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# Norfolk School Travel Plan Newsletter

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR** and welcome to the fifth edition of **School Travel Plan News**. In this edition you will find lots of examples of work that the schools in Norfolk have been doing to encourage walking and cycling to school. There are also important dates for your school diary; details of how to keep your School Travel Plan up to date and the launch of our exciting photo competition.

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**Weather Fact**  
It's only  
rained twice  
on the team in  
141 trips

George Halfacree says: "I feel more awake when I get to school and when my teacher asks me a question I feel as if I really do know the answer"

All the parent helpers work but manage to fit the time needed for the SWAT team around this. The team hope to continue for as long as possible. Even in the middle of winter spirits were high, only Rosy May said she had cold feet!

**Dates for 2006**

- Bike to School Week** 24-28 April 2006
- Walk to School Week** 22-26 May 2006
- Norfolk School Travel Plan Awards** 25th May 2006
- Bike Week** Bike week will be 17-13 June in 2006
- In town without my car day** 22nd September 2006
- Road Safety Week** Road Safety Week 06 is 6th - 12th of November.
- Travelwise Week** 18th - 24th September 2006
- International Walk to School Week** 02 - 06 Oct 2006

North Denes  
Middle School,  
Preston CE  
Primary  
School, Hobart  
High School,  
Admiral's Junior  
School, Bunwell  
Primary School,  
Mattishall  
Primary School,  
Sutton First  
School, Colkirk  
Primary School,  
Wroughton  
First School,  
Ditchingham  
Primary School.

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Many schools have been working hard to implement their plans since they were written. Here are a few examples of their successes.

Clearance days to encourage parents to park and stride from a nearby lay-by. Parents from the school helped to construct a footpath to a lay-by across the school's playing field. Norfolk County Council in partnership with Mott MacDonald improved the lay-by and made the entry from the footpath to the school safer by providing a safe gradient slope, safety barriers and a designated crossing point to make access to the school safer. The school children have planted bulbs along the new path, which will bloom in the Spring.

*Members of Colby School Eco Committee test out the new footpath and designated crossing place.*



# Promotion

**The Jambusters Team at Edward Worledge Middle School** is made up of two pupils from each class who promote sustainable travel to school. Pupils record how they travel to school each day. If they manage to either walk, cycle, car share or come by bus, train or taxi everyday for a week, their card is signed off. The class with the most signed off cards wins prizes for all the pupils. Norfolk County Council can supply the resources and prizes for Jambusters, so if you are interested, please give your School Travel Plan Officer a call.



*Pupils at Rollesby First School  
Celebrating 2005's International  
Walk to School Week*

*Pupils from Mattishall Primary School  
using their pedometers and route maps*



## Keep your **school travel plan** up to date!

Many school travel groups meet on a regular basis to plan their STP's progress and in doing so, keep their travel plans fully integrated with the school year and exciting for pupils. Many schools also officially review and update their plans annually. Whichever way you choose, it is essential that your travel plan is kept alive!

As part of this process, the School Travel Plan team will send out Annual Monitoring and Update forms in January. We are asking

schools to survey every pupils' mode of travel, to describe how you have got on over the past year and to set out your plans for the year ahead. These will give us a picture of the successes you have had and enable us to share best practice and design future initiatives.

If you have any questions about the monitoring and update form, please contact your School Travel Plan Officer.

## Goodbye

to **Ian Sankey**  
West Norfolk's  
STP Officer.

Yes, the taste of working in Norfolk's far west has inspired Ian to travel even further west. This time to Canada!

We all wish him and Lorna, his partner, the very best and would like to thank him for all the hard work, advice and humour.



## Hello

to **Colleen Cattermole**.

Colleen will be working with the schools in the West area until April when the post will be filled permanently.



**If you would like further information, please contact the team at Norfolk County Council**

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# Photo competition

# Photo

Do you think that you are the next David Bailey or Ansel Adams? Do you think you could take a picture that would inspire others to walk or cycle to school or tells a story of your journey to school?



All winning photos will become part of the new STP calendar  
The best three photos will win a prize for their schools

You can enter any photos connected with sustainable travel to school, which can include people, walking, cycling, landscape, seasons, fun, nature, learning, school councils in action etc.

Age categories of Photographer:    Nursery and Primary  
    Secondary and 6th Form  
    Adult

Entries can be sent to:    School Travel Plan Officers  
   Planning & Transportation Department  
   Portacabin 1, County Hall  
   Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2SG

Or emailed to:                [schooltravelplan@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:schooltravelplan@norfolk.gov.uk)

*You must have written permission from any people featured in the submitted photos.  
All entries are welcome, new and old photos, but digital images are preferred.  
Please include your name, age and school.*

**By the  
12th May  
2006**

# Photo Competition Entry Form

Entries must be submitted by 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Please fill in this form and submit it with each photo.

Entry forms and photos should be sent to:

School Travel Plan Officers  
Planning and Transportation  
Portacabin 1  
County Hall  
Martineau Lane  
Norwich  
NR1 2SG

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Category of Photographer: Nursery and Primary  
(please circle) Secondary and 6<sup>th</sup> Form  
Adult

Age (years):

Please sign below to confirm that the school has got written permission for all pupils to appear in photos and that the photos may be used by Norfolk County Council in publications and on the internet to promote sustainable travel to school.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Role in school:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional description of photo:

Thank you for your entry.