

# NORWICH CYCLING

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## Here's your chance to

*Ride the Net!*

Ride the Net is Sustrans' UK-wide celebration, which is taking place from 21st to 25th June, during which Phase One (3500 miles) of the National Cycle Network will be opened. The Network is a major national asset under construction, linking and helping create local cycle networks in towns and cities nationwide.

Ride the Net is also an umbrella for local activities and events, such as the Hull to Harwich Festival on Sunday 25th June, and results from a large number of people working together voluntarily in what must be a unique project involving four counties, North Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Lincolnshire.

Arrangements for the Festival are making progress by leaps and bounds. By now, there should have been a feature by Max Bennett in the Eastern Daily Press and some coverage by Tony Mallion on Radio Norfolk. Several events have been or are being finalised and a number of other possibilities are opening up. It is an opportunity for families, friends, groups, workmates and other individuals to join in the million or so others who will be cycling out that day on the National Cycle Network.

We hope all of you will be there!

**21st - 25th June  
2000**  
**Sustrans' millennium  
celebration of the  
National Cycle Network**



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£6 an hour, including mileage in Norwich area.  
Special rates to Cambridge, Midlands, London,  
South Coast, Dorset, Bristol and Exeter.  
Phone Jane on 01603 621834.

## **Welcome**

to our newest members, who have joined since the AGM in December:

Dorothee Bakker, Margherita Colombo,  
Harry Grainger, Dave Hawkyard, Jo Parlar,  
Tim Powell, Nickholas Sellex, Jonathan Smith,  
Susan Stewart and Patrick Wymbs

## **Where's that map?**

Campaign member, David Hood, has written to us, saying:

"I was looking through some of my cycling info the other day and it occurred to me that other people who are planning rides might like to borrow some of the maps. I have stuff for the Pacific West Coast ride in the US, maps and info for Holland, parts of Spain and Portugal. I also have a number of the Sustrans routes including C2C, The new Hull-Harwich route and various others. I would be happy for anyone making a trip to borrow these."

We think this is a great idea and that the best way of doing this would be to put a list of available items on our website, as well as keeping a list in the Campaign office. So, if you have anything you would be willing to lend to other members, please contact Pam on 01603 612014 or by e:mail at [norcyca@arkwright.swinternet.co.uk](mailto:norcyca@arkwright.swinternet.co.uk)  
Thanks, David!

## **Window display**

From Tuesday 20th June for two weeks, Norwich Cycling Campaign and Cycle Recycle are having a display in the window at The Greenhouse. If you have any appropriate display material or ideas, please contact Pam on 01603 612014 or by e:mail at [norcyca@arkwright.swinternet.co.uk](mailto:norcyca@arkwright.swinternet.co.uk)

**Closing date for items for the  
September newsletter is  
Friday 17th August**

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# Hull to Harwich Festival

As mentioned on the front page, arrangements for the Hull to Harwich (H2H) Festival on Sunday 25th June are making good progress. In Norfolk, Tim Powell and Ingo Wagenknecht are making contacts on the stretch of route 1 between Loddon and Norwich. Tony Clarke is looking after Taverham to Bintree, and Phyll Hardie and myself are the Norwich contacts.

Posters are going out to libraries and other outlets and there is a flyer to hand out or just make available with the H2H Festival map leaflet enclosed with this newsletter. The leaflet is available from local libraries around Norwich, or from the contacts listed opposite who also have posters. Maps of the route can be purchased from Black Horse Bookshop (near the Cathedral) which is doing a window display.

On Sunday 25th June, Norwich Cycling Campaign will have a stall between 10.30am and 4pm on Anderson's Meadow near Marriott's Way. The Lord Mayor of Norwich is launching events at 11.00am. Groups organising a ride up the Marriott's Way are invited to make that day and time their start point, as it would be excellent to have as large a number of people as possible there then. The stall will act as 'staging post' for cyclists offering soft drinks, minor repairs, bike hire, and limited rescue possibilities in return for a small donation to the Campaign! Sustrans intends that the National Cycle Network is for walkers and wheelchair users and we welcome them too.

Commemorative ride cards will be available at various stamping points along Route 1 - these include the New Inn at Rockland St. Mary, Wherry PH at Langley Street, Wood's End PH, Anderson's Meadow (Campaign staging post) and Royal Oak PH at Bintree. We are hoping to add more points to this list before the day.

Look out for the various pubs and cafes that we expect to be open along the route to provide drinks and food.

Rob Conway is leading two rides from Anderson's Meadow to Whitlingham Lane at 12 noon and 4.00pm and a return ride at 2.00pm. People returning from the 4.00pm ride will have to return unaccompanied. The police will be supporting us and acting as marshals at strategic points in the city.

