

# PEDALS

## THE POWER BEHIND NOTTINGHAM'S CYCLISTS

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### September the earliest reopening date for Wilford Suspension Bridge

Despite many efforts by Pedals and the other local organisations involved in the recent Suspension Bridge campaign it is unlikely, insist the owners of the bridge, Severn Trent Water plc, that it can be reopened before September.

At the beginning of the year, when we started our campaign, we were hopeful that the bridge could be partially opened before then, while the rest of the work continued.

### Much better future bridge maintenance?

We have however now had an assurance that inspection and maintenance of the bridge will get much more serious attention in future.

It is clear that this was not the case in the past, with the result that many problems were not 'nipped in the bud' but accumulated to the point that STW claimed last July that the closure of the bridge was essential on grounds of public safety.

This also meant that the consequent greater threats to the safety of people forced us to use other routes was not considered, being no concern of theirs. The 'public safety' justification in any case never seemed to apply to people passing under the bridge rather than on top of it, however!

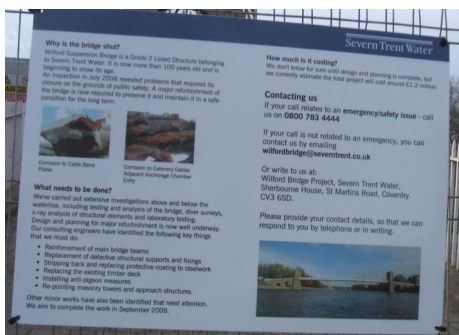
### Bridge repair and reopening timetable

STW also responded to our plea to make their intentions and timetable much clearer to the public, since we knew that many people remained unaware that they had definitely decided to repair the bridge.

We understand that the decision to repair the bridge was in fact taken back in December after both the County and City Councils promised very substantial financial contributions towards reopening. This support we are very grateful for.

Notices were erected on site, at both ends of the bridge, in early March, at our suggestion (although still not giving a definite start date, as we had also requested), and we then removed from our website the online petition which we started in the middle of January.

Although the lack of a specific starting date is disappointing we do know that some of the work such as repainting is very much weather dependent.



### Strong petition support

More than 640 people had signed our petition by the time we removed it from our website, with most adding some very interesting comments on just how the closure of the bridge had impacted them personally. We are very grateful for all this support.

We have also been very grateful for the support for our reopening campaign from several other local organisations, especially the West Bridgford Area Forum, the West Bridgford Local

Traffic and Transport Group, Transition West  
Bridgford, Nottingham Civic Society and the  
Friends of the Victoria Embankment.

### **More secure right of way in future?**

In the longer term we want to continue to work  
with them to achieve a more secure right of way  
for all bridge users.

For an update on the progress of repair work  
visit the special STW webpages at:  
[http://www.stwater.co.uk/server.php?  
show=ConWebDoc.3544](http://www.stwater.co.uk/server.php?show=ConWebDoc.3544)

## **Pedals 30th birthday Join the Celebrations!**

Yes indeed, we are 30! The third week of May  
will mark the 30th anniversary of the commuter  
cycle races, sponsored by BBC Radio  
Nottingham, which launched Pedals.

Among the special events this year will be:

**Monday 1 June**  
**Special Pedals 30th Birthday Meal**  
Restaurant Lantong Thai  
(32 Lower Parliament Street)  
[www.lantongthairestaurant.com](http://www.lantongthairestaurant.com)

Contact Andrew Martin asap if you would like to  
come. Email: [andrew@veggies.org.uk](mailto:andrew@veggies.org.uk)



**Sat 14 November (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**  
**Cyclenation (Cycle Campaigns Network) &  
CTC Autumn Campaigners' Conference**

Byron House (Students' Union Building, NTU),  
Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, hosted by  
Pedals and Notts CTC – help will be needed  
please from local members on the day and in  
offering accommodation to visiting campaigners  
that weekend – any offers of help will be  
gratefully received by Susan Young  
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## **Timeline of Pedals history 1979-2009**

Over the years we have had many ups and  
downs in our campaigning. Below is a timeline of  
some of the significant events:-



**May 1979:** Launch commuter races between a  
cyclist, a car passenger and a bus passenger,  
with extensive coverage on each of 5 days from  
BBC Radio Nottingham



**June 1982:** The first Great Nottingham Bike  
Ride, organised by Pedals, starting from The  
Forest; became the Great Notts. Bike Ride in  
1985 when the County Council took over as the  
main organisers.



