

Norwich Cycling Campaign

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

Utopia?

- Personal Injury Accidents down 50%
- Increased cycle movement
- 20% increase in pedestrian movement
- Increase in bus passengers
- 17% decrease in number of vehicles
- 10% decrease in pollution level (Nitrogen Dioxide)

No, it isn't. And it isn't the moon, either.
But, it **IS** a small step for mankind.

Where is it?

See page 3.

We are now on e:mail and the Web !
See back page for details.



Want to have some fun ? Why not join in
with our National Bike Week events?

Turn to the centre pages for
National Bike Week special.

WANTED URGENTLY

CAMPAIGNS OFFICER

Due to work commitments, Andy Mitchell has
decided to resign from the committee.

The Campaigns Officer's job is to initiate new
campaigns and monitor the campaigning
activities of other members. Also to seek
changes to inadequate/dangerous facilities.

If you are interested, please phone Pam
on 01603 612014.

Our thanks to Andy for his work in the past.
He will still be about in an unofficial capacity!

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Castle Meadow . . .

. . . but the controversy continues

(From front page)

Despite these Norwich City Council survey findings (5/99), a recent newspaper opinion poll has come up with a big majority in favour of reopening Castle Meadow to traffic and abandoning the current 'experiment'.

The council survey also found that most major retailers reported improved retailing figures last Christmas over the year before. Use of council car parks was also up 2.6%.

The **ONLY** 'disadvantage' found was that there was "some evidence of increased congestion in surrounding areas at peak times".

Judging by this photo of Castle Meadow on a weekday at 10am, it's obvious why the Personal Injury accident rate has dropped by 50%. A 17% drop in the number of motor vehicles in the castle area (not just in Castle Meadow) itself is a significant one.

But, it is nowhere near enough.

And there's not much time left to make sure that Castle Meadow stays shut to non-essential motor traffic.

The Joint Highways Agency Committee has asked all interested parties to write with their comments on the 'experiment', stating whether they represent just themselves, an organisation or a business etc. **by Friday 11th June**. A final decision on the future of the scheme will be made in early July.

We need you to act quickly. Don't leave it to someone else. They might not bother either.

Address your letters to:
Michael Loveday,
Acting Head of Planning,
Norwich City Council,
City Hall,
NORWICH
NR2 1NH

Hopefully, sometime in the next millenium, the whole of the city centre will be closed to non-essential motor traffic and there will be fewer accidents everywhere.



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Lord Mayor's Street Procession 10th July 6.30pm

Our theme this year is 'Cycling through the ages'. Are you interested in taking part? Do you have any ideas? If so, give Pam a call on 01603 612014.

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Rack brains for bike racks

If there's one place in Norwich where lots of people turn up on bikes, then it's the recently refurbished Norwich Arts Centre. And, guess what - the architects of this magnificent project have omitted to provide cycle racks!

The only secure place to leave a bike is locked to the railings at the front of the premises. This is a bit unsightly and causes a nuisance to pedestrians, particularly the blind or partially-sighted.

The Arts Centre would welcome suggestions from cyclists as to the ideal place to put racks, provided they don't spoil the new garden or scratch the outside of the glass and metal foyer.

So why not pop down there, have a drink in the cafe, and see if you can come up with the solution?



Norwich Arts Centre

Lakenham Way on the way !

Work started on the path in March and, so far, has consisted mainly of earth-moving and clearance work. Earth from the long descending ramp at Sandy Lane has been moved to Barrett Road and Hall Road to build up access ramps. It is hoped to complete the whole project without importing any earth to the site.

The path should be finished by August and it is hoped that the official opening ceremony will be during Lakenham Festival. There will probably be a mass ride or something, so watch the press!

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Norwich Cycling Campaign members extend their sympathy to the family of the late Dr. Richard Warn and express their gratitude to Mrs Warn for her recent donation of cycles.

Cyclists boom on Bittern Line

The numbers of cyclists using the Norwich to Sheringham "Bittern Line" should get a big boost this summer thanks to a super map produced by our Chairman, Phyll Hardie. The map also describes nine recommended cycle tours starting and finishing at various stations along the line and is fully illustrated with photographs.



Bittern Line map launch

Phyll deserves a medal for the excellent job she has made of this publication and all the hard work she must have put into it. The official launch of the map was well attended on Wednesday 12th May by various VIPs and members of the Campaign, with media coverage. After the launch, a group pedalled to Sheringham along Route 1, a glorious ride with a lovely tail-wind, followed by a nice rest on the train back to Norwich.

The map is available at Norwich station and is free if you go by train with a bicycle. Otherwise, it will cost you £1 - that's very good value for money !

Congratulations to our May Day Chapelfield competition winners

1st prize: Hereward Cooke (£25 voucher)
2nd prize: John Greenaway (£10 voucher)
Runners-up: Nicholas Bearman, Raymond Cann,
Ms P Davidson and Stephen Ledger
(Cycle accessories)

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