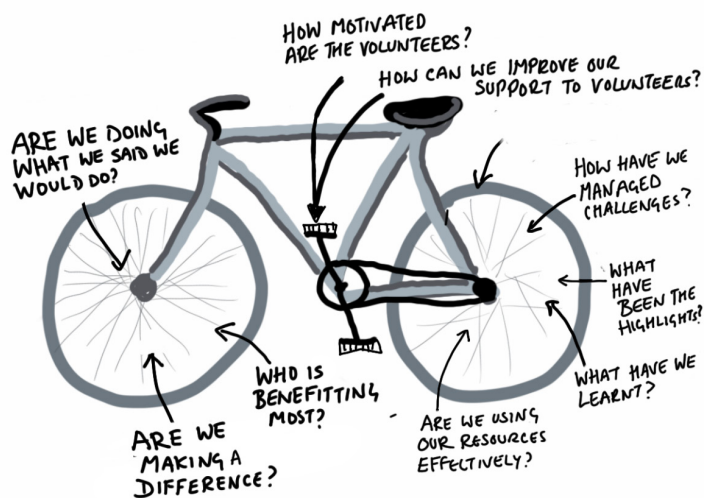




Engaging the Community:

Reviewing and Keeping going

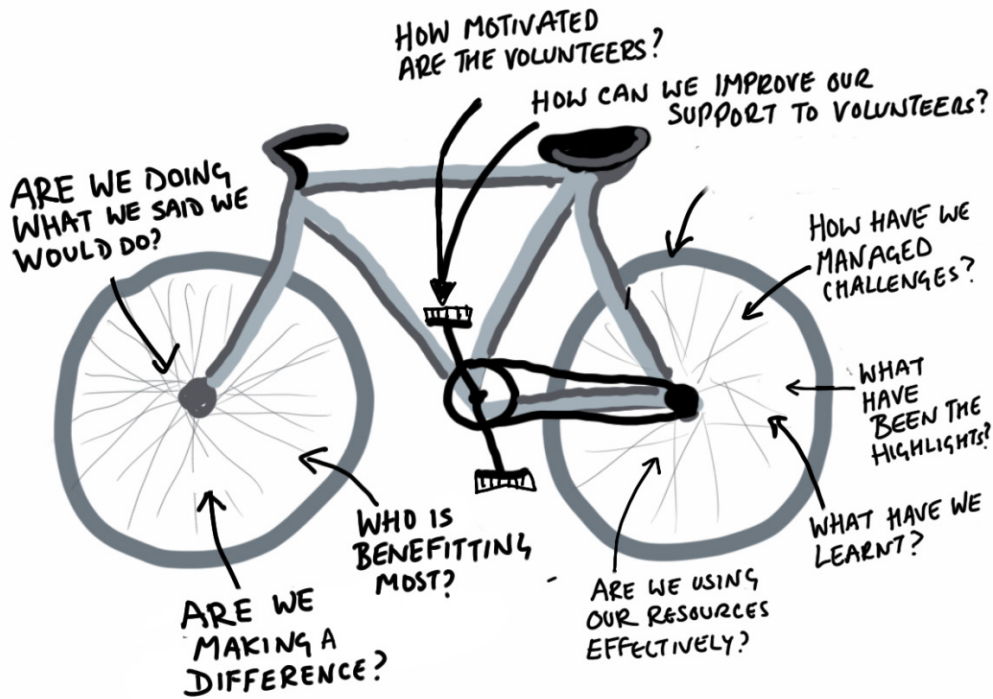


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Reviewing and keeping going



The bicycle is a great image to use when thinking about how to keep things going, as working with our communities can be like going on a journey. The front wheel of our bicycle represents our purpose and vision that we reflected on in Module 1 of 'Stories on the Street'. It is this vision that keeps us going when we hit bumps in the road and the front wheel keeps us pointing in the right direction. So as the days and weeks go by we should remind each other of our vision and check we are still on track.

The back wheel represents the support mechanism – all the things that need to be in place to keep projects and initiatives going. This includes good money management, and making sure all safeguarding policies are in place. It is also important that there are clear roles and responsibilities and everyone knows who is doing what, as this makes for effective team work. However passionate we are about our community we all need to be encouraged and valued so make sure everyone's efforts are recognised.

The pedals provide the momentum to keep going and this of course comes from our energy and passion and our desire to make a difference in our communities. Sometimes our energy can flag for a variety of reasons so it is important to check in with everyone and watch out for those people pedalling too hard and likely to burn out.



Celebrate your achievements in whatever way you choose to keep morale high.

At times we need to get off the bike and stop and review our progress. Three good questions to ask when reviewing your work in the community are:

- Are we doing what we said we would do?
- Are we making a difference?
- Could we be using our resources more effectively

Be honest about the answers to these questions and make adjustments when necessary.

You may like to use the traffic light tool which can be found on page 63 of 'Stories on the Street'

Use the red, amber and green lights to think about :

RED - What do we need to stop doing as it isn't working or it is preventing us from doing other things that may be more fruitful?

AMBER - What do we need to start doing as this would really help us achieve our goals and build us as a team?

GREEN - What do we need to continue doing because it is working well and adding value?

When reviewing how things are going, always be open to learn from mistakes and failures – it's the way we grow as individuals and as a church.