**September 1982:** Opening of the Clifton to City  
Centre cycle route via Wilford Bridge.

**1983:** Publication of the first of 3 editions of the 'Pedal Pushers' Guide to Nottingham' (out of print since 2008, by the way!)

First Rural Rides, organised by Pedals (programme later taken over by the County Council)



**1986-91:** Implementation of the Greater Nottingham Cycle Route Network Project, by Nottinghamshire County Council (then the Local Highway Authority for Nottingham) and the former Department of Transport – the largest of 4 such network projects in England and concentrating on the flatter areas between Beeston, Lenton, Wilford and West Bridgford.

**September 1993:** Nottingham hosts the Velo-City European cycling conference in the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham University, with 600 participants from 25 countries.

**1993:** First UK cycle lockers installed in a multi-storey car park, in the former Trinity Square car park (demolished in 2006-7)

**1996-1998:** Implementation of the Greater Nottm Cycle-friendly Employers' Project, with match funding from the former Department of Transport's Cycle Challenge project and with 7 major local employers as partners with the County and City Councils – the largest Cycle Challenge project in England.

**1997:** Publication of the first of two editions of the Pedals 'City, County, Forest' leisure rides book (second edition in 2005)

**2004:** Pedals 25th birthday marked with various events and activities including the brewing of a special 'Pedals ale' by Castle Rock breweries, and the Pedals award (MBE).

**2005:** Formation of Ridewise (social enterprise) by Nottingham NHS, and the City and County Councils, to provide cycle training locally.

**2006:** Launch of 'The Big Track', a 9-mile canal-side and riverside path route by Greater Nottm Transport Partnership (GNTP / The Big Wheel)

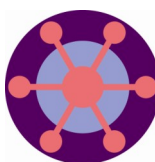
**2007:** Formation of the Greater Nottm Cycling Development Group to promote a more strategic approach to future cycling policies in Nottingham and with a wider range of partners including the City and County Council, GNTP /; The Big Wheel, Pedals, Ridewise, CTC, Sustrans and Nottingham NHS.

**2007:** Nottingham chosen by Cycling England for one of two pilot Cycling for health projects, now being implemented by Nottingham NHS and Ridewise.

**2008:** City Cycling Action Plan agreed.

**2009:** GNTP and Ridewise, promotion of the Movers and Shakers project with the involvement of influential local people from various fields of local life to raise the profile of cycling in the local community (inspired by a small project first developed by the Wandsworth group of the London Cycling Campaign)

**2009:** Expansion of local bike recycling through the 'Bike Club' managed by the Framework Housing Association

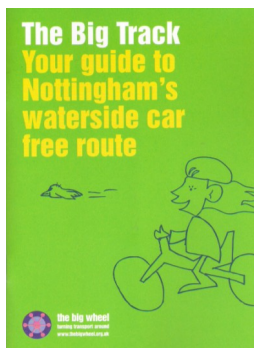


**the big wheel**  
turning transport around  
[www.thebigwheel.org.uk](http://www.thebigwheel.org.uk)

## Big Wheel team 'Summer of Cycling and Walking' plans by Helen Clayton, The Big Wheel (Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership)

It's been another busy year for cycling and walking in the Big Wheel team – we packaged our activities together last year to create a 'Summer of Cycling and Walking' and as a result we saw a considerable increase in numbers of people attending events, using the Big Track, visiting our website and generally getting involved with Big Wheel activities.

We're aiming to replicate that – in an even bigger and better fashion this year! During March there will be marketing across the city in bus stop shelters to promote cycling and walking to families, encouraging adults and their children to get out and about on their bikes.



That links into the new version of the Big Track which is now available...and for the first time ever we've got a Big Track Lite publication, which is a slimmed down version of the original cycling and walking booklet, concentrating on the map and a few pieces of essential info.

In addition, we're currently working on **Nottingham's first Cycling Information Pack** – this handy pack will be distributed through Nottingham to each person buying a new bike. In the pack they'll get lots of hints, tips and information for new cyclists – including useful maps.

