

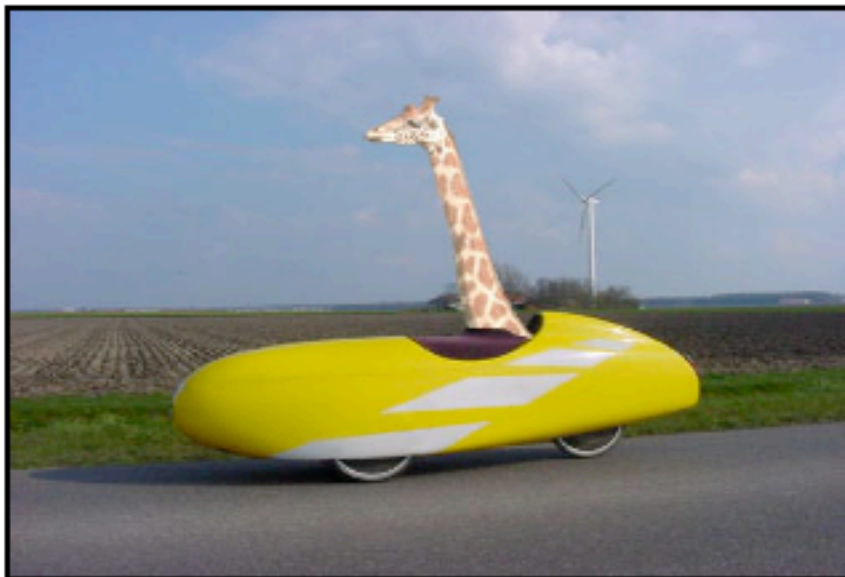
# Chesterfield Cycle Campaign



## **Campaign Update**

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## Campaign Events

Official launch of the new Chesterfield Cycle Map produced by the Campaign. We will also launch the Hipper, Holmebrook Triangular Trail leaflet. We hope that these two publications will increase the number of cyclists in the town.

### **Saturday 16th June**

The Campaign will run its information stall in the main market facing low Pavement, opposite Dolland & Aitchison (nr Boots) between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Use your bikes that day to come into town and make yourself known. Park at the cycle racks between Boots and McDonalds. Lets see how many bikes we can get in the town.

### **Tuesday 19th June**

Information stall and Dr Bike next to the cafe in the Queens Park from 12.00 until 2.00pm. Members of the Campaign will lead a ride around the Hipper, Holmebrook Triangular Trail at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Meet outside the cafe. No booking required, just turn up. The ride should take about an hour. The evening ride is especially aimed at families. Please come along and support this initiative. Contact the Secretary for more details.

### **Friday 22nd June**

Pie and pea supper at The Mill, Wheeldon Mill. This event is restricted to members and their families only. Members will have received a separate notification of this event.

### **Saturday 23rd June**

Again in the Queens Park the Campaign will have its information stall and Dr Bike at the 'Fun Day' being held in the park. We hope to be sited under the canopy overlooking the lake. If so we can offer test rides of some of our members more unusual bikes.

As always if any members feel they can offer some time to help with these events we would be grateful. Whether you can help or not please come along and support us.

## CAMPAIGN CHAT

All members should have received a copy of our new cycle map and a leaflet about the Hipper, Holmebrook Triangular Trail.

As we went to press with this newsletter we were still waiting for a decision from DCC whether they would give us a Greenwatch Grant towards the funding of the printing of the new map. The Committee decided to go ahead anyway as it was felt the old map was so out of date.

Chesterfield remains one of the few towns in this area not to have a cycle map produced by the local council!

You will also have received a new Derbyshire Cycle Map.

Items to report this quarter are:

The rebuilding of the entrance to NE Derbyshire HQ on Saltergate has resulted in the cycle racks being removed! The Campaign complained and we are assured that they will be reinstated.

The cycle locker scheme still hasn't started yet, it is now getting on for six months late! We continue to press for progress.

Planning applications have been received for two sites, the first is a farm redevelopment into ten

houses to the rear of the Royal Hospital. The access road is well used by bikes and pedestrians so our submission was that this route be formalised allowing access through the hospital site to Birmingham and the TPT.

The second application is the redevelopment of the Kwik Save store on Whittington Moor. This is proposed by Lidl. They would demolish the old store and rebuild including a number of cycle stands by the entrance. Our reply is that by planning gain we could get the developers to 'sign' the cycle roundabout within the traffic roundabout and also provide a cycle path from Albert St North to the cycle roundabout.

With the potential new BMW garage off Pottery Lane reported in the last newsletter and the expected new football stadium and other major development there is a lot going on in this area. There is the potential to create a good network around there.

Constant vigilance is required though to not miss any potential developments, the Council still often need to be shown what could be achieved.

Our noticeboard at the railway station has been erected by the cycle racks on platform 1. One of our members has volunteered to keep it up to date.

The committee are pursuing to resurfacing of the path across Inkerman Fields in Ashgate. This forms a useful link between Old

Road/Storrs Road and Ashgate Road. The surface was very poor during the winter and CBC proposed repairing it with stone (its original surface). Our Vice Chair has done much work trying to get it resurfaced with tarmac but after it went before the Community Forum this appears to be in doubt.

This is another example of the work put in by committee members which underlines the need for the Campaign. Do please show your support.

