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LESS ABANDONED BICYCLES IN TAMPINES

- Tampines Town Council removes unwanted bicycles from estates

1 DERELICT BICYCLE REMOVAL EXERCISE

Abandoned bicycles with missing parts are an eyesore and pose hazard in the estates. In a ground survey conducted by Tampines Town Council, a total number of 1,560 derelict bicycles were found in Tampines Town for period 8 Jul 08 to 15 Aug 08.

To look into the problem of abandoned bicycles in Tampines Town, a derelict bicycle removal programme was mooted by the Estate Committee of the town council. The quarterly removal programme involves town council staff and residents' committee (RC) members identifying and removing derelict bicycles in the HDB estates in Tampines.

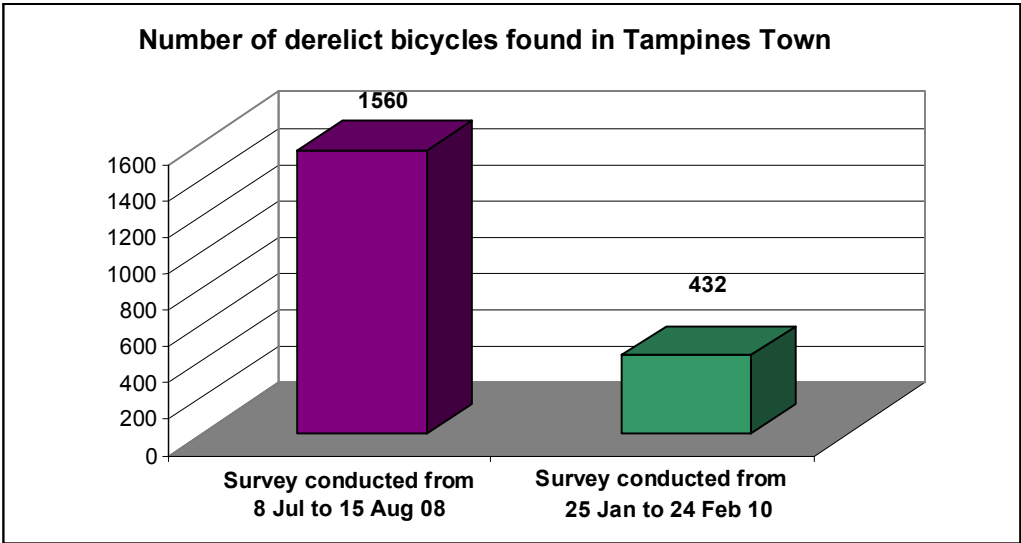
Prior to the derelict bicycle removal exercise, town council staff, together with the RC members would look out for derelict bicycles. Bicycles in bad condition, with rusty or missing parts are identified as derelict bicycles and tagged with a removal notice.

Upon the expiry of the notice or during the removal exercise, town council staff together with the RC members would remove the tagged derelict bicycles.

The first exercise was conducted on 11 Jan 2009, 68 HDB blocks were combed by the staff and volunteers for derelict bicycles. A total of 189 derelict bicycles were removed.

To date, 5 exercises have been conducted, a total of 454 blocks have been combed and we have removed a total number of 1,063 derelict bicycles.

Since the introduction of the derelict bicycle removal exercise in Jan 2009, there has been a significant reduction of derelict bicycles found in Tampines estates. Another survey on derelict bicycles in Tampines was conducted in Jan 2010; the number of derelict bicycles has reduced by more than 70%.



This successful initiative is an on-going programme and to complement the efforts of the removal exercises, the town council will continue to educate residents through newsletters, brochures and banners on proper parking and care of their bicycles.

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