We're not trying to reinvent the wheel with this pack, but we are **signposting people to good sources of information** about maintenance, safety and journey planning for new cyclists.

Have you got your diary handy? The date to remember this year is **Wednesday 17th June**. Yep, it's the **annual Wheelie Big Breakfast event**. Last year saw record numbers and we want even more this time. The breakfast will start at 8am and we'll be posting more information on our website at [www.thebigwheel.org.uk](http://www.thebigwheel.org.uk) over the coming months. As usual we'll have a range of breakfast goodies available – and lots of stallholders and activities for cyclists.

On the same day – **17th June – the annual Greater Nottingham Cycle Forum** will take place in the Council House. If you're interesting in joining us at the event then send us an email at [katie.saxon@gnpartnership.org.uk](mailto:katie.saxon@gnpartnership.org.uk) and we'll reserve a place for you.

That's not everything, but it's a snapshot of just a few of the exciting things that are happening at the moment. You can visit our website or drop

us an email if you'd like any more information or have suggestions for activities.

*Happy Cycling!*  
*The Big Wheel Team*

## Watch out for the Movers and Shakers project

**Watch out for local media publicity over the next few months for the Movers and Shakers Project to raise the profile of cycling locally by getting well-known people from a range of different areas of the City's life, including sports, media, councils and Universities etc., on their bikes.**

The project is being funded by NHS Nottingham City NHS and implemented by the Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership with the support of the local Councils, RideWise and Pedals.

A recent GNTF travel survey showed excellent results but particularly that the public is keen to travel more sustainably by walking, cycling and using public transport. The results suggest that peak oil with higher fuel prices, concern about climate change, increasing health awareness, cycling success at last year's Olympics and the economic impact of the credit crunch are all playing their part in changing people's attitudes to travel.

The 'Movers and Shakers Cycling' project will be supported throughout by a major media campaign. It will promote to the public a number of locally well known people who are cycling and also aims to get other well known people cycling.

This Nottingham project has been directly inspired by an earlier small scale Movers and Shakers project which was the initiative of the Wandsworth group of the London Cycling Campaign. They have run a similar project where locally-based novice cyclists with a big public profile were trained to cycle safely, understand the issues around cycling and publicise their cycling journey and experiences. See <http://www.lcc.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=1066>

Early in March several well-known people who do already cycle were approached to encourage a



colleague to take up the challenge of cycling – , i.e. to be their 'cycling apprentice'. They were invited to find a high profile colleague or friend who wants to give regular cycling a go and who can rely on their encouragement over the next 3 or 4 months.

They were also promised the support of GNT, RideWise and Pedals throughout the process and that they, their apprentice and organisation will be featured on the GNT website and highlighted in GNT newsletters and media releases.

## Dates for your Diary Come and join us!

**Pedals monthly meetings** - for an update see <http://www.pedals.org.uk/meetings>

These are held on the third Monday of each month in the top room of The Globe PH on the London Road and Rye Hill Street, just north of Trent Bridge, at the edge of The Meadows, starting at 7.30 p.m.

We often devote the first half of the meeting to a discussion with a visiting speaker. People are welcome to come just for this and then leave before the second half of the meeting, devoted to general business! There is space at the back of the room for parked bikes which you can bring up the fire escape stairs at the back of the pub!

The next two meetings include:

- **Monday 20 April:** including small group 'break out' discussions.
- **Monday 18 May:** including discussion with Colin Hazeldene of BBC East Midlands Today, and regular commuter cyclist, on 'Cycling and the Local Media.'
- **Monday 1 June:** Special Pedals 30th birthday meal in the Restaurant Lantong Thai (32 Lower Parliament Street) - [www.lantongthairestaurant.com](http://www.lantongthairestaurant.com)  
Contact Andrew Martin asap if you would like to come; email [andrew@veggies.org.uk](mailto:andrew@veggies.org.uk)

For full details of forthcoming meetings and events visit our website:  
<http://www.pedals.org.uk/meetings>

## Other meetings / events:

Cycling for health project Community cycling events: Provisional dates

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Nottingham, NG7 3GX  
Tel: 0115 978 8212

