

# Chesterfield Cycle Campaign

## Campaign Update

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**Campaign Chat****Queens Park Bridge**

Thank you to those five members (including one junior member) who participated in the early morning activity (5.30am) to repaint the cycle route over the Queens Park bridge.

The fact that the Borough Council are unwilling to adopt the bridge as a joint pedestrian and cycle route means that this will probably continue as an annual 'Direct Action' event.

We are aware that pedestrians using the bridge must be given priority even if walking in the marked cycle lane.

We must moderate our speed over the bridge, warn people of our approach and be condous of young children running free. If the volume of people crossing the bridge makes it too difficult to cyde then we must obey the discretionary signs and **dismount**. We trust all Campaign members will continue to use their good sense and encourage others to do

likewise so that cydists are able to continue to use this convenient route, and retain public confidence.

The Campaigns mobile info stall has been out twice recently. Both times during 'Bike Week'. The first occasion being a 'fun run' at Poolsbrook Country Park, the second at Tapton Lock Visitors Centre. Both times were fairly quiet but plenty of interest in the Campaign.

We have reverted to black and white for this issue for various reasons, 1, we can get more pages for the same price. 2, As it is holiday time it is easier to get it printed than produce the colour pages in house and 3, We are increasing the circulation of this issue by giving out many more copies to the Tourist office, bike shops etc and we also are sending a copy to ex members to tempt them to rejoin. It really is important to continue your membership even if you are not able to help other than paying a subscription. The more members we have the more liable the local Councils will listen to our suggestions.

Members of the Campaigns committee recently attended a meeting to outline CBCs draft masterplan for the Hipper corridor redevelopment. You

may recall that last year members of the Campaign were involved in a working party asking what sort of development local people would like to see. We are pleased to say that the masterplan makes many references to cycling and the Hipper Valley Route. However vigilance will be needed once plans are received to ensure that the cycle way is given the priority it needs with the inevitable increase in traffic in the area. There is much talk of a 'green' development with the emphasis on walking and cycling links but we shall see.....

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On the next page you will see that the Campaign is now able to accept subscriptions by Standing order. Existing members will receive a copy of a Standing Order form filled in with their renewal date to make it easier to use this method of subscription renewal.

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The Secretary and Vice Chair attended the DCC Cycle Liaison meeting held in Matlock on 12th July. There were two presentations given, one on Rights of Way Improvements and the other about Child Cycle Training. There were a large number of people at this meeting but we managed to raise some issues pertaining to Chesterfield. Amongst the issues we raised

were cycle locker provision at the railway station, improvements and extension of Rother Washlands route and Hipper Valley 3 to Holymoorside - this route is still 'bogged' down due to a landowner objecting to the upgrading of the footpath. We also brought up the idea of a short shared path between Markham Road and Beetwell St. Another of the Campaign's ideas is signing of cycle routes in and around Chesterfield using a version of the Sustrans blue route sign. They have the benefit of DfT approval which makes the process of asking for approval much easier.

The Campaign would like to publish our new version of the cycle map at the same time as signing routes. This would raise awareness of a cycling network in the town and in conjunction with the map help new cyclists to find their way around.

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Following on from the successful East Midlands Cycle Group meeting in Derby earlier this year there is to be another meeting in Nottingham on Saturday 11th November. Final details will be given at our Campaign meeting in October.

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In Town, Without My Car!  
Perhaps you might know it as European Car Free Day, each year in September lots of towns

and cities across the world participate.

Whilst we do not have anything planned for Chesterfield you can always do your bit and not use a car on the day which is 22nd of September.

There is usually an event in Sheffield to mark the day.

[www.22september.org](http://www.22september.org)

Any ideas for our own event next year would be welcome. Perhaps close off a street and have a cycle display?

The Campaigns web site has been revised to include all sorts of goodies, please bear with us whilst the content is sorted out. Once it is fully up and running it will be a valuable resource enabling quick and easy access a range of resources.

Welcome back to returning members:

Peter Darling

Reg Creaser

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### **Chesterfield Cycle Campaign Request for Standing Order**

To: .....(Bank)

Please debit my account with the sum of £ . on (date)

and on the same date each year until further notice, and credit as below

Credit:	
CHESTERFIELD CYCLE CAMPAIGN at	Yorkshire Bank PLC
Sort Code 05.03.68	89 New Square
	CHESTERFIELD
a/c No 28949983	S40 1PH

My account name: ..... Signed: .....

