



NEWS SHEET

Tring Cycling Campaign

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DACORUM CYCLING STRATEGY

A new updated draft strategy document has been sent to TCC by Dacorum Borough Council. They have not asked us for detailed comments, just our thoughts about whether it is now on the right lines.

This new document is an improvement, and includes most of the recommendations made last year by the Dacorum Cycling Forum which were detailed in our [newsheet number 60](#). There is however very little insight into when improvements will happen and how they will be funded.

If anybody wishes to see this new draft, (which the Dacorum Environmental Manager has been considering for some months, and so he has not yet posted it on the website in place of the old draft), then please contact John Boielle (details below) who will be happy to pass it on.

AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP OF CTC

Tring Cycling Campaign is affiliated to CTC, and so is able to offer Affiliated Membership of CTC to members. For the annual price of **only £12.00** this provides:

- Third party insurance
- A CTC membership card giving access to a wide range of discounts and benefits
- 10% discount off bikes and accessories from the CTC shop
- the weekly CTC email newsletter, "Newsnet".

This cover will be for the fixed year of 1 October to 30 September. This membership is also available for **only £8.00** for the period 1 April to 30 September.

If you require this membership please contact John Boielle (details overleaf at foot of page).

REVISED HERTFORDSHIRE CYCLING STRATEGY

The new cycling strategy is a revision to the adopted policy and is more prescriptive in terms of policy statements, providing more detail on how it will be implemented by Hertfordshire County Council. Its primary purpose is to encourage more people to cycle more often. It is supported by separate Cycle Parking and Cycle Monitoring Strategies.

These can all be found by the following link:

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/envroads/roadstrans/transplan/ltp/ltp2/newcyclestrat/>

Alternatively please contact John Boielle.

<p align="center">New Highway Code now in force</p> <p>The new Highway Code has now been published. After lobbying by cycling groups to influence the original draft, it now contains 40 new rules requiring drivers to take greater care around cyclists, and makes it clear that cyclists have every right to cycle on the road.</p> <p>Rules 61 and 63 state that cycle lanes and cycle facilities, are “not compulsory”, and the decision to use them “will depend on your experience and skills”.</p> <p>For details see www.direct.gov.uk/highwaycode .</p>	<p align="center">Increased Cycle Use In 2006</p> <p>The Government's newly-released <u>National Travel Survey</u> for 2006 shows a significant increase in cycle trips in 2006 compared with 2005 - up from an average of 14 to 16 trips per person per year , and from 36 to 39 miles per person per year. This data, drawn from travel surveys, tallies with other data based on vehicle counts. This showed that the amount of cycling had increased from 4.4 billion-km in 2005 to 4.6 billion-km in 2006.</p> <p>It remains to be seen whether this is a positive trend emerging, or simply a result of last years' good weather - that will be apparent when the figures for 2007 come out in a year's time.</p>
<p align="center">THE DESIGN OF STREETS FOR CYCLISTS</p> <p>The Department for Transport have sent out for consultation a 63 page “Local Transport Note” about how roads should be designed to promote cycling. Replies are needed by November 5. This is important since eventually it will be used by all highways authorities when changing the layout of streets to cater for cyclists. If you want to have a look at it (and perhaps “have your say”) then go to: http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/infrastructuredesign/</p> <p>Alternatively, please contact John Boielle.</p>	<p align="center">AGONY GRANNY SECTION</p> <p>Dear Granny John: I was on a towpath going along a wide bit with enough room for 2 cyclists to pass when I met an oncoming cyclist, I stayed on my left & he on his right so we came to a halt. He didn't seem too happy. I admonished him (with a smile) "rules of the road, cycle to pass on the left" pointing in that direction with my hand. He muttered some unhappy words & we passed on. Was I in the right?</p> <p align="right">Roy Al Male</p> <p>Dear Roy, The cyclist you met on the tow-path might have been a European used to RHS priorities. If I see cyclists or walkers approaching in such places I hand-signal which way I am going. This is particularly useful on the Station Road cycle-path.</p> <p align="right">Granny John</p> <p>Dear Granny, The hand signals you usually make would probably bring any oncoming traffic to a standstill.</p> <p align="right">Roy Al Male</p>
<p align="center">OUR MEETINGS</p> <p>If you want minutes of past meetings, details of future meetings or to join in or contribute to them then please contact John Boielle. The date and venue for the next one is at the foot of this page</p>	
<p align="center">ASHRIDGE</p> <p>We have been assisting the National Trust in surveying routes for their cycling strategy for this area.</p> <p>A new “Cycle, Ride and Walk” leaflet for the Ashridge area, produced by the Chilterns Conservation Board, is expected before the end of February 2008.</p>	
<p align="center"><i>Today Tring: Tomorrow the world.</i></p>	

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Next meeting: Wednesday December 5th at 7.30pm at 83 Dundale Road, Tring

We welcome any letters/articles/notices for the next issue.

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