**13-21 June 2009**

**Bike Week 2009**

see <http://www.bikeweek.org.uk>

**Sunday 21 June 2009**

**Great Nottinghamshire Bike Ride**

entry forms available from 8 April from local libraries and cycle shops and from the Nottinghamshire County Council website:

**Saturday 12 September (10 am - 6 pm)**

**Ride and Stride**

Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust  
Sponsored event. Organiser: Mike Elliott  
tel. (0115) 937 6506  
email: [elliottnews@btconnect.com](mailto:elliottnews@btconnect.com)

**cyclenation**



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Byron House (Students' Union Building, NTU), Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, hosted by Pedals and Notts CTC - help will be needed please from local members on the day and in offering accommodation to visiting campaigners that weekend – any offers of help will be gratefully received by Susan Young, 28 Toston Drive, Wollaton Park, Nottingham NG8 1EH, tel. 928 9139  
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## Communicating with our members

As mentioned in the last issue (Autumn 2008) the Pedals newsletter is now appearing only twice and not three times a year, to help reduce costs and the length of each issue has been cut from 20 to 16 pages.

We are now making much more use of the Pedals website for updates, (see [www.pedals.org.uk](http://www.pedals.org.uk)) and also have started occasionally emailing members about important developments. If we do not already have your email address please send this to the Membership Secretary (Chris Gardner) at: [pedalsmemb@aol.com](mailto:pedalsmemb@aol.com)

This also applies to any changes in your email address. For those who want to have much more frequent updates, including agendas and background notes for meetings, there is a Pedals activists list and anyone wishing to subscribe should email [Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com](mailto:Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com) to join.

You can also encourage friends to join by downloading a membership form from our website and they can now use PayPal to join and also to buy copies of the Pedals Leisure Rides Book 'City, County, Forest'.

Oh and, by the way, you can also now find Pedals on Facebook, thanks to Richard Mallender!

## Hard copy Pedals newsletters now being phased out!

Despite cutting the length of each issue from 20 to 16 pages and cutting the number of issues each year from 3 to 2, the costs of printing and distributing the Pedals newsletters continue to swamp our increasingly constrained budget.

It is therefore very likely that over the next year or so we will be phasing out the distribution of printed newsletters to most members and instead relying on emailed pdf versions. We will however still be willing to send printed copies to members who are not email.

For the last two years, by the way, we have been putting pdf copies of each issue on our website, for reference. You can find them at: <http://www.pedals.org.uk/newsletter>

## Possible name / strapline change – your views please

### *Should we change the name 'Pedals' after 30 years or should we keep it as it is?*

The reason for asking is that last summer the Cycle Campaigns Network changed its title to 'Cyclenation' and that the Cyclenation Board have now suggested to member groups that they in turn might like to change their names to

## cyclenation

'Cycle... (and the name of their town or city).'

So how would 'CycleNottingham' suit instead of Pedals?

Alternatively, we could keep the name 'Pedals' but change our strapline from 'The Power behind Nottingham cyclists' to 'CycleNottingham'.

Of course we do not need to change at all, if we don't want to, and in discussions at our monthly meetings there has been some reluctance at least to make a major change. So what do you think? We now want to hear the voice of the 'silent majority' or our wider membership before we decide whether or not to take this further.

Any comments please to Hugh McClintock, email: [Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com](mailto:Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com) or Andrew Martin (who is a Cyclenation Board Member), email: [andrew@veggies.org.uk](mailto:andrew@veggies.org.uk)

## Meetings changes and new ways of handling business and raising Pedals profile

Much time at our recent monthly meetings has been devoted to more effective ways of coping with the vast range of issues which come our way, including a large number of consultations, appeals for help, invitations to numerous meetings and events, appeals to pass on information.

Just how can we give people a chance to be involved in discussions and decisions about these without swamping them in a tide of emails, and notices about possibly long and tedious meetings?

At the same time we have been attracting more people to our monthly meetings since our decision last year to devote more time to visiting speakers, and to stop combining meetings in the summer months with mini-rides beforehand.

We are continuing these changes in the next few months, with trying to alternate visiting speakers with meetings when we have break-out sessions in smaller groups in the second half of the meeting.

