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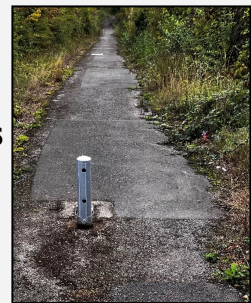
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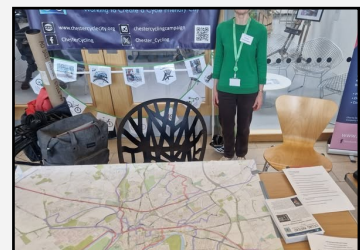
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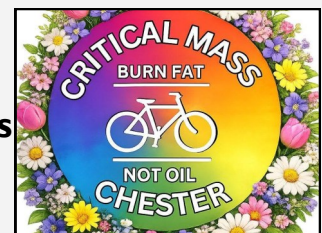
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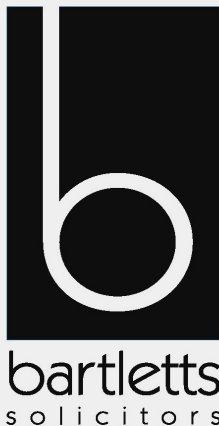


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Glamorous Gals and Dapper Chaps Ride

Chester Cycling Campaign's annual 'Glamorous Gals and Dapper Chaps' Ride took place on Sunday 20th September. The ride is designed to show that it isn't necessary to wear lycra or special clothing to cycle. It's timed to be on the Sunday closest to World Car Free Day which this year fell on 22nd September. It aims to bring about car-free towns and cities across the globe for just one day and promote a more sustainable way of regular travel.



About to set off



Riding along Frodsham Street

Just for fun, we ask people to dress up in their most glamorous outfits for the ride. We had lovely dresses, swishy skirts, sparkly outfits, suits with cycle-themed lining, plus fours, waistcoats, ties and snazzy hats. We also had bikes of all shapes and sizes: a penny farthing, a recumbent trike, two rugged mountain bikes, two electric trikes from Jorvik Tricycles, some beautiful Bromptons, a fetching Moulton - and one rider had even built her bike herself!

Another Campaign Success

After many years of campaigning some progress has been made on a new cycle and walking route under Rossmore Road East in Ellesmere Port. The footpath which runs from near Ellesmere Port town centre to Rossmore Road East and North Road has had bollards installed to prevent vehicular access and fly tipping. The ease of access from the motorway slip road for lorries and vans has led to it being plagued by fly tippers for years. A bollard has now been installed which, it is hoped, will eliminate or at least reduce the incidence.



Just to one side of FP35 is another path which will form part of the agreed future connection under the road bridge to North Road industrial estate. This has also suffered from fly tipping accessed by FP35 as shown below.

Although a small win for now, campaigners have been promised that the new route should be developed in the new few months.



Rossmore Road East without bollard
(looking North)



New bollard on Rossmore Road
East - looking South but from same
point as the previous picture



Campaigning in Action: Merseyrail's proposed e-bike ban

Members of Chester Cycling Campaign joined over 100 cyclists attending a protest in Liverpool on 17th September against Merseyrail's e-bike ban. You may have seen one of our members interviewed on BBC North West Tonight.

The protesters went to meet the Chair of the Transport Committee of Liverpool City Region who disagrees with the ban, then cycled to Merseyrail's HQ where Cycling UK delivered a letter.

Eileen Morgan, Accessibility Officer for the campaign, travelled to Liverpool by train with her Jorvik folding e-trike which she uses as a mobility aid. She found the staff wonderful in helping her and the folded trike fitted easily into the wheelchair space. If the ban goes ahead she will not be able to travel like this.

The proposed ban is due to safety concerns about battery fires. Chair of the Liverpool City Region transport committee, Steve Foulkes, said he hoped "all parties could get round the table" but it looked like Merseyrail was "using a sledgehammer to crack a nut".

Since the protest, Councillors have backed a motion to call on Merseyrail to reverse its decision to ban non-folding e-bikes on trains and at stations. Liverpool City Council's Green Party tabled a motion saying the announcement had been made without consulting local active travel or disability groups. The motion has cross-party support, meaning all political groups on the authority oppose the ban which is due to start in January.

Information on Cycling in Chester

Chester Cycling Campaign is the leading independent source of information about cycling in Chester. In the absence of the Council having good information about cycle routes, cycle parking, etc in Chester, they are advising people to use our website! There is a link to us from the Council's "Transport and Highways News" for August.

Our campaigning activities focus on making cycling safer and easier for local cyclists. In addition, we provide local cycle news, route information, family cycling ideas, and practical cycling advice. We believe cycling should be safe, convenient and enjoyable for everyone, and we work to encourage more people of all ages and abilities to travel by bike.

Cathey (pictured below) recently attended the Freshers' fair at Cheshire College, helping students and staff with information and advice about how to cycle to college and around Chester. Cycling has high student appeal as it's quick and cheap!



Burton Boardwalk Repairs

After much campaigning by us and other groups, the council have finally replaced the rotten boards on the Burton Marsh Boardwalk which forms part of the National Cycle Network (NCN 568) and King Charles III England Coast Path. Damaged boards have been replaced, loose boards secured and the structure checked to ensure it remains safe for continued use.

