



# NEWS SHEET

## Tring and Berkhamsted Cycling Campaign

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### BICYCLE THEFT AT RAILWAY STATIONS

These comparative figures for Cycle thefts for the railway stations in "our patch" for the periods 01/12/2006-30/11/2007 and 01/12/2007-30/11/2008 have been given to us by Sergeant Peter Goodchild, Officer-in-Charge, British Transport Police, Milton Keynes

	06/07	08/09
Apsley	1	1
Berkhamsted	1	6
Hemel Hempstead	1	3
Kings Langley	10	11
Tring	1	11

He commented that cycle crime is on the increase across the board. Factors include groups of youths hanging around, -persons leaving their bicycles for long periods of time, and sub-standard padlocks. He wondered "Why pay £300 for a bike, and secure it with a padlock costing £2-99!"

As far as prevention by CCTV is concerned he stated that to view CCTV for say a 10 hour period can take one officer up to 6 hours and a successful detection relies heavily on quality of the CCTV ,direction of camera, and the awareness of suspects (e.g hoods pulled up). He asked that if TBCC members see anyone suspicious hanging around the bike racks not to tackle them, but to jot down a description, (colour of clothing, dyed hair, and anything that would stick out on CCTV) and of course the exact time and date and contact British Transport Police on **0800 40 50 40**.who can then match up the event with any reported crimes.

Sergeant Goodchild is trying via BTP Crime Reduction Officers to organise an event at a Railway Station whereby people can bring their bikes, chips will be inserted free of charge, and then the details entered onto a register. Then if the bike is stolen and BTP arrest and recover the bike-a simple scan will reveal the true owner. He requested "Please keep in contact with me-eyes and ears on the ground for us I feel are extremely important and will lead to more detections and deter other offenders". Tel: 01908 643521.

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### Membership Renewal

Subscriptions are now due and members should be receiving "through their doors" a renewal form with an SAE and a copy of this news sheet.

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### APOLOGIES

The editor has been overtaken by indisposition which has caused acute procrastination, and so this news sheet is a month late. The next news sheet with details of our AGM will therefore follow very shortly after this one.

## ROADWORKS

Hertfordshire Highways IWP (Integrated Works programme) shows the following plans for the current year for some roads identified as bad in our recent survey

- : Mortimer Hill, Tring, Carriageway Recycling - CWY08538 (this has already started)
- Brook Street, Tring, Carriageway Recycling (High St to Silk Mill Way) - CWY071030
- Park Street, berkhamsted - CWY 08537

Northfield Road Surface Dressing, Tring - CWY071323 is not outlined on the work until the 2010/11 programme. Co-ordination over the preparation works (including joint repairs) will take place. We shall be chasing up this to see if it could be moved forward.

## A SOCIAL EVENT

### Brewery trip:

We will be having a trip to Tring Brewery on March 26. The cost is £16 per person, and for this we drink some beer, we talk a little, we tour the brewery, we eat good fish and chips delivered to the brewery, we drink some more beer, we talk a lot and put the world on the right path, and we hope somebody gives us a lift home. We will meet at the brewery at about 7.15pm for a 7.30 start. Bring your friends and family; it is not necessary to be a TBCC member.

Please let **John Boielle** know if you are coming on this trip, so that we can confirm numbers.

boielle@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01442 822575

## AN APPEAL

A lady cyclist who lives in Tring wants to acquire a suitable bicycle to use so that she can become more proficient and a safe road user. She would prefer to recycle and pay for someone's unwanted bicycle rather than purchase a new one.

She also feel that there might be others, who like her, would like to get out on two wheels rather than four and maybe lack the confidence, ownership of a bicycle or just fancy some companionship.

Regular outings would seem to be a social way of learning about safety, care and maintenance etc, but she suspects that existing groups are more geared to those who are already proficient. Her idea is that something along the lines of the Simply Walk groups might be a good basis to start from and draw prospective candidates.

If you can help her, or would like to join her on rides, or if you know someone else who would, then either ring **Hazel** on 01442 823903, or contact **John Boielle**, 01442 822575, [boielle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:boielle@yahoo.co.uk)

## Cycle Bits

**The Motorists Centre, 28 High Street, Tring** [01442 827543] has re-opened as a branch of Interpart (though the sign outside has not been changed). They have some cycle parts (such as puncture repair, pumps, saddles helmets, lights, and a few bikes). David behind the counter said they would offer a discount on these to TBCC members who showed a membership card.

**VAH, 339 High Street, Berkhamsted** [01442 863097] email: [nareshgovindia@hotmail.com](mailto:nareshgovindia@hotmail.com) also has some essential cycle parts, and will give a discount on these to TBCC members who show a membership card.

Both of these shops are open on Sunday morning.

A full range of cycles and parts (as well as a discount) can be found at **Mountain Mania, 10 Miswell Lane, Tring** [01442 822458]

## A LOCAL GROUP

Our past chairman, Brian Bostock, is now Membership Secretary of "Get Wendover Cycling". The area of this new group overlaps ours, and our interests are similar. For more information visit [www.getwendovercycling.org](http://www.getwendovercycling.org) or contact Laura Ferguson, 07760 38364, [laura.ferguson@getwendovercycling.org](mailto:laura.ferguson@getwendovercycling.org)

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