



# ***Chesterfield Cycle Campaign***

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## **Welcome to the latest issue of the Chesterfield Cycle Campaign newsletter.**

Hopefully you'll be enjoying the sunshine whilst reading this edition. We're lucky enough to have quite a few cycle related events happening in our area this year and I hope that you can get to some of them to show your support.

If you have any articles you would like to be published in the next issue, please could you let me have them.

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ride safe

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### Committee Members

Chair: Chris Allen

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# *News*

Derbyshire County Council have said that they are going to change the barriers on the cycle path on Park Road to increase the distance between them and move them further away from the pavement.

## **Welcome to the following new members**

**Sophie Berry**

**Hannah Berry**

**Rachel Schofield**

**Rob Peppit**

**Cath Peppit**

**Hasland**

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**Brampton**

**Loundsley Green**

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An 'artists impression' of a proposed new Lidl on the site of Perry's car dealership appeared in the existing branch at West Bars. The campaign has approached the council to ensure that the development will be cycle friendly.

**The Dr Bike events which are being held on the first Saturday of the month in Queens Park are proving to be a great success. They are ideal for if you have not ridden your bike in a while and want it checked over by a trained mechanic.**

On Sunday 16th July, there is an evening with Charlie Kelly and Joe Breeze, pioneers of the sport now known as Mountain Biking. Broadway cinema, Nottingham. Tickets are available via the venue's website.

**The campaign is still trying to get the cycle entrance to Queens Park Leisure centre on Boythorpe Avenue altered as we feel that the current design is unsafe.**

**Questioning someone's cycling ability is a bit like questioning someone's driving or bedroom ability – you just don't go there!**

However, you sometimes wonder whether you are doing things right and could you do things better.

~ Recently I had the opportunity to the National Standards Instructor training course for Bikeability. For those not in the know, Bikeability is the 21st century name for Cycling Proficiency. However, where the old course was sometimes run by enthusiastic parents and normally was restricted to the playground, Bikeability includes exposure to real roads and real traffic and is run by trained professionals.

The course is split into three levels. Level one is playground based and covers the basics, including setting off, stopping and steering. Level two moves onto the road and covers the outcomes of junctions and road positioning and level three builds on the previous two courses and includes route planning, roundabouts and more advanced junctions.

Well how did I get on after 40 years in the saddle and no previous training? Being a driver was a help as I had a knowledge of the Highway Code and traffic. The main thing that myself and the three other trainees took away was road positioning and observation. Being assertive and “controlling the lane” enables you to communicate where you want to go and what you want to do. Reflection was another message that was given. If things don't go to plan – what can we do differently to avoid that situation in the future.

***Derbyshire County Council run a County Rider scheme that offers up to 8 hour of free level 3 training to people who work or live in the county. Ideal if you are not confident or feel that you have developed bad habits.***

# Bicycle Film Night

Wednesday  
14th June  
7.30pm  
(doors open 7.00pm)



## Vintage Tea Rooms

Beetwell Street, Chesterfield

**Celebrate Bike Week 2017**

**A series of short films from the bicycle world!**

Entry is free but please book a ticket in person at the Vintage Tea Rooms or online at 'Eventbrite':  
<https://goo.gl/Ybd8Dl> or [www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk](http://www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk)  
or telephone 07834 838076 email [secretary@chesterfieldcc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@chesterfieldcc.org.uk)

Vintage Tea Rooms will be open for refreshments from their menu from 7.00pm and during the interval.

## **Riders on Strava recorded a staggering 276,818 commutes on Global Bike to Work Day, smashing last year's record by nearly 200,000 rides.**

180,529 commuters racked up an astonishing 5.3 million kilometres on May 11, meaning each rider rode nearly 30km, a bit increase on last year where the average distance was only 17km.

Unsurprisingly, the most commutes were logged in London (which also saw a 64 per cent increase compared to 2016), closely followed by Amsterdam and San José, which overtook San Francisco as the top city in the USA.

According to Strava, all those commutes produced a total carbon offset of 1,580 tons, which is the equivalent of 184,000 cars idling for an hour.

As well as providing a bit more of an incentive for people to get out and commute by bike, Global Bike to Work Day is also intended to highlight how commutes uploaded to Strava can help urban planners, with Strava sharing data with local government to help them better plan their transport systems.

## **If you feel like you missed out on all the fun on Strava there is always Bike Week.**

Bike Week is an annual opportunity to promote cycling, and show how cycling can easily be part of everyday life by encouraging 'everyday cycling for everyone'. Demonstrating the social, health and environmental benefits of cycling, the week aims to get people to give cycling a go all over the UK, whether this be for fun, as a means of getting around to work or school, the local shops or just to visit friends. The 2017 event will take place 10-18th June.

## **Local Bicycle Shops**

Brampton Cyclery - <http://www.bramptoncyclery.co.uk/>

Chesterfield Cycle Centre, Calow

Halfords, Whittington Moor

Igloo Cycles, Chatsworth Road, Closed Wednesdays

JE James, Whittington Moor

Monkey Park, Chester Street

Velotastic, Mobile mechanic. 07986 851216

Wheels on Fire, Wingerworth, 01246 272376

To report road faults telephone Derbyshire County Council on 08456 058058 or visit [www.fillthathole.org.uk](http://www.fillthathole.org.uk) or the council website.

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## **Useful websites**

Cycling UK : [www.cyclinguk.org/](http://www.cyclinguk.org/)

Sustrans : [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

Cyclenation : [www.cyclenation.org.uk](http://www.cyclenation.org.uk)

Cyclestreets Route Planner : [www.cyclestreets.net](http://www.cyclestreets.net)

Chesterfield Spire Cycling Club:

[www.chesterfieldspirecyclingclub.co.uk](http://www.chesterfieldspirecyclingclub.co.uk)

Bolsover & District Cycling Club:

[banddcc.org.uk](http://banddcc.org.uk)

For a comprehensive list of these and similar websites check out our website at [www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk](http://www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk)

## Get Involved!

Campaign meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm until 9.00pm at Chesterfield Community Centre, off South Place (near the coach station). All welcome to attend.

The secretary sends out a monthly email update, if you don't receive it and would like to, send your email address to the secretary  
secretary@chesterfieldcc.org.uk

Our website has lots of information [www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk](http://www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk)  
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### Membership Form

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type (please tick)

Adult, £5.....( )

Family\*, £10.....( )

Unwaged, £2.50.....( )

Under 18, £1.....( )

Optional donations welcome.....(£ )

\*Family membership includes up to 2 adults and all children under 18 living at the same address, please give all names plus ages of children below;

Please send this form together with a cheque payable to 'Chesterfield Cycle Campaign' to: Membership Secretary, 9 Ashgate Avenue, Chesterfield S40 1JB  
NB. These details will be stored on computer.