**Cycle Fest 2023 Report**

**Community Cycling Day - Saturday 1st July 2023**

The week commenced with the Community Cycling Day at Faversham Recreation Ground. We had a number of stalls including:

FTC – promoting cycling in the town and the bike hire scheme

Age UK – promoting their led rides

One You Health Checks – blood pressure and health checks

Canterbury Bike Project – carrying out small bike repairs

Cycle Chic – offering trials of various family friendly bikes

Balance bikes – for children to build their confidence in riding

Several bike jumble stalls – selling parts, accessories and secondhand bikes

The final part of the day was a led family ride, led by Rachael Carley and Caz Conneller and specially made eco friendly medals were given to the ride participants.

A KMTV reporter attended and interviewed Cllr Trevor Martin, Cllr Eddie Thomas, Adrian Oliver, Caz Conneller, as well as other stall holders.

The event was held from 10am-2pm although the first half of the day was busier than the second half, so if repeated next year, consideration could be given to starting earlier in the morning, for example, 8am-12pm.

**Led Rides**

We promoted the led rides organised by Colin Rushton and he reported a few attendees who had seen our social media posts.

Rachael Carley held 2 led ride events from Faversham Recreation Ground, and Macknade.

**Other Events**

Caz Conneller held an event at Macknade on Wednesday 5th July at Macknade promoting e-bikes and cargo bikes, primarily to young families.

A public meeting was held in The Guildhall on Friday 7th July promoting cycling initiatives by the Town Council and asking for views from residents. Cllr Saunders and Adrian Oliver attended to sit on the panel, and Adrian Berendt delivered a presentation virtually. This was reasonably attended and featured a good Q & A session at the conclusion of the meeting.