We hope that all Campaign members will support us on 25th June, and if anyone can help with preparations now, we would be more than delighted to hear from them!

*Christine Wilson*

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## Longest Ride on the longest day!

Sustrans' Longest Ride is the national event to mark the opening of the First Phase of the National Cycle Network (NCN). There will, in fact, be over 260 rides radiating out from 70 hub towns spread out over the whole country.

Norwich is Hub 26 and there are three rides starting simultaneously in the city. The Longest Ride will celebrate the opening of the First Phase of the NCN and 'trailblaze' the second phase. The rides will all involve receptions, photo-calls, milepost unveilings etc. All three Norwich rides start with a City Council reception at 10.00am in the Anglican Cathedral Close. The three rides leave at 10.45. Rides are as follows (times are provisional):

**26a** Norwich to Thetford (9.30pm) via Reepham (12.30pm) and Gateley (3.15pm). Complete route 73 miles.

**26b** Norwich to Lowestoft (5.30pm) via Great Yarmouth (2.15pm). Complete route 34 miles.

**26c** Norwich to Lowestoft (5:30pm) via Loddon (12:30pm) and Beccles (2:30pm). Complete route 36 miles.

You can do the whole of a ride or any section. For example Rob Conway is registered on the first section of 26a, Norwich to Reepham.

**Entry is FREE and open to Sustrans supporters, partners and friends ie. EVERYONE.**

You do need to register. Forms are available from Sustrans on 0117 929 0888. Alternatively, you can register by sending an e:mail to the Longest Ride Coordinator, Katie Trent, on [katielt@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:katielt@sustrans.org.uk) Just say which ride, which section (if not all the ride) and how many people. Also indicate if you are interested in being a ride leader or ride photographer. Oh, and don't forget your name and address so they can send you further details.

# Editor's info

by Mike Savage



## Sustrans Network rangers

Norfolk's first Sustrans ranger has just been appointed. CTC member, Dave Cleverly, has been appointed ranger for Marriott's Way. Our thanks to Dave for volunteering for this job. If you experience any problems on Marriott's Way, give Dave a tinkle on 01603 665288.

Meanwhile, Campaign member, Mary Dodds, has provided this very informative piece on what a ranger's job is all about!

Mary writes, "In March, Sustrans members who had volunteered to become rangers in the Eastern region were invited to a meeting in Peterborough to find out all about it. A ranger is allocated a length of the National cycle Network to look after and the responsibility varies according to the area. As the local authorities and their cycle officers have overall responsibility, the rangers have to work with them - informing them of problems etc., but the rangers do have a pack of red number stickers that can be used to make the cycle way better signed.

Also, the ranger has the job of promoting that section of path, informing the local community of its existence, especially country areas, e.g. advertising in local shops, schools and talking to people, explaining what the little red numbers stuck on lamp posts are all about! Also, encouraging, organising or helping with events along the local network. A very important ranger job is to go armed with brush and dustpan to sweep up broken glass - anyone who has cycled the network in urban areas knows to go carefully under bridges in case the local youths' entertainment is to hurl glass bottles onto the path to catch the unwary cyclist.

As yet, many volunteer rangers do not have a path to care for - including myself - the Sustrans staff have not had time to match people to paths. Eventually, all 10,000 miles of cycle network will have a ranger.

The National Cycle Network is a wonderful idea - we want everyone to know about it, to enjoy cycling, walking and horse riding along it, we want people to feel it is looked after, to be able to find their way easily, without their enjoyment being spoiled by loads of litter, burnt-out cars and broken glass.

The users of the Network are very important to keeping the cycle paths in good order. They experience the problems and can inform the right authorities.

Useful telephone numbers for problems on the National Cycle Network:

For unacceptable heaps of rubbish, burnt-out cars etc. - contact the local District Council's Environmental Health Department - in the case of Norwich phone 01603 212329.

For damaged, vandalised or uprooted signs - contact the local Highways Maintenance Department:

Norwich 01603 212244

North Norfolk 01263 738300

South Norfolk 01953 858800

Also, you can contact the Cycling Officers for either Norwich City Council or Norfolk County Council - see page 12 for telephone numbers.

I hope this is all correct - if not, I hope people will give us better information!"

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## New leaflet and website

We have a new membership leaflet! A copy is enclosed for YOU to give to a friend or colleague. Let's try to double our membership this year!

Also, Nick Bearman has redesigned a new website in line with the leaflet. This includes a Ride the Net page with info about the Hull to Harwich Festival and links to the Sustrans website. Nick has also created an automatic redirection from the old website to the new one.

Good work, Nick!

Our new website address is  
[www.norwichcycling.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.norwichcycling.fsnet.co.uk)

