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### **A wave of joy cycled round Oxford on Sunday**

Around 200 people cycled into the city from five points around Oxford and then around the city centre on Sunday 10 May.

Rides started at 2pm in West Oxford, Jericho, Cutteslowe, Headington and East Oxford and people started to arrive at Gloucester Green from about 2.30pm onwards.

By the time they'd all arrived in their colourful clothes, with banners and bells we counted about 200 (we can't be sure because, the little ones just wouldn't stay still).

Our youngest participant was 5 months old and we were too polite to ask the age of the eldest.

There were lots of different bikes – two-wheelers, three-wheelers, cargo bikes, balance bikes, electric bikes, push bikes – they were almost as varied and colourful as the people riding them.

We made Oxford true to its name of Cycling City for an afternoon.

The city centre ride took in Broad Street, Holywell Street, Parks Road and St Giles before returning to Gloucester Green.

It was great to see people from so many different communities coming together just to enjoy cycling in Oxford.

Alison Moore, Vice Chair Cyclox and one of our marshals said

“In too many parts of the country it has become rare to see kids cycling on the road. We at Cyclox want every family in Oxford to feel confident cycling together and for children to grow up, able to cycle independently. Kidical Mass is a great way to get that started.

Lily Martyn, who came with her child, said

“We love Kidical Mass so much that we changed our Gladiator's Experience tickets so we could attend”

Cyclox supports more people to cycle in Oxford, more often and more safely and on Sunday we just took to the roads in numbers. There were smiles all round but so often people cycling have to cope with fast traffic, poor or no cycle lanes and in some areas, it's just not safe for children to cycle. So we'll continue to say 20 mph is plenty where there are people, and we'll be pushing for street designs and junctions which are safe for everyone – drivers, people cycling and pedestrians.

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#### **Notes for editors:**

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Further details

*Photos from the event*

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