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TRING SCHOOL BIKESHED OPENS



After much hard work the new Tring School Bike Shed built by the Skills 4U group has opened. The shed was designed and built by this group of pupils, who also selected its secure and accessible location. In the above picture you can see that there are eight racks providing parking for 16 bicycles. These are protected from the elements by polycarbonate sheets on a substantial frame, and bicycles are secured behind a lockable gate. The shed was designed as a module and other similar units can be added to it if demand is sufficient. Since a survey of pupils indicated that about 100 pupils would consider cycling to school if the security of their bicycles could be assured, we may expect additional modules to be added on in the future.

We think that this accomplishment is virtually unique, since other schools invariably purchase "off-the shelf" sheds which are then erected by an outside firm. Members of the group responsible for this shed are shown below..



FUTURE EVENTS

- TCC's Cycle Safely Event - Sunday, April 29th 2:00PM to 5:00PM
 - Tring Market Place
 - A cycle training event led by Sue Rowe, one of our members. Sue, a qualified instructor, will take small groups through basic safe cycling skills.
 - And for those wishing to gain some practical experience a ride along the Tring station cycle route will be arranged.
 - The event is for both children and adults who wish to gain confidence on a bicycle. This is a new venture for TCC so please come along and give it your support.
 - For more information contact John Boielle (see below) or Brian Bostock on 01296 624694.

On Sunday June 24 during BikeWeek there will be a Family Cycle Ride meeting at 1.45pm outside St Peter's Church, Tring with a stop for refreshments

On Sunday Sept 2 there will be a Family Cream Tea Ride meeting at 1.45pm outside St Peter's Church, Tring

Note that both of these rides are in the afternoon, since we seem to get more interest in afternoon than in morning events.

Details of further rides and events will be decided shortly.

WEST HERTS AREA TRANSPORT PLAN

This new Transport Plan just issued by HCC provides a framework setting out the direction for transportation improvements over the next 15-20 years. It covers Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted and Tring and is based largely on meeting LTP (Local Transport Plan) objectives and targets. In discussion with local urban Authorities improvements will be identified and then prioritised. This information along with supporting background information will be recorded in local **Urban Transport Plans** produced to a new format developed by HCC without local consultation. These Urban Plans will be reviewed every 5 years. It is notable that rural authorities have had these ideas imposed on them and are excluded from future consultation.

Details of the current Tring Transport Plan (not to the new format) are given. **There are no proposals to improve cycle infrastructure.** This Plan will **not** be reviewed and updated into the new Urban format **until** 2011/12.

The final Heading in the West Herts. Area Transport Plan is Finance. This section outlines how identified schemes may be funded, namely from the LTP, developers contributions (Section 106 agreements), and local Authorities own budgets. No details on the amounts of money available are given.

The Plan can be seen in full on the HCC website, www.hertsdirect.org, or you can borrow the TCC copy that is held by our Secretary John Boielle. (01442 822575)

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