This will start with the meeting on 20 April, and including small groups discussing ways of raising our profile, and also revisions to our '17-point' plan, a statement of our main aims and objectives last revised about 9 years ago (see: [http://www.pedals.org.uk/pedals\\_plan](http://www.pedals.org.uk/pedals_plan))

The review our ways of raising Pedals profile will include improving face to face contact with members in more outlying areas who may be reluctant to come into town for our monthly meetings.

It has been proposed that we organise 'Pedals Roadshows' in areas like Beeston, Sherwood and Arnold, etc, to which we would make a special effort to attract local members and other people interested in cycling, including people involved in local Transition Nottingham groups. We want your ideas please!

At the 20 July meeting the small group breakout sessions will focus on ways of reallocating out the current Chairman's responsibilities with a view to getting these in place when Hugh McClintock steps down as Chairman at the next AGM in March 2010, and focusing more clearly on agreed core and optional activities.

## **New Pedals Treasurer: Alison Russell**

After many years of excellent service as Pedals Treasurer Susan Young has now stepped down and at our AGM in March Alison Russell agreed to take over.

Many thanks to Susan for all her excellent hard work and for her offer to continue for the time being as Co-Treasurer to help ease Alison into the new role.

## **Message to all Members from Chris Gardner, Membership Secretary: - Request for contact details and important changes to Standing Order paying members...**

We are now contacting more of our members by e-mail and although many of you have supplied a current e-mail address there are around 30% of members for whom we do not have a current e-mail address on record. If you are one of these, please could you therefore email [Pedalmemb@aol.com](mailto:Pedalmemb@aol.com) with your current e-mail address?

There are a number of longer standing members who pay by standing order and have done so for many years. Could you please check and amend if necessary your standing order to reflect the current membership rates which are £12 for a couple or family, £9 for a waged individual and £7 for an unwaged individual.

The most important change coming in the next few months is Pedals decision to start banking with The Co-operative Bank as their ethical stance is one which Pedals supports. This does mean, however, that the members who pay by standing order will then need to cancel their existing standing order with Lloyds TSB and setup a new one with The Co-operative.

## **WE WILL NOTIFY YOU VIA A SPECIAL LETTER WHEN THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE.**

You can download the updated membership form from the Pedals website at [http://www.pedals.org.uk/how\\_to\\_join](http://www.pedals.org.uk/how_to_join)

For those of you that pay by annual cheque or cash then you do not need to do anything. Please remember that the membership year starts in May and that your renewal may soon be due. If you are unsure whether your membership is due then contact [Pedalsmemb@aol.com](mailto:Pedalsmemb@aol.com) first.

The May 2009-10 membership cards will be dispatched soon for paid up members. We aim to send out the majority with the newsletter.

# Cycle schemes update

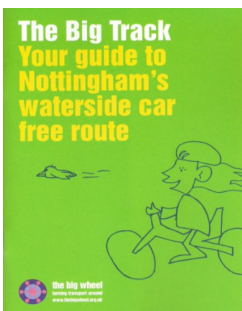
## City Commuter cycling corridor upgrading:

As we go to press, work should be nearing completion on a series of improvements for cyclists in the Hucknall Road 'corridor' between Bestwood Road and Mansfield Road, past Bulwell Forest and the City Hospital etc.

Plans for these were developed following detailed consultation early last year with a range of people including Pedals, and a site visit to look at problems on a particularly cold and wet January day!

## New Big Track developments

As mentioned in the article by Helen Clayton of The Big Wheel on page... the new version of the **Big Track** is now available, along with a **Big Track Lite** publication, a slimmed down version of the original cycling and walking booklet, concentrating on the map and a few pieces of essential info. (see <http://www.thebigwheel.org.uk/bigtrack/>)



Meanwhile, work is nearing completion on an important enhancement of the Big Track route, the wider replacement cycle bridge at Castle Marina, just off Castle Boulevard.

Work has also now started on larger scheme, due for completion this summer, to provide a better connection in the Big Track route between Victoria Embankment and the River Trent end of the canal towpath alongside London Road.

Pedals has also been encouraging the Big Wheel (Greater Nottm Transport Partnership) and local authorities to **think big and develop ideas for longer term additions to the Big Track network**, including taking advantage of other schemes in the offing.

These include the Environment Agency's plans for the Trent Left Bank Flood Alleviation scheme

covering several stretches between Sawley and Stoke Bardolph. We think that there is particular potential for a good cycle route to be developed as part of this big project on the section between Colwick Park and the railway bridge over the Trent between Netherfield and Radcliffe on Trent.



