

Cycleways Newsletter

Autumn Edition 2018



Chairman's Report



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

Please make a note of the 15th November 2018. This is the date of our AGM where we will be electing officers. Please come along and if you would like to put yourself forward for one of the posts, please let us know.

There are a number of issues concerning us at the moment, not least of which is how to get Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to accept that cycling is a solution to many of their problems rather than a nuisance to be accommodated with least effort. If a relatively small number of local journeys were made by bicycle (a big uplift compared to the current 2% of journeys) there would be big benefits in health, air pollution and traffic congestion. WCC need to realise that cycle provision must be attractive, direct and safe. Little of the cycle provision to date meets these criteria, but we are working on it. Do come along and help.

Tony

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As a member of Cycleways, you get great support from:

John Atkins Cycles

Mike Vaughan Cycles

Giant Leamington

including a discount (usually 10% on non-sale items) for members showing a current membership card. Membership is just £7 (per household) annually.

Find out more visit the website:

www.cycleways.org.uk

Cycleways as a campaign group for Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth works to lobby WCC and other bodies to provide good cycle facilities and to encourage more people to cycle and use their bicycles for everyday journeys. This improves the health of the individual, cycling, reduces congestion and air pollution.

Cycling on the pavement-It's illegal



Unless the pavement is marked as a cycleway, it is illegal to cycle on the pavement. We do fully understand why people do it. Where cyclists on pavements make a nuisance of themselves to pedestrians it turns public opinion against them. The Department for Transport has just announced a review of the Highway code to update guidance on how road users should behave around people on bikes and pedestrians.

While we work to help bring about a better cycle network what can you do? Firstly, check out where you can cycle on off-road schemes. WCC publish maps of the cycle networks in the district. These should be available from local libraries or tourist information offices or from the County Council website (www.warwickshire.gov.uk and search for 'cycle map'). Some **significant routes that help navigate the towns are below:** -

- **Myton and Warwick New Road** - this links Princes Drive to Victoria Park and to Queensway via McDonalds. At the other end it links to the Charter Bridge over to St. Nicholas Park.
- **Tachbrook Road** - all the way to Bishops Tachbrook.
- **Gallows Hill** for access to Warwick Technology Park.
- **North Leamington School route** - along Binswood Avenue onto Lillington Road as far as Park Road.

Cycle routes coming on stream soon:-

- **Myton Road extension** – connection to the Banbury Road and up to the Technology Park.

- **Priory Road** -shared use cycleway on the pavement designed for going **up** the hill. The intention is that you would use the road to come down. The next stage will be modification of Northgate and connection to the station, Priory Park and the allotments, followed by the St. John's junction.

Please try and use the cycle routes and quiet roads where you can. If you want training to become more confident approach the County Council or Cycleways (www.cycleways.org.uk) and we'll see if we can help.

Finally, if you feel there should be more cycle provision or there are danger points, then e-mail your local county councillor or contact Cycleways. Things will get done if enough people ask.

Peace Festival

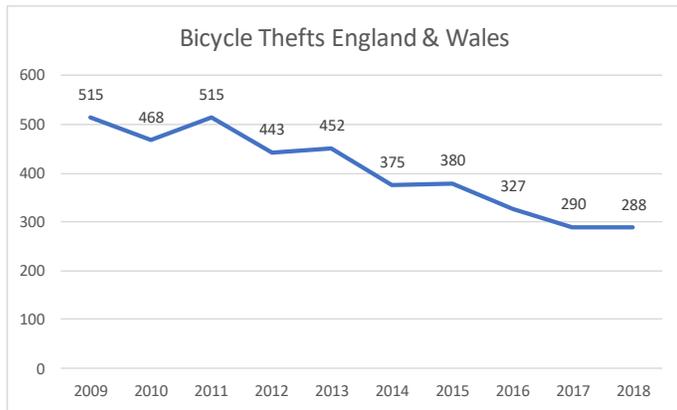


We had our stall at the Leamington Peace Festival in June as usual this year. This is our main outward facing event where we meet the public and promote our group. As usual the interest in cycling was high with both a large number of people wanting to know where they can safely cycle with their families as well as those eager to find routes to use to travel to work or recreation. We help by recommending routes and distributing local cycle maps.