A feasibility study is now underway to identify the most appropriate approach for further investment in the boardwalk recognising its importance as a popular route for cyclists and walkers.



Before (top) and after (below) the repairs



Bike Shop Discounts

Being a Campaign member is great value: at only £10 per year for individual annual membership or £5 for students/unwaged, or £15 for a family)

Your membership fees can easily be recouped by buying from your local bike shop - wins all round!

Here are the local bike shops offering discounts:

- [Bike Factory](#) on Boughton – offering a 10% discount on bikes, parts and accessories (excluding labour, special offers and sale items)
- [Chester Cycle Hub](#) – offering 10% off the labour element of their “Ready To Ride Service”
- [Leisure Lakes Bikes](#) Frodsham – offering 10% discount on parts, accessories, and clothing.

There are even more member benefits:

- Cycle Training Lessons Discount
- Free Cycle Health Check at Bren Bikes
- Free Cycle Safety Check
- Free Loan of Our Cycle Workstand and Set of Cycle Tools

See full details on our [website](#).



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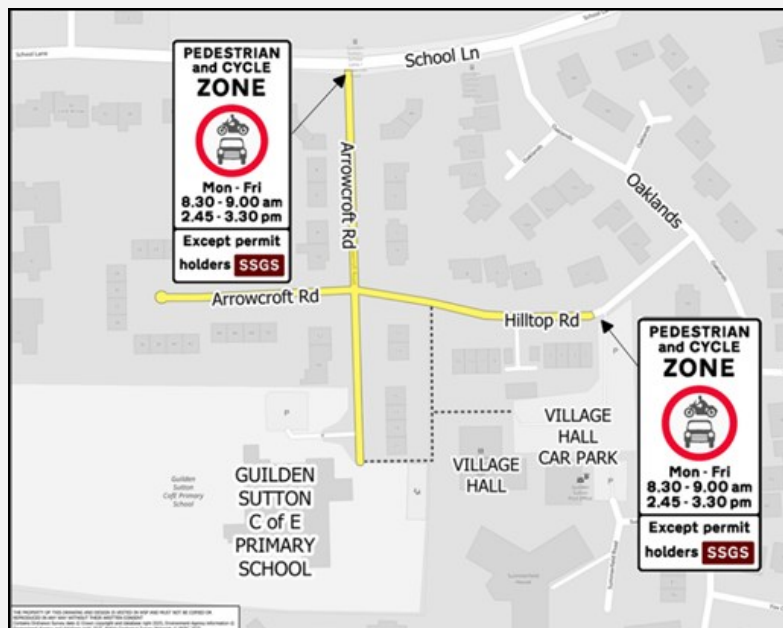


Guiden Sutton School Street was launched on Friday 20 March with an 18 month Experimental Traffic Order. Motorised traffic is restricted during drop off between 8.30 and 9am and during pick up between 2.45 and 3.30pm.

Instead of driving up to the school gates, students are encouraged to walk, wheel or cycle to school, making it safer for everyone. To explain the concept, the barriers have been manned by volunteers, including parents / Cycling Campaign members.

Manning the barriers

The trial period allows the council and the school to collect information and feedback on how the scheme is operating on the ground. This will include traffic data, parking behaviour, pupil travel patterns and feedback from the public. The extent of the School Street zone and the operating times is shown below.



Chester Critical Mass Cycle Rides

Critical Mass is a world-wide form of direct action to fight for better cycling infrastructure in which people travel as a group at a set location and time. The idea is for people to group together to make it safe for each other to ride or wheel through their streets.

Critical Mass rides are informal and leaderless with no specific route. These events serve as a call to action to councils, governments and road planners to properly design in the needs and safety of all road users, instead of prioritising motor traffic above all else.



The riders about to set off from Grosvenor Park

Chester Critical Mass Rides take place in Chester at 2:00 pm on the first Saturday of each month. Anyone and everyone can join in the fun – including little ones. Bike decorations and colourful outfits are most welcome!

Meet by the Lodge at the entrance to Grosvenor Park on Grosvenor Park Road not far from St Werburgh's RC Church.

The rides are about four to five miles, taken at a slow pace, with the emphasis on fun and safety. After the ride (which takes an hour or so), you are welcome to join the other participants for coffee or an ice cream.

We hope to see you soon! Check out the [Information](#) on our website.



Join the Campaign electronically, via our [website](#).
Or, if you prefer, use the form below.

Join the Chester Cycling Campaign!

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If you are happy to receive your Campaign bulletins by e-mail and to be notified of Campaign activities by email, please tick here: ☐

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| ☐ | Family Membership | £15.00 |
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| ☐ | Life Membership | £100.00 |

Membership is valid until end of September during year of joining. Join after April 1st and it will be valid until the end of September in the following year!

How did you hear about the Chester Cycling Campaign?

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| ☐ | Chester Cycling Campaign website | ☐ | Local Event |
| ☐ | Friend | ☐ | Local Press |
| ☐ | Cycling Matters Newsletter | ☐ | Social Network |
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I agree to this information being placed on an electronic database for Campaign purposes only.

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