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Morfolk School Travel Plan Covsletter



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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Detween 7 and 12 pupils from New Buckenham have been walking the 3 miles to Old Buckenham Primary and High Schools. It all started 141 school days ago during 2005's Walk to School Week and they haven't missed a day since! The team walk along talking about all sorts of things from pop to Poppy (their dog) to politics and spelling tests. Many things are seen along the way – deer, pheasants, mushrooms and variously shaped animal poo!

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"

They have a number of different routes to school and can avoid any busy roads. The children's favourite route is known as "The ditches" and they have produced a guide for the best way of getting across them.

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

plans so far this year. These schools will all be getting extra devolved formula capital funding for completing their travel plans:

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.**

Turning Plans into Reality

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

Capital Projects



Colby School

The pupils of Colby School have been very active in the development of the school travel plan and have instigated several very successful projects.

They increased bus use by developing new bus rules to improve behaviour, these were sent to parents to encourage them to put their children on the bus. They also campaigned to increase car sharing by producing a simple car share map that was displayed at parents' evenings and held a car share sticker competition. The children organised Colby Car

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.

s of Colby School Eco Committee test out footpath and designated crossing place.

Members of



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Promotion

The Jambusters Team at Edward Worlledge 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 from Mattishall Primary School using their pedometers and route maps



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

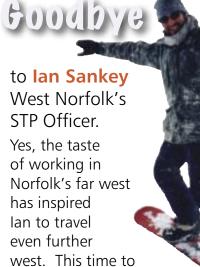
Keep your school travel plan up to date!

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.





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.

to Colleen Cattermole.

Canada!

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



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Photo Competition Entry Form

Entries must be subr	mitted by 12 th	May 2006	
Please fill in this form	n and submit	it with each photo.	
Entry forms and pho	tos should be	e sent to:	
School Travel Plan C Planning and Transp Portacabin 1 County Hall Martineau Lane Norwich NR1 2SG			
Name:			
School:			
Category of Photogra (please circle)	apher:	Nursery and Primary Secondary and 6th Form	
		Adult	
Age (years):			
	e photos may	the school has got written permis y be used by Norfolk County Cour avel to school.	
Signature:			
Print name:			
Role in school:			
Date:			
Optional description	of photo:		

Thank you for your entry.