



COGSnews

The Newsletter of the
Cycling Opportunities Group for Salisbury

August 2010

Celebrating
15 years of
Sustrans NCN!

**COGS Connect2
July 3rd 2010**

**Ride to Wilton
Carnival**



Thanks to all who took part in the Connect2 ride from Alderbury to Wilton for the Carnival event on July 3rd. The weather was great, the ride was fun - and to cap it all the COGS entry in the Carnival procession ("Go Green - Go Cycling" - thanks to Daniel, one of our younger members, for supplying us with this!) won a prize. How are we going to improve on this next year?!



SATURDAY 11th SEPT

Leaving Salisbury Five
Rivers Leisure Centre
10:00 a.m.

Sustrans
JOIN THE MOVEMENT



HISTORIC CHURCHES ON NCN ROUTE 24

Join COGS in a ride to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the National Cycle Network which will take in the wonderful scenery of the Wylde Valley and visit many of the historic churches along the way.

SPONSORED RIDE AND
STRIDE



WILTSHIRE
HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

To celebrate this anniversary we will be participating in the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust annual 'Ride and Stride' event. We plan to cycle along the Wylde Valley visiting the many churches along the route - some of which are rarely open to the public. After a lunch stop at the Ginger Piggery at Boyton we will return to Salisbury

around 5:00pm. The ride will cover about 30 miles - contact Rob 01722 320351 or Peter 01722 327823 for more information.

There is no charge for this ride, but donations to the Historic Churches Trust would be appreciated. This is a major fund raising event for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and money raised goes towards the building and repair costs which are incurred in maintaining the county's historic churches - more details at <http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurches.org.uk/>

Celebrating Sustrans' success & Wiltshire's historic churches - two good reasons for one great ride!

**Tuesday 2nd November, 7:00 p.m.
Quaker Meeting House
51 Wilton Road, Salisbury, SP2 7EP**

**What it means to be a 'Cycling City'
The Bristol experience**

Jon Usher
Principal Project Officer, Infrastructure
Cycling City Team, Bristol

Bristol was named as England's first Cycling City in June 2008 - what does this mean and what difference is it making?

Talk followed by COGS AGM

Admission free - all welcome.

LAVERSTOCK CYCLE LANES SLOW THE TRAFFIC

The cycle lanes introduced through Laverstock last year caused a certain amount of controversy. However it seems clear that they are working effectively in reducing traffic speeds. Figures released by Wiltshire Council show that 85% of drivers through Laverstock are now sticking to the 30 mph speed limit, whereas before 70% of drivers exceeded this limit. Previously the average speed was just over 32 mph, now it's nearer 25mph, and there have been no major incidents.

COGS hope that slower traffic will encourage further cyclists to use this route, this in turn will make this road even safer. Our thanks to Cllr Ian McLennan and all those involved in getting this innovative scheme introduced. Hopefully it will encourage greener travel to the Laverstock schools, as well as providing useful data which may help to justify such schemes elsewhere.

🚲 One component of the **Connect2** scheme, which will see a safer route from Wilton through Salisbury to Alderbury, moved a step closer recently, with a display and consultation on proposals for **Churchfields Road**. The display at Grosvenor House on Churchfields Road on 15th July was well attended and with largely favourable feedback. The planned shared use path would provide a safer route from Lower Bemerton through to the station for pedestrians and wheelchair users as well as cyclists.

🚲 There is no update yet on the '**Salisbury Transport Strategy**' or the South Wiltshire Core Strategy. The Inspector's report from the Public Hearing into the South Wiltshire Core Strategy has been delayed because the new government has abolished Regional Spatial Strategies. Housing figures (and regional transport policy) were determined in the RSS and there has been a further consultation on how the removal of the RSS will affect housing numbers for Salisbury.

🚲 Three brave Coggies cycled to the **Larmer Tree Festival** this year - and were joined by a further Coggie on a 'Powered two wheeler'. Fantastic weather, good music and a great time was had by all. A COGS trip is already proposed for next year when the festival will run from 13th—17th July 2011 - get it in your diary now!

🚲 Shopping at **Waitrose** and too much to carry on your bike? Help is at hand, as it is now possible to borrow a bike trailer (of the Bike-Hod variety) from the store in order to take your shopping home. Well done Waitrose!

🚲 Did you know that if you park at one of Salisbury's Park & Ride sites and then cycle, rather than using the P&R bus, you can park for free? See the P&R "Frequently asked Questions on Wiltshire Council's website.

20's Plenty



Where People Live

www.20splentyforus.org.uk

More than half of road deaths and serious injuries in Britain occur on roads with 30 mph limits and Britain has the highest percentage of pedestrian road fatalities in Europe at over 20%.

COGS support the campaign to get a 20 mph limit as the default on residential streets across Britain. This speed limit can now be imposed without physical traffic calming (which is expensive & unpopular) and surveys have shown this move is popular with the general public, including motorists.

For more information see: www.20splentyforus.org.uk/

MAKING RESIDENTIAL STREETS SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS & CYCLISTS

RE-CYCLED CYCLES !

Thanks to all those who responded to the item in our February newsletter regarding Salisbury Rotary club's appeal for all bikes which could be recycled for use in Africa. The Rotary Club of Salisbury was one of three clubs in the area to organise a collection of unwanted bicycles from the public and they recovered 200 bikes, a third of the 600 which fill a container for shipping to Africa. The Churchfields Recycling Centre contributed to the total. The most difficult task was removing all the pedals and turning the handlebars 90 degrees to make the best use of the space. They are grateful to all the donors and helpers.

WILTSHIRE'S LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY

One of the components of Wiltshire Council's Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026, namely the Parking Strategy, is currently open for consultation, with a closing date for comments of 3rd September. Although this focuses solely on car parking rather than broader demand management issues there are some questions which would influence the money and road space available for cyclists. For instance Q26 asks whether radical, balanced or conventional transport policy options are to be pursued - radical would offer the best basis for encouraging cycling and other sustainable transport modes (although respondents are reminded it will lead to the highest parking charges!). And Q31 proposes **minimum** residential parking standards (for many years now there have been **maximum** standards only). This would lead to significant additional parking provision at the housing developments planned around Salisbury - and encourage greater car use. We have yet to see a draft of the Cycling Strategy which we are told will include cycle parking standards.

To have your say on Wiltshire's parking strategy see <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>.

On Yer Bike!

On **Sunday 26th**

September there will be a cycle ride through the Wiltshire/Hampshire countryside then back to East Grimstead Reading Room for soup & crusty bread.

The ride will commence at 9 a.m. with routes of approx 13 or 24 miles - it should take between 2 and 5 hours.

A donation of £10 per person is all that is required - unless of course you wish to be sponsored!

For more details please contact Glynis Newman on 01722 712264

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