

Keeping in touch with Pedals – Website and Facebook

To keep in touch with Pedals visit our website, www.pedals.org.uk, which is regularly updated.

You can also follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pedalsnottingham>



The numbers of people 'Liking' Pedals on Facebook has grown steadily in the last few months and now numbers well over 200!

Discounts for Pedals members at local bike shops



Don't forget that with your Pedals membership card you can get discount at several local bike shops including:

- Bunney's Bikes, Carrington St.
- Cycle Garage, West Bridgford
- Cycle Inn, Beeston
- Arnold Cycles, Arnold.
- Freewheel, Hockley
- Rex Robinson, Carlton

A full list of local bike shops can be found on the Pedals website at http://www.pedals.org.uk/looking_after_your_bike



Pedals Committee contacts

Pedals Committee members now are:-

- Andrew Martin, (Facilitator)
- Peter Osborne (Secretary)
- David Easley (Treasurer)
- Larry Neylon, (Webmaster)
- Hugh