

The Bike Station is back in business!



Edinburgh-based charity The Bike Station has told us that it reopened for business at its warehouse at 244 Causewayside yesterday.

While they are still looking for a Portakabin to house their office and workshop, their volunteers and staff have worked hard to keep the work going.

The charity's premises were destroyed in an unexplained fire last month. This meant that they have had to move out, and have moved to the warehouse to keep their sales operation going.

The Bike Station has been recycling bikes for 15 years and were just about to celebrate this anniversary when the fire destroyed their main premises. Since they are unable to get into their own building they have moved up the street to the warehouse to ensure that their customers can still get in touch with them about their new bike.

Space is a little limited but the shop will be selling reconditioned bikes.

Manager, Steve Hynd, said: "It has been a difficult time all round, as so many individuals have been affected, as has the important work we do in the community. However, our staff have been working exceptionally hard to enable a new temporary pop up shop to open from our warehouse on Tuesday, which should begin the process of helping us to get back on our feet."

Throughout their 15 years in operation The Bike Station has helped a large number of people in Edinburgh and the surrounding area to get on their bikes.

Chris Horne, Chair of the Bike Station board, said: "The Bike Station has become an Edinburgh institution by selling affordable reconditioned bikes and teaching basic bike maintenance skills. They also provide information and support to cyclists, as well as offer free Dr Bike Bike safety checks and family friendly cycling advice."

Dr Bike service will continue across the city, but The Bike

Station's ever popular fix your own bike sessions, bespoke repair services and professional mechanical training courses will be postponed until more space becomes available. The Bike Station can be contacted through their website – thebikestation.org.uk.