub



For the Cyclists of Reading
Especially the Children



These are the people that dreamed of a space
For the riders of Reading to use as a base.
This is an unused and empty old lot
Where the owners agreed they could give it a shot.



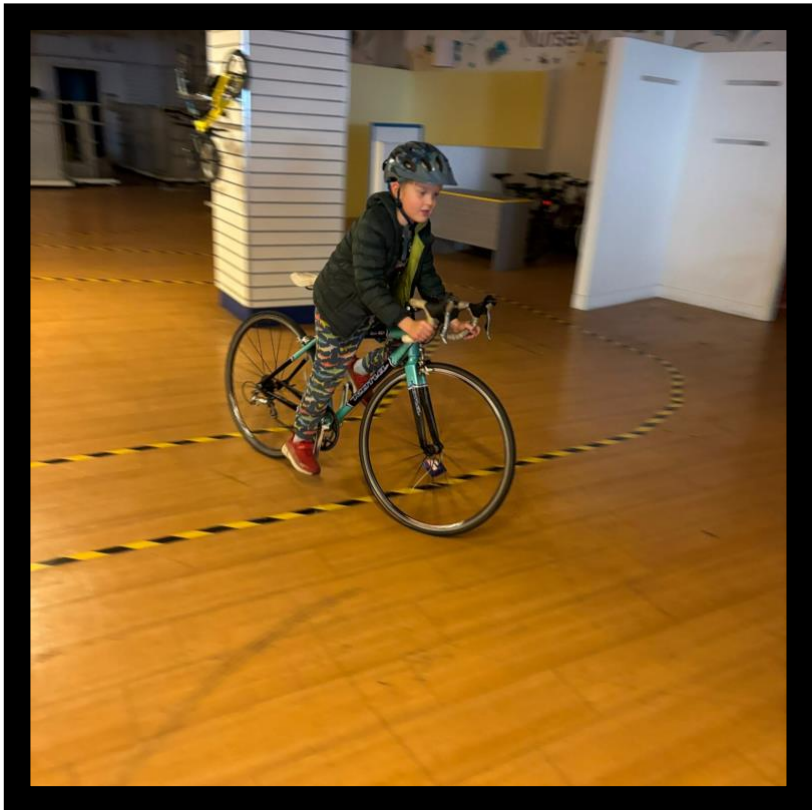
These are the people who heard of the hub,
And then came with their buckets to clean and to scrub.
This is the room they made tidy and neat,
With the windows they cleaned facing out to the street.



These are the hands painting inside the line,
As they lovingly, carefully, make up a sign.
These are the colours so cheerful and bright
That will welcome all people who visit the site.



This is the first day with wide-open doors
When the public were welcomed to come in for tours.
This is the space that was filled with the sound
Of mechanics at work and of kids riding round.



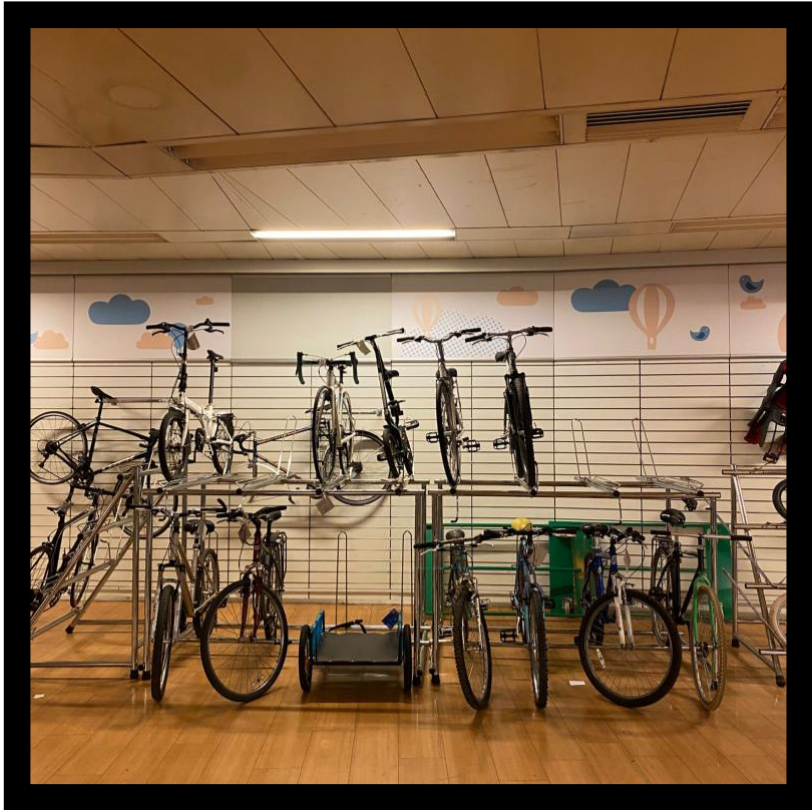
This is the course at the back of the shop
Where the children can learn how to steer and to stop.
This is the hope, that they'll learn a new skill
When they're given a place they can practice and drill.