This year we had a map available for people to mark obstacles to cycling, danger points and other issues cycling in the District. These will be passed on to the County Council to see if they can make improvements to address the issues.

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Cycle Thefts Lock it or Lose it



Number of incidents (thousands).
 Figures are April to March 2018.
 Source _ Office for National Statistics

In the last newsletter we reported that in the year ending December 2017 the bicycle theft rate in South Warwickshire was higher than the average theft rate across similar areas. Note whilst nationally the trend is downwards there are still thousands of bicycle thefts a year and it can be devastating to have a prized possession stolen. Whilst the availability of lock picks, foldable bike clippers and even portable angle grinders are not going to stop the most ardent criminal any lock is better than none. See below for some recommended bike locks.

Recommended bike locks

The Independent recommends the following. **Kryptonite New York Standard.D** locks are sturdy. Consider using a cable lock as well to lock the main frame and front wheel to the stand for example the **Master lock Street Fortum D Lock and Cable**, both are made from 1.3cm steel. The Hiplock Solo Secure is a lock that fits around your waist when you are cycling. One benefit of this lock is that you need the key to lock it (not just unlock it), hence if you have left your key at home you will realise before you secure your bike and have to walk home. **Remember a good lock is a wise investment.**

Thank you

Thank you to all our members and everyone who contributed and volunteered their time in 2017, particularly everyone who helped out at the Peace Festival. All this work and work of the Cycleways Committee was undertaken on a voluntary basis. Thanks go to Peter Clear, Cycleways Treasurer. Particular thanks go to David Heathfield our Membership Secretary who is sadly stepping down, David has done a great job looking after all our members, thank you for all your hard work and good luck with your MBA studies.

Accounts

In readiness for our AGM Cycleways accounts are:

Cycleways - Income and Expenses Oct 17 - Sep 18



AGM Agenda

- Apologies for absence
- Review of 2017-2018 by the Chairman
- Review of the draft 2017-2018 accounts, by the Treasurer
- Election of Independent Examiner
- Election of Officers:
 - Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer
- Election of committee members:
 - Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Representative to the Warwick District Cycle Forum
- Any other business
- Nominations for the Cycleways Committee 2018-2019 (as at 1/10/2018).

A guest speaker has been invited to attend.

The following have expressed an interest in continuing in their current roles and are open for re-election:

Office	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Tony Lewenz	Peter Clear	Rodney King
Secretary	Rodney King	Tony Lewenz	Peter Clear
Treasurer	Peter Clear	Rodney King	Sandra Stokes
Newsletter Editor	Sandra Stokes	Tony Lewenz	Rodney King

Committee Members

Below is a list of our current Committee Members:

Tony Lewenz - Chairman
Rodney King - Secretary
Peter Clear- Treasurer
David Heathfield - Membership Secretary (role to be vacated).

Up and coming rides:

We hope you had a great summer of cycling with the Myton Hospice Ride, The Great Shakespeare, The Wiggle Tempest, We are Cycling uk rides etc. It was great to see lots of you out cycling.

- October half term family ride – easy ride 1.8 miles. Meet at the Pavillion Café (Conroy's) at 10.30 am Sunday 28th.
- Let's Ride 30 – 35 miles at a Leisurely pace
Meet at Bus Shelter, Park & Ride War Memorial Park. CV3 6PT on Sunday 11th November 2018 9.15 am

For more details of both these rides sign up at

[Let's Ride - Homepage](#)

- Or plan your own route Sustrans have online route mapping here: <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/>
- Links to the local Cycling Guide showing Route 41: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cycleroutes>

Have your say

Hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter. We are keen to get your feedback or your thoughts on current issues please use the following email address to submit any comments or ideas for articles to: editor@cycleways.org.uk.

Notification of the AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Annual General Meeting of Cycleways will be held on Wednesday 14th November 2018, starting at 19.30 at the Fat Pug (upstairs room), Guys Cliffe Road, Leamington Spa. CV32 5BZ

Nominations are welcome for the roles (see table) but are particularly welcome for the following office:

Membership Secretary - VACANCY. The role includes responsibility for managing members subscriptions including sending out membership cards and responding to members email enquiries. Help and support will be given to anyone who is new to the role.