



NEWS SHEET

Tring and Berkhamsted Cycling Campaign

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AGM: Thursday 4th March, 7-00 for 7-30 pm at Victoria School, Berkhamsted

This will be a joint meeting on transport with Transition Town Berkhamsted.

Stephen Joseph OBE, Executive Director of the highly regarded and influential "Campaign for Better Transport", will be telling us at 7.30 pm about "**Better transport in our towns and villages**", outlining successful transport initiatives in the UK and elsewhere, followed by discussion and questions. We could not have a better speaker on this subject. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear about the possibilities for sustainable transport, and to start building consensus about what we want in our area as part of a better future, and how it can be done.

Light refreshments will be served at 8-30 followed by our annual general meeting at 9-00pm in another room in the school.

Launch of the Chilterns Cycleway

The Chilterns Cycleway is a 170 mile (274 km) circular route in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, linking attractions, market towns and places of interest. The route is on-road, mostly on quiet lanes, and will be clearly signposted. This project has been set up by the Chiltern Conservation Board, Chiltern Society and Cyclists Touring Club. Further details are on the website <http://www.chilternsociety.org.uk/about-ChCyWay.php>

Calling all cyclists - The Chilterns Cycleway will be launched on Friday 18th June, 2010.

Plans for the event are still underway but will include a Cycle Relay, where teams are spaced around the route to start off at the same time and to ride a section of the route. In this way the whole route will have been ridden within a couple of hours.

This will not be a race but a chance to enjoy the scenery along the route. If you would like to take part please put this date in your diary now and contact

Roger Lerry rogertlerry@talktalk.net for details.

A number of Chiltern cycle clubs will be taking part. There will also be a series of 'taster rides' on offer in the week following the launch (i.e. during Bike Week). These will be led by volunteers and should encourage the public (particularly less confident cyclists) to try out a section of the route.

We will let you know the details of all the rides when the plans are finalised.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

TBCC members will soon be receiving a renewal form with an sae addressed to our treasurer, John Harrison.

Dacorum Cycling Strategy and Maps Now Online

The Cycle Strategy has now been finalised and is on our website, with all the associated maps, compiled by Groundwork with our assistance. You can access all of these using the link below:

<http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=6163>

CRAZY GUY ON A BIKE

David Calder, our previous webmaster, is taking a year off from work to cycle around Europe. He posts a full account of his exploits as a daily blog. Read all about it on:

<http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/euro2009>

PRESENTATION OF PETITION TO HERTS HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT CABINET PANEL BY TRING & BERKHAMSTED CYCLING CAMPAIGN REQUESTING 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN BERKHAMSTED

Mr T Vaughan, Chairman of Tring & Berkhamsted Cycling Campaign presented and spoke to a petition signed by 320 residents of Hertfordshire requesting an extension of 20 mph speed limits in Berkhamsted to cover all residential roads and to implement this as soon as possible. He stated that this request had the support of Transition Town Berkhamsted and was needed in the interests of making Berkhamsted roads safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. A similar request for Tring maybe made in the near future. The County Councillor for Berkhamsted stated that he supported this request especially for improved pedestrian safety in Berkhamsted. The Executive Member for Highways and Transport stated that he understood the request to introduce more 20 mph speed limits and more such requests for other Hertfordshire roads were likely to be received especially when the Council's new speed management policy and strategy was published. However the funding of new 20 mph speed limits in the next few years when public spending was likely to be dramatically reduced by central government would prove to be challenging. As a consequence he expected the three main sources of funding new speed limits to be 1) the Highways Joint Member Panels discretionary budget provision 2) the County Council's Safety engineering budget provision and 3) the Locality Budget Scheme provision of £10,000 allocated by each County Councillor. The prime source was likely to be the Highways Joint Member Panels discretionary budget provision and on that basis he suggested that this petition be referred to the Dacorum Highways Joint Member Panel for consideration in the first instance.

[Taken from Herts County Council minutes]

Additional Cycle storage at Tring; Update

London Midland (LM) submitted their application for additional cycle storage to their landlord; Network Rail, who refused the application to put the additional cycle storage opposite the existing storage on the station forecourt at Tring.

LM now propose to put additional parking on the piece of waste land on the other side of the forecourt (the same side as the coffee stall) this can hopefully be done fairly quickly. LM have also got a new contractor to have a look at the old storage down the steps, and asked them to cost ripping out the old opaque roof and the butterfly stands and replacing with Sheffield stands, and a modern Perspex canopy. It turns out the opaque roof was not asbestos, and the transparent Perspex will allow all the stands to be visible to CCTV.

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