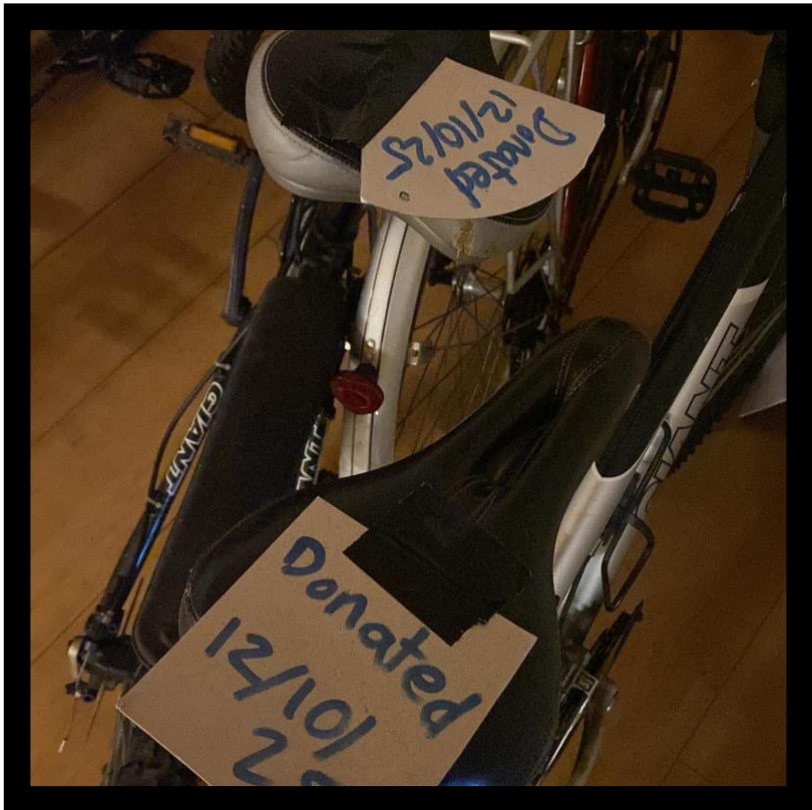
These are the people with grease on their hands,
With their boxes of tools, and their strong sturdy stands.
These are the bikes that come in for repair,
Which are here to be fixed up with skill and with care.



This is a place that's for taking a turn,
Where you'll find some support if you're wanting to learn.
These are the tools which are laid out to use,
So you're free to try out any one that you choose.



These are the hub's indoor bicycle racks.
It is here you can drop off your bike and relax.
This is a place someone's always nearby
So your bike will be watched by a vigilant eye.



These are the bikes people gave to the scheme
Which get fixed and refurbished by folk in the team.
These are affordable bikes to be found
And they're here if you need one to help you get round.



This is a service, there's bikes to be lent
And there's all kinds of specialist kit here to rent.
This is a chance you can try things for fit
And then see if they suit you before you commit.



This is for anyone wheeling around
So to skaters and skateboarders, do come on down.
This is a place you can learn and explore
And it's here for whoever might come through the door.



This is the dream that was born in this space
That the cyclists of Reading would find a home base.
This is the bike hub. These are our crew.
This is community. You belong too.

