

So far this year we've had good steady volunteer support. Our mechanics are getting much busier as we approach the Christmas rush. By next week we will have all our mechanics back and working only on Christmas Bureau bikes for Surrey, Delta and Langley.

Our partner in Victoria gave us quite a boost by completing most of the work and sending us 40 small bikes which we picked up in Victoria and has since dropped off 8 more himself on his lower mainland visit. His efforts have helped us get bikes out faster for the three Christmas Bureaus.

We have put our regular client orders on hold until the middle of December while we complete our Christmas rush.

Bikes for Humanity have finally received a new container and are taking bikes after being down for the last six months due to various reasons. We have been able to tidy up our storage areas by sending excess larger bikes, which we have no need for, their way.

We'll soon be dealing with the Surrey Police transition on Nov. 29th, and we have been assured that there will be no changes in sending stolen bikes away. They stopped giving us stolen bikes until the transition is completed. They will no longer be running checks on stolen bikes, with details we have sent them on their websites. We will be running the checks ourselves using CPIK and we will be reporting any bikes with GARAGE 529 labels on them.

We have recently purchased a bicycle rack for the garage, this solves the problem of all the bikes getting leaned up against each other and making it very difficult for the volunteers to access them and the bikes hanging above. We're also currently working on a wooden bike hanging rack on the sundeck at the back.

Over the last two or three months, we have been whittling down our supply of basket and soccer balls. As we give these out with each bike that goes to a client. Our usual sources seem to have dried up, which is probably due to the passing of an individual who was a continuous advocate for R.E.C. in the Surrey school district sourcing funding and sports equipment. I have recently contacted another person in this regard, and she has agreed to try and develop sources for sports balls for us.

We have purchased enough helmets and locks to take us into the new year.