My acc no: .....Sort Code ..... Date: .....

Please complete the above and send it to your own bank

## Midland Mainline

The secretary of this Campaign recently tried to book a rail journey to London for his family of four with their bikes as part of a trip to Sweden. Midland Mainlines policy for many years has been four bikes per train. He discovered that this had been reduced to two per train as MML consider that their new trains 'Meridians' could only fit two bikes in the cycle area. Despite four being allowed when the trains were introduced. The other trains 'HSTs' which are the most common train through Chesterfield are able to carry ten or more bikes easily. MML decided to simplify matters and only allow two on any train. Having recently been to the East Midland Cyding Group meeting in Derby (reported in the last issue) the secretary contacted many of the groups that were present. Their support together with much work by Dave Holloday of the CTC resulted in a change of policy so that if an HST is scheduled on a service MML will now allow four bikes to be booked with a word of mouth promise that if a group wants to book together they will consider allowing more. However this still means that a nine coach Meridian has only two bookable bike spaces which is fairly poor. What has come out of this is that the East Midland cycle groups

have closer contacts and there is the possibility of a MML cycle working group being set up. The MML franchise is being decided at the moment and hopefully this episode will remind them of cyclists needs.

There is another meeting of the East Midland Cycle Group in Nottingham on November 11th.

## Organic Heaven

We would like to remind our members that their membership card entitles them to a 10% discount on all purchases at 'Organic Heaven' at 4 Theatre Yard (behind Peak Books) in Chesterfield town centre. The shop is owned by Becky and Tim Moran, both of whom are Campaign members. All types of organic food and drink are available in the shop as well as their famous 'deli' counter. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter they also deliver a weekly box of organic veg. Becky and Tim and the rest of the staff are very welcoming and keen to oblige their customers. It is Campaign policy to support local business wherever possible and we hope that members will take advantage of the the special arrangements offered.

MAP ON PRINTED VERSION

## Photo gallery

Re white lining the Queens  
Park bridge



Quad promotional cycle on  
Low Pavement



Organic Heavens veg box  
delivery



Initial Nutritions fruit selling  
tricycle in New Square





## Book review

*Car Sick - solutions for our car addicted culture* is a new book by former Transport 2000 campaigner Lynn Sloman.

It presents a case for alternatives to the car which are increasingly difficult to ignore. Oil is running out, space in towns and cities is running out. Lynn demonstrates that we can get about by using our car less or even getting rid of it.

Its all about making sensible choices, car clubs, bike and foot and not forgetting train and bus. Its published by Green Books at £10.95

## Where is it?

Do you recognise this example of cycling infrastructure in Chesterfield? Where is it?

Answer below!



*Beetwell Street heading west  
allowing cycles to turn into the  
contraflow cycle lane on South  
Street*



nvrtech.com



## Other Campaigning news

From The Times 24th June

A young woman who is troubled by her debt of £10,000 wrote to The Times Money section and told:

"Get rid of your car and buy a bike (the exercise will allow you to give up the gym). Also ditch the mobile phone and reduce spending on food by preparing meals yourself"

Who needs the 'Money' section experts?

From The Week 24th June

Oxford police report that local prostitutes have started riding bicycles in order to blend in!

The Government is to double its spending on cycling to £30M over three years to be spent on a new Cycling Proficiency Test and improved routes to schools.

If you are planning a holiday in East Anglia especially by bike consider staying at 'Pinetrees' near Beccles. It is an eco B & B next to a National Cycle Route.

[www.pinetrees.net](http://www.pinetrees.net)

The Dept for Transport has revised its figures suggesting a 14% drop in cycle usage in 2004 followed by a further 7% in 2005. The new figures are a drop of 6.7% in 2004 and a modest rise of 5.2% in 2005.

Provisional figures for 2006 suggest a sharp rise for 2006.

Following on from the demise a few years ago of the National Bus Timetable the National Rail Timetable is to cease publication. Thomas Cook and OAG will continue to print their versions although not every train or service is shown in their publications.

Should you be interested in travelling abroad by train and perhaps taking your bike the website to look at is:

[www.seat61.com](http://www.seat61.com)

A private website with details of how to travel by train to just about anywhere.