Another big project with great potential is the Trent Link Green Infrastructure Project being promoted by the Grantham Canal Partnership with British Waterways and several other bodies.

This includes plans for a **new stretch of canal between Cotgrave and Holme Pierrepont, under the A52 east of Bassingfield, and including a new multi user path linking the National Water Sports Centre with Cotgrave Country Park** and the existing canal towpath through to Grantham.

If this ambitious scheme does indeed go ahead it might even help in time to revive our long cherished dreams for a cycle-pedestrian bridge between the NWSC at Holme Pierrepont and Colwick Park, combined also with improvements to the south bank river side path as part of Sustrans National Cycle Network Route 15 across the county between Newark and Castle Donington, and also a continuous north bank path between Victoria Embankment and Stoke Bardolph etc. We have to think big and think long term!

## Trunk Road cycling issues – the good and the bad



After years of discussions about including good standard improvements for cyclists in the two local major trunk road scheme now going ahead, the A453 widening (M1 – Clifton) and the A46 dualling (Widmerpool to Newark) the latest



plans do now include much more for cyclists. This follows sustained lobbying by Pedals, the CTC and Sustrans.



In complete contrast the recent plans by the Highways Agency for the A52 between Bramcote Island and the QMC roundabouts have shown no sign at all of considering cyclists' needs and we have strongly protested.

**We are very concerned** that the proposed shortening of the inbound bus lanes, to create more space for turning traffic at junctions will erode the protection that eastbound cyclists do now enjoy to some extent.

We also want to see the proposed pelican crossings on this stretch of the A52 upgraded to toucan crossings, especially where they link directly to cycle routes as at the bottom of Moor Lane near Bramcote Baths.

We also want to see the pelican crossing near the shops west of the Priory roundabout upgraded to connect to the City Council's proposed cycling improvements on Woodside Road north of the Nottingham University west entrance roundabout

Also important, we have stressed, are to include some cycling provision on Derby Road between the Priory and QMC roundabouts, and to it safer to cycle westbound from the Priory Island, especially on the approach to Bramcote Island towards Stapleford.

## NET cycle lockers at Phoenix Park Park and Ride site



Thanks to Pedals member Andy Whickham for his consistent lobbying to get cycle lockers installed at the Phoenix Park NET Terminus Park and Ride site. These were finally installed last autumn.

See: [http://www.pedals.org.uk/cycle\\_lockers](http://www.pedals.org.uk/cycle_lockers)

We also want to see access improvements to make it easier to reach this site safely across and along the A610, including better links to and from the multi-user path completed two years ago by the County Council on the former railway under the M1 between Watnall and Hemphill Vale etc.



## Cycling on Pavements position paper revision

We have recently revised our position paper on the always contentious issue of cycling on pavements, arguing the need for a much wider and comprehensive approach to this issue than just the automatic issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices.

The revised paper, which at the request of the City Council, makes clearer what we see as appropriate local and national level actions, can be downloaded from our website at: [http://www.pedals.org.uk/pedals\\_policy\\_documents](http://www.pedals.org.uk/pedals_policy_documents)



## Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe Pedals 'wish lists' revision - Thanks for your help!

Thanks to all members who responded to our recent request for suggestions in revising for the County Council the Pedals 'wish lists' for Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe Boroughs', including a clearer statement of our priorities for each. These will soon be discussed with the County Council.

## Reporting highway defects in Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe - Use the County Council's 'Golden Number'

The County Council now say that the best way to report any problems such as potholes, street lights not working, signs loose or missing, or overhanging or intruding branches, is to use their new County Council Golden number 08449 808080

## Cycling in bus lane incident - some advice

Following a recent incident when a cyclist was riding in a bus lane (quite legally!) Pedals managed to get a very helpful response from Andy Gibbons, Public Transport Manager of the City Council.



In any such cases, he said, it is important to get the number of the localink service, as well as the time of day please, so that they can identify the driver.

Other useful information would be if for example the bus driver was trying to pull into a bus stop and whether the cyclist was moving and not stationary.

