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NORWICH CYCLING CAMPAIGN was formed in 1990 to promote cycling in Norwich and lobby for better cycle facilities. It is affiliated to the National Cycle Campaign Network.

SPECIAL EDITION

5th Anniversary



**Editor's
Column**

*Happy
Birthday
to us!*



This Newsletter is our 5th Anniversary Issue.

Norwich Cycling Campaign had its inaugural meeting in October 1990 at the Charing Cross Centre which was attended by sixty-one people. At that meeting we established our underlying principles – to lobby for the best possible facilities and to raise the profile of cycling generally. We also appointed a temporary committee of four (Les Hopkins, Nigel Howard Matthew Williams and Hans

Hoffbauer), all of whom are still actively involved. A look through the membership list shows there are several current members who joined that night. Thank you all for your continued support, whether you've been in for five years or five days! Over the years we have achieved most of our objectives although there is still much to do.

The Christmas Newsletter will have a résumé of some of the highlights of the past five years. If you have any snippets or photos of rides, demos, etc. to share with us, please send them in now.

And please come to the AGM on December 20th. and help plan next year's activities.

John King

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BIKEWATCH SCHEME

Norwich Cycling Campaign has the possibility of some fundraising from NACRO under the 'Safer Cities' scheme, to set up **Norwich Bikewatch**. This proposal is designed to combat cycle theft which, with over 1,000 bikes reported stolen so far this year, is reaching epidemic proportions in Norwich.

The scheme, which will be run from our office has these features:

- Voluntary registration of cycles. Registrants bike details

will be held on a database. The police will let us have details of cycles recovered and we will try to reassociate them with their owners. A similar scheme in Oxford has led to 30 in 100 bikes reassociated, compared to just 3 in a 100 nationally.

- A regular list of stolen bikes will be sent to cycle shops, auctioneers, etc. Shopkeepers will also be able to contact us if they think a bike they are being offered is stolen.

- Bikewatch Wardens will be set up in areas of high cycle theft (e.g., the Golden Triangle, Mile Cross and Bowthorpe) who will receive lists of bikes stolen in their area. They will then use their local knowledge to try and find them.

The scheme is still in the concept stage at the moment but has the underlying principle that if you make it difficult to dispose of a stolen bike, then it becomes less attractive to steal it in the first place.

Les Hopkins

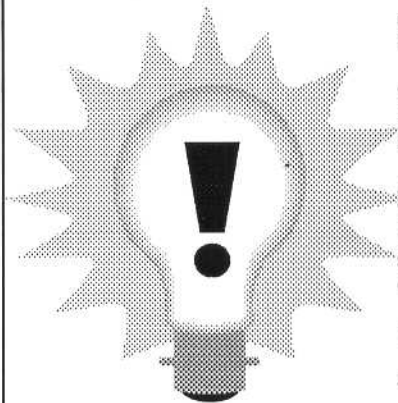
Welcome to new members

*Allan, Lia,
Annie Masson,
J. Couch,
John Rutherford,
Luke Moseley,
Vera Neave,
D. Fanning,
Christopher
Dunlop,
P. Adcock,
Lizzie Robertson,*

*And a special
welcome
to the
Women's Outdoor
Pursuits Group!*

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A great idea!



Secure cycle parking - FREE!

All you have to do is ask for it, and the more you do, the more chance of getting it!

To be as effective as possible in this we now have some very useful **CYCLE PARKING REQUEST** cards, provided as part of HNBW and CTC publicity.

Simply fill in the details on the card asking for secure cycle parking where YOU want it, and send it to the relevant Council department, your employer, school, supermarket, leisure centre, etc.

More cards are available from the Campaign office.

Please **BE PART OF THE SOLUTION** and use them.

The more you ask, the more you'll get!

Meetings



All members are welcome at these monthly meetings which are held in our Campaign Office at the Development and Environment Centre, 38-40 Exchange Street (entrance at rear, start 7:30pm).

Please come along and say what YOU think about cycling issues in Norwich!

Next meetings

*18th Oct
15th Nov
20th Dec*

