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## Convener's Report – 2024 AGM

Thanks to all of our dedicated committee and our members for all they've done to help people get around safely and actively this year. Our committee is small and pushed for time, so any help that members can provide is much appreciated.

I hope you'll agree we've improved our communication over this year, with regular newsletters now going out to all members and linking back to the HCC website where appropriate. We are also using these to target particular consultation dates to encourage as many people to feed back into the system and speak up for cycling and active travel.

A number of us gave interim feedback on the 20mph limits project, and there will be further official consultation on this later in the year at the end of the trial period. It will be important for our voices to be heard when that time comes as many of us would like to see those limits extended rather than curtailed.

The Riverside Way – the first genuine segregated cycle route in Inverness – appears to be progressing well (although the last update meeting they held was rearranged and clashed with our committee meeting). That will be open later in the summer or early autumn.

The row over changes to Academy Street continues. While not a cycling scheme per se, it's important to put people and place at heart of the city and it will benefit us as cyclists by reducing traffic and improving the environment in this part of the city centre, which is one of the most polluted streets in Scotland.

We've also been developing our own grant-funding project which groups will be able to apply for. This will help spread our focus away from Inverness and to those advocating for better cycling provision elsewhere in the Highlands.

Finally, I'd like to put on record my intention to step down from the convener's role following the AGM. I've held the position for five or six years(?) now, but feel I do not have the time to do the role justice. I will continue to be a member of HCC and would be happy to help out with smaller tasks on the committee, as appropriate.

Thanks once again to the rest of the committee for all their hard work.

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