- **For more information contact Andy Gibbons, Public Transport Manager, Nottingham City Council**  
**tel. (0115) 915 5143, email: Andy.Gibbons@nottinghamcity.gov.uk**

## Sustrans Route 6 cycle path by QMC to reopen in July

The latest information on the foot/cycle path between Derby Road (Hillside) and Leengate by the condemned QMC car park is that demolition works are due to start, as we go to press, taking 15 weeks which means reopening of the around 10 July if all goes to plan.

This very well-used link forms part of Sustrans National Cycle Network Route 6. We understand

that the Health and Safety Executive insisted on its closure when the nearby car park was suddenly closed at the end of September last year, causing much inconvenience and frustration for many people.



**NHS**  
**Nottingham City**

## Cycling for Health Project Stakeholder event Project Launch and Community Cycling Events:

As we to press final preparations were being made for a big Stakeholder event at the John Carroll Leisure Centre in Radford to launch the Nottingham City NHS / Ridewise / Cycling England Cycling for Health Project, an event targeted at a range of health professionals (see background information at [http://www.pedals.org.uk/cycling\\_for\\_health](http://www.pedals.org.uk/cycling_for_health))

This is to be followed by a series of community cycling events which the organisers would like to link to a series of guided rides in the areas. For these they would appreciate **offers of help from Pedals members to act as possible Bike buddies re local route advice.**

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## Green Streets Initiative West Bridgford



As part of the Transition Initiative in West Bridgford Karina Wells and other organisations including Pedals are introducing the Green Streets Initiative in West Bridgford and are looking forward to a great green Bridgford wide party! Watch out for the launch on Friday 24 April.

The idea is to get people to wear something green on the last Friday of each month and to walk, cycle or use public transport.

Be seen to go Green. Don't forget to wear green so you can benefit from the special incentives the participating local businesses, shops, clubs and places of work are providing:

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## Bridgford 20 campaign

Pedals, one of the founder members of the West Bridgford Local Traffic and Transport Forum, is a strong support of the campaign to be launched soon by the group, and its parent body, the West Bridgford Local Area Forum, for area wide 20mph limits in much of West Bridgford.

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For more information visit the Bridgford 20 campaign website <http://20splenty.blogspot.com/> or contact the WBLTTG Chairman, John Bannister (who is also a longstanding Pedals activist) on (0115) 914 0398, email: [johnbann24@ntlworld.com](mailto:johnbann24@ntlworld.com)

## FHA Bike Club local bike recycling expansion

We are very pleased at the news that the local bike recycling scheme operated by the Framework Housing Association will now be able to expand, thanks to a great funding boost

from NHS Nottingham City. This follows the very clear evidence of strong demand for good condition recycled bikes from many of the people being attracted to take up cycling through the NHS Nottingham City / Ridewise / Cycling England Cycling for Health Project.

The FHA 'Bike Club' as it is known has now moved into larger premises and is recruiting a part-time dedicated coordinator. Offers of unwanted bikes for them to do up are always welcome as there is often now a long waiting list for recycled bikes!

More information on the Pedals website at: [http://www.pedals.org.uk/bike\\_recycling](http://www.pedals.org.uk/bike_recycling)

## Ridewise develops

Ridewise has recently received extra funding support from NHS Nottingham City to enable it to develop and expand its activities in providing free training for adult and younger cyclists, etc. There is also a new Ridewise publicity flyer.



More volunteers to act as instructors are always welcome. For more information visit: <http://www.ridewise.org.uk/>

## Cyclenation Cycle Forum setup

Cyclenation (the new name for the former Cycle Campaigns Network) has recently set up the Cyclenation Forum Google Group and you can join by following this link:- <http://groups.google.com/group/cyclenation-forum>

For initial ease of access it has been set up as an open group that anyone can join, but to prevent spammers etc joining it has been made a moderated subscription group once. Please do encourage other cycle campaigners to join and use the group.

Simon Geller, Secretary of Cyclenation says, "We are looking forward to discussions of every aspect of cycle campaigning, and hope this new group is a success"

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### **CYCLE ROUTE LEAFLETS AND OTHER INFORMATION?**

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or [http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/ \(traffic and  
travel - cycling\)](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/traffic_and_travel-cycling/)

Maintenance reporting is via  
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traffic\\_and\\_travel/traffictavel-cycling/tt-  
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