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The Department for Education and Skills has extended extra funding for schools that complete travel plans – see inside for more information...

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Welcome to the summer issue of School Travel Plan News

In this edition, we celebrate the work of more than 100 schools that submitted travel plans this year. These schools are all working towards encouraging people to walk and cycle to school and are receiving extra funding to spend on projects in their school grounds.

See inside for the list of schools and some examples of the work they have done and also the results of the **Bike to School Week** competition and the **School Travel Plan Awards**

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Bike to School Week 18 - 22 April
Bike to School Week

WINNERS



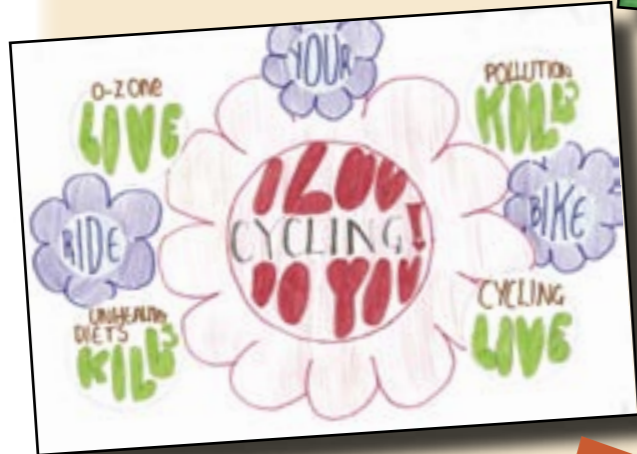
A big thank you to all the schools that entered this competition to produce a poster to encourage people to cycle to school. The winners were chosen during Bike to School Week by an independent panel of judges and the prizes were generously donated by Broxap.



Winner in the 5-8 year old category
Joseph Dabbs of Cantley First School, has won a super Softco Junior Shelter for his school.



1st prize in the 8-16 year old category
Phoebe Halstead of Framingham Earl High School, has won a fabulous Softco Shelter with Sheffield cycle stands for her school.



2nd prize in the 8-16 year old category
Abigail Tassie of Firside Middle School, has won four banks of cycle helmet lockers for her school.

Mad Hatters Day
at **St William's Primary School**



Pupils from **St. William's Primary School** in Norwich ran their own competition to design the maddest, most interesting or beautiful cycle helmet decoration. Here are some of the best entries.

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Steppers

Norfolk County Council is extending the successful Steppers scheme to more than 60 schools right across Norfolk. A pilot has been running in 13 Norwich schools and rewards pupils who walk to school with attractive enamel badges and trendy slap bands. If pupils have to be driven to school, then parents are encouraged to park away from the school entrance and walk the last five minutes to school with them. The new Steppers scheme was introduced to interested schools at the Norfolk School Travel Plan Awards on May 25.



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EXtra Funding for New Travel Plan Schools

For the past two years, schools that completed travel plans have received a one-off capital payment to spend on projects in their travel plans.

The Department for Education and Skills has announced that this extra funding will continue for schools that submit travel plans by March 2006.

The funding can be spent on capital items within the

Primary schools will receive £3,750, plus £5 per pupil
Secondary schools will receive £5,000, plus £5 per pupil

school grounds that will help to encourage more people to walk or cycle to school, or

improve safety on the school site. This year, schools are spending it on cycle storage, lockers, paths, pedestrian shelters and new entrances.

If you are a school without a travel plan, and are interested in developing one and getting the extra funding to spend on your school site, please get in touch with the School Travel Plan team.

The Norfolk School Travel Plan Awards

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On May 25, **Norfolk County Council** held the Norfolk School Travel Plan Awards to celebrate the work that schools have been doing over the past year to encourage walking and cycling to school and to reduce car use and congestion.

All schools that submitted plans this year received a certificate. Schools that have made progress with their travel plans received a bronze, silver or gold certificate, depending on how much the school has achieved.



To qualify for a bronze certificate, schools must have:

- 1 An active School Travel Plan working group.
- 2 Pupil involvement.
- 3 Implemented two or more actions from the travel plan.

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The Norfolk School Travel Plan Awards Cont.....



Three schools that have been working on travel plans received an award and £250 for their success in implementing projects.

The Walking Award



Arden Grove First School have won the walking award for increasing the number of pupils walking to school over the past year and decreasing car use for the school run by a staggering 38%. Through dogged determination and dedication the school has overcome barriers to success and eased

conflict with their neighbours by embracing the ethos of healthy living and citizenship.

The Cycling Award

Stalham Middle School have worked hard to promote cycling as an alternative mode of transport and their exemplary hard work in organising the Stalham Area Family Fun Cycle Ride has gained them the cycling award this year. They have worked hard with their neighbouring schools campaigning to make the Stalham area safer for cyclists and have explored different ways to inspire more cycling to all the schools in Stalham.



Innovation Award

South Harford Community Middle School have won the Innovation Award for the efforts of four pupils who started the Travel Plan process, organised the

pupil surveys and formed the team that created the Travel Plan. Throughout the process Ashley, Daniel, Daniella and Emma have provided ideas and solutions to problems that are now being implemented to increase walking and cycling to their school.

To qualify for a silver certificate, schools must have (in addition to the criteria for the bronze award):

- 1 Implemented actions from the travel plan.
- 2 Completed surveys a year after the initial School Travel Plan to monitor progress towards targets.
- 3 Revised and updated the school travel plan.

To qualify for a gold certificate, schools must have (in addition to the criteria for the bronze and silver awards):

- 1 Carried out surveys two years after the start of the School Travel Plan to monitor progress towards targets and to demonstrate modal shift.
- 2 Increased the percentage of pupils walking and cycling to school and/or improved road safety.
- 3 Plans to continue implementing and developing the school travel plan.

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