



News

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Two-Way Cycling on One-Way Streets

Cyclists in one London borough will get the go-ahead to cycle the 'wrong' way along one-way streets in a new pilot scheme. The Department for Transport (DfT) has agreed to conduct a trial on five such streets in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, in a bid to encourage more people to get on their bikes by making getting around simpler. Current signs will be replaced with the widely-recognised 'No Entry' sign, but with an additional 'Except Cycles' sign beneath. If the pilot scheme is successful, other local authorities could adopt the practice. For more information, go to: www.rbkc.gov.uk/pressrelease/pressrelease.asp?id=3116



Events



ShIPLEY Country Park, Saturdays in October 2009

We will be at ShipleY Country Park every Saturday in October, offering a range of cycling activities for you to enjoy. These include: bike tryouts, cycling confidence sessions, bike loans and community bike rides, all of which are free. There will also be a sale of reasonably-priced reconditioned bikes. Each day starts at 10 a.m. If you can make it, we would be delighted to see you! You can book your place by calling us on 07900 977990 or by emailing community@choosecycling.co.uk

Fix Your Bike Yourself Course at Four Seasons Outdoors, Belper

Every Saturday, from Saturday 14th November to Saturday 5th December at 4–5.30 p.m., we'll be running another series of Fix Your Bike Yourself workshops at our usual venue of Four Seasons Outdoors, Belper. Each session costs £15, but if you book the whole course, the cost is £45, meaning you get one free session. Lessons cover safety checks, brakes, gears and headsets/wheels. If you'd like to come along, you can book your session(s) now by calling Four Seasons Outdoors on 01773 829658.



Campaign: A6 north of Derby



The A6 through the villages and towns north of Derby can be both a blessing and a curse. While it affords residents easy access to Derby and the north of the county, it also divides many settlements in two. With long, straight stretches of road and varying speed limit signage, it is no surprise that many drivers simply drive at whatever speed they see fit - often excessively fast. This makes it difficult for local people to cross the road safely and conveniently.

Various community groups are campaigning to have the speed limit along the A6 reduced and for this to be consistently applied along its length. We are also working with Duffield Parish Council to create a traffic-free route between Duffield and Derby, which would ease congestion along this heavily-used route.

If you know of a busy road in your area, please let us know and we can add it to our campaigns page.

Products

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Waterproof jackets

As any devotee of outdoor pursuits - especially in the British Isles - knows, having decent waterproofs is a must. With this in mind, we'd like to showcase a couple of products on sale at the premises of our partner organisation, Four Seasons Outdoors, that are perfect for walking, cycling or other outdoor activities.

First up is the stylish New World Jacket from Craghoppers. Inspired by the classic mac, this has the added advantage of being made from GORE-TEX® Performance Shell, making it waterproof, windproof and breathable. Other features are belted cuffs, patch pockets, a deep collar and a vented back.



Secondly, we have the Montane Atomic DT. This ultra-lightweight jacket would be ideal for any mountaineer, backpacker or climber. Made of Entrant® DT fabric, this product forms a waterproof, breathable barrier between you and the elements. Features include a helmet hood, zipped chest pockets with storm baffle, a DWR beardguard lined chinguard and - very important for any cyclist - reflective detail on the back.

For more information on these and other products, please visit www.fourseasonsoutdoors.co.uk or visit the shop on Green Lane in Belper (opposite Genesis dental practice).

Stop press!!! Four Seasons Outdoors SALE starts on 10th October and runs for two weeks.

Consultations

1. Help improve Amber Valley and Erewash Cycle Routes

Choose Cycling are working with other organisations, including Derbyshire County Council, to develop local cycle strategies in Amber Valley and Erewash. Have your say by completing the online questionnaire at www.choosecycling.co.uk/node/139.

2. East Derbyshire Greenway Strategy Review: Derbyshire County Council

The East Derbyshire Greenway Strategy aims to improve Greenway routes across the East of the County. Have your say on how you would like Greenway routes (walking, cycling, horseriding) to develop.

3. Erewash Valley Trail Consultation

Funding has been found to develop a traffic-free Trail, called the Erewash Valley Trail, along the Erewash and Nottingham Canals. This will open up an attractive green corridor along the canals and create a circular off-road route that is perfect for walking and cycling.

For more information, please visit www.choosecycling.co.uk/node/139

Check it out!

Amber Valley Walks – www.gdd.org.uk/AVRW/ New supply of online maps and routes for walking in the Amber Valley.

Transport Direct – www.transportdirect.info The easiest way to plan your journey by public transport

Cycle Route Finder – www.transportdirect.info/Web2/JourneyPlanning/FindCycleInput.aspx?

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Cycle Route Finder – www.transportdirect.info/Web2/JourneyPlanning/FindCycleInput.aspx?repeatingloop=Y A new online cycling route planner– now covering Derby.

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