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Green Recovery plans ahead; welcome to the new normal



City leaders across the world are already planning for life after Covid-19, with a series of environmental initiatives being rolled out. Read more [here](#).

- **Milan** announces ambitious scheme to reduce car use after lockdown. The city has announced that 35km (22 miles) of streets will be transformed over the summer, with a rapid, experimental citywide expansion of cycling and walking space to protect residents as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. (See image above).
- In **Paris**, the Mayor has allocated €300m for a network of cycle lanes, many of which will follow existing metro lines, to offer an alternative to public transport.
- In **Bogotá**, the Colombian capital, a 75-mile network of streets usually turned over to bicycles one day a week will now be traffic-free all week, and a further 47 miles of bike lanes are being opened to reduce crowding on public transport and improve air quality.
- **Barcelona** is adding 13 miles to the biking network.
- **Leicester** city council have installed temporary cycling routes, added additional cycling lanes, and altered timings at traffic lights to give even greater priority to pedestrians and cyclists.



Coventry's Bicycle Mayor is calling for Coventry roads to be trialled as cycle routes during Covid-19 lockdown. Find out more about him [here](#). Listen to him and co-hosts discuss transport during and after COVID-19 on their podcast, [Streets Ahead](#).

Getting onto the streets will help you get in touch with fresh air and the changing springtime weather will help lift your spirits. Cycling is known to help clear the mind, release endorphins and improve metabolic health.



Get on your bike to explore your local area and take advantage of the empty roads. You could even try cycling to campus to get used to the route and roads ready to commute one or two days a week when lockdown is lifted. Could you [pledge to do this](#) and encourage others to do the same?

Find out [more](#) about cycling to campus.