Spokes granted the Cycling Gardeners of Edinburgh £2000 in 2024 towards the cost of a AMLADCYKLER cargobike. Our grant included a 50% contribution from the Galashan Trust.

This was our second grant to the Cycling Gardeners, following a first in early 2023. We would only consider a second grant to an organisation in exceptional circumstances, but have been very impressed by their work, expansion and their cargo-bike use and promotion.

Application extract [Jan 2024]

4. Your organisation – its purpose and how long it has existed...

Edinburgh's first green cargo bike cycling garden company esablished in 2022. A garden maintenance company with an experienced team of gardeners on cargo bikes ready to keep your garden looking at its best. We offer all garden maintenance services, all-season all weather.

5. For what purpose would the cargo bike be used, including how frequently?

They will be used 5 days a week as vehicles for the company operations. We have 2 of these same bikes already which are used every day. As the business grows and we prepare to become VAT registered we will need another 2 bikes to support this growth. We hope to be operating at a capacity which will involve have 4 bikies operating 5 days a week in Edinburgh city centre

6. How do you currently undertake the above purpose, or is the cargobike for a new activity? We currently have 2 bikes and want to expand our fleet

Brief report [May 2024]

There's a fuller report on their aims and work here, after our first grant, in 2023.

The grant has helped us increase our fleet of electric cargo bikes. This has allowed us to increase our capacity as a business and work in gardens all over Edinburgh. We are now more efficient on bikes than when we operated in vans under a different company name.

We could not have done this without the help of Spokes and we hope we inspire more businesses to adopt cargo bikes.