The Trans Pennine Trail noticeboard at the railway station has at last got a new poster in it to replace the sun bleached and bent old one. A much better welcome!

## Bikes and trikes at work in Chesterfield

In the rest of Europe it is quite common to see bikes used for various types of work. Here in Chesterfield it is not quite so common. However there are a few examples:

### Fruit salad trike

Four days a week David Rasen can be found in New Square selling fresh fruit out of his purpose built Pashley tricycle. From the variety of fruit available you can make up your own refreshing fruit salad.

David is based in Brimington and cycles his trike in and out of the town centre.

He is available for one off events in the local area.

01246 211293

David@Initialnutrition.co.uk

### Veg box delivery

Another example of a Pashley trike being used is for weekly deliveries of organic vegetable boxes by Heaven Sent, part of Organic Heaven in Theatre Yard. The deliveries are split into several rounds many being quite well spread out but if you live in the Ashgate Road to Chatsworth Road area you will (dependant on weather) have your box delivered using a Pashley trike and Bykaboost trailer.

### St Johns

The first Derbyshire Cycle Responder Unit launched on 26 May. The Cycle Responder Team will consist of a team of volunteers and two specially-created fully-equipped bicycles.

The cycle responders cover public events from local sports and park occasions through to marches and demonstrations, responding to any situations requiring First Aid that may occur. The two bicycles were purchased thanks to £1,450 donated by the Fundraising Committee. To book Cycle Responders contact Sue Maloney at County Headquarters on 01246-200272.

### Advertising

Recently spotted in the town centre was a recumbent electrically assisted quad promotional vehicle.

They are run by:

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

This quad is being piloted by a student from Hungary apparently. He is paid to cycle it into the town centre and leave it for a few hours.

## Annual General Meeting 12th September

At the AGM officers of the Campaign are elected. Nominations should be submitted to the Campaign Secretary, Alastair Meikle, 4 Inkerman Cottages, Chesterfield S40 4BP, in writing or by e mail by 10th September 2006

The following form may be used:

I hereby nominate.....(name) to stand as .....(office) for Chesterfield Cycle Campaign for the twelve months commencing 12th September 2006 Signed.....Date..... Campaign Officers: Chair person / Secretary / Membership Secretary / Rides Organiser Vice Chair / Treasurer / Social Secretary / Update Editor
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## Annual Accounts

The Campaigns financial year ends on 30th June 2006, and audited accounts will be presented at the AGM on Tuesday 12th September 2006 at the Urban Studies Centre commencing at 7.30pm. Copies of the accounts will be available for all members at that meeting.

After that date any member wishing to receive a copy should contact the Treasurer, Barry Kay, on 01246 555943

### For Sale

Childs tricycle, pedals on front wheel. Inc push pole. Plastic wheels.  
£10 01246 520820

Childback Tandem, £40 30 Shaftesbury Ave, Brampton.

Bike child seat. 'Baby OK' inc two fittings to mount on seat tube.  
£10 01246 520820

Trailer bike. Made by Hoening in Germany. Connects onto special rack. Allows use of trailer bike and child seat at same time. Includes two racks. £50 01246 520820

To report road faults tel Derbyshire County Council 0845 605 8058

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Urban Studies Room at the Market Hall, Chesterfield

Future meeting dates;

12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December

**Welcome to new members**

Ali Dow	Walton
Youatt Family	Spital
Charlie Steather	Brampton
David Hailey	Somersal
Trudi & Alan Keay	Chesterfield

**Chesterfield shops giving a discount to campaign members**

Organic Heaven  
Theatre Yard

J E James Cydes  
Whittington Moor

Cross Country  
Cydes  
Clay Cross

Astr Cydes  
Mansfield

Next newsletter will be published in December, any articles for inclusion to the secretary by 1st November please.

**Membership Form**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type (please circle)

I am paying by Cheque / PO / Standing Order

Adult £5 Family £10\* Unwaged £2.50 Under 18 £1

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

Please send this form to the CCC Membership Secretary,  
15 Dowdeswell Street, Newbold, Chesterfield, S41 7ER

*NB these details will be stored on computer  
Cheques payable to 'Chesterfield Cycle Campaign'*