The Secretary will be running cycle training courses for Old Hall Junior school shortly, with help from other Campaign members. We also hope to run occasional courses in this area under the auspices of the Campaign for the general public. Whilst DCCs Cycle Training programme is aimed at 10 year olds, any child above ten or adults returning to cycling would find it beneficial. We will announce when such courses will take place shortly.

The Campaign ran a very successful stall during the May Day event. Many members either helped or called at the stall throughout the day. Nine members of the Campaign took part in the march through Chesterfield, eight of them on cycles.

We had the pre production run of our new cycle map for sale and twenty of them were snapped up. There were a couple of spelling mistakes on this run but they have

been corrected for the remainder of the one thousand print run. We already have an order for fifty maps from the Tourist office and we hope to have them on sale in various outlets in the town. Members will have received their own complimentary copy with this newsletter (one per household). The big news of May Day was the number of new members recruited - Twenty seven!!!

Our membership as reported at the monthly meeting the next day is 218, not far of the all time high of 225. I am pleased to say we have exceeded my target of a couple of newsletters ago of 207 in 2007!

### **Welcome to new members**

Philip Ansell  
Vince Beckworth  
Andrew Boulding  
Malcolm Cowper  
David Gee and family  
Michael Griffiths  
Glyn Griffiths  
Bruce Holden  
Douglas Holden  
Colm Keyes and family  
Joan Knight  
Robert & Jo Laws  
Philip Meadows  
Patrick Ralph  
Vernon Richardson  
Rod Spurier  
Ian Stern  
Anna Wooley  
David Walker



The Campaigns noticeboard being put up at the station by members of the Campaign.

The Campaigns stall at the May Day celebration in Chesterfield



St Johns rapid response bicycle at the May Day parade

## Bits & pieces

Several people have asked if the Campaign has anything to sell on our information stall. Up to now we haven't but for bike week we hope to have a small range of unusual bicycle bells from a company in Germany. If this trial is successful we may branch out into other sales items.

Ideas include puncture kits, bells & reflective tabards with 'Chesterfield Cycle Campaign' branding, mugs and waterbottles.

Visit the stall with your ideas!

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Campaign member Patrick Ralph stood as a Green Party candidate in West ward in the local election recently. He polled a very creditable 290.

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The Campaign has in recent years given £50 to Sustrans to support their work. At our last meeting we voted to give them £50 again this year.

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As a result of a legacy by Penny Southworth to Hardwick Hall. Cycle racks have now been provided at the visitors centre near the lake and by the car park near the house.

Penny was for many years a member of our Campaign. We had asked if there could be a plaque on the racks but the National Trust do not allow this.

## Degradation of Existing Cycle Infrastructure

We are concerned about the County Council's and Borough Council's neglect of the existing cycle infrastructure.

If the present low level of maintenance is allowed to continue all the progress made to-date will be nullified.

We should like to encourage members to report to us and/or to the Council concerned (and their local Councillor) any problems so that maintenance can be stepped up.



## Distribution of updates

We thank our reps for delivering our quarterly newsletter 'Campaign Update'.

We do ask however for these to be distributed within 7 days of being received at the rep's home.

We realise that sometimes reps are not always available, or may be away on holiday etc when the updates arrive for distribution.

Updates are usually ready on or around the 1st of March, June, September and December. Please contact the secretary if you will not be available to distribute.

Late delivery of updates can mean that members can miss dates and activities that are scheduled in the update.

## **CCC Web Site**

The Campaign maintains a website;

[www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk](http://www.chesterfieldcc.org.uk)

It was relaunched a couple of months ago and has quite a lot of resources on it. If you have internet access please make use of the site.

Do explore the 'map' page and use the 'Forum'.

The Secretary uses e mail to contact members of the Campaign usually 2 or 3 times a month. If you have never been contacted in this way the Campaign probably does not have your e mail address. If you would like to receive these e mails send an e mail to the Secretary (address on the back cover). This is really useful to get the minutes, agenda and reminder of meetings.

Occasionally the Council like a quick response to a planning application and a quick survey by e mail can be useful.

Minutes and agendas are also available on the Campaigns web site.

## **Cycle Workshop**

The Campaign has recently been approached by a company called 'Kit' who trade on the Sheepbridge estate.

They are a major supplier of cycles to police forces in the U.K. They also supply very high quality protective clothing.

Because of their involvement with the preparation of cycles they are considering opening a workshop and have asked the Campaign what sort of services our members may want.

Would you be interested in the services a cycle workshop could offer? If so let us know at our meeting or at one of our events.

## **Promotional items**

We have had several enquiries at our information stall asking if we have any items for sale. Until now we haven't but members of the committee have been looking at what sort of items we could sell.

In the near future we hope to have a range of bells, mugs and pens.

## **East Midland Cycle Forum meeting**

The next meeting of this group was scheduled for June 23rd, it has now been put back a week to June 30th. The meeting is in Leicester. It is hoped that some members will attend now. The autumn meeting will be held in Chesterfield on Saturday October 13th and run by our Campaign

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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 together with a cheque or P.O payable to "Chesterfield Cycle Campaign" to the CCC Membership Secretary: 9 Ashgate Avenue, Chesterfield, S40 1JB

*NB these details will be stored on computer*

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 June, 10th July, 14th August, 11th September

