Fancy Women Bike Ride 2021 -Edinburgh

The Fancy Women Bike Ride is an annual women-only cycling event held on World Car Free Day in more than 150 cities around the world.

Women all over the world hold events when women get to cycle just to show that everyone can ride a bike — even if you are wearing something just a bit fancy.

And here in Edinburgh women put on their fancy clothes and had a cycle around The Meadows.

But there was a purpose to it all:

Edinburgh Fancy Women Bike Ride was an excuse to dress up but also had a purpose to it. @sallyhinch @backonmybike pic.twitter.com/rdFMD6TqSs

- Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) <u>September 19, 2021</u>

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Cllr Lesley Macinnes, Alison Johnstone Lothian MSP, Suzanne Forup and Sally Hinchcilffe organisers of the Edinburgh Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Stella Thomson leading the Edinburgh Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Liz at Edinburgh Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Alison Johnstone Lothian MSP at the Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Ewen Maclean of Blackford Safe Routes with his children Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Sarah at Edinburgh Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Helen at Edinburgh Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Melody and Rosa with Anna Robertson Edinburgh Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Bikes for Refugees were represented by Marjan Van de Weg at the Edinburgh Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Vicky who travelled from Dumfries for the Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Stella Thomason organiser of the Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

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Sally Hinchcliffe organiser of the Fancy Women Bike Ride. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com

The organisers say this is a moving event not a standing event, but equally it is not a race, so everyone should cycle slowly. And the final piece of advice is that participants should wave their hands and smile to passers by.

It is an event for women to remember the liberating joy of cycling and to inspire other women to use their bicycles in the city which began in 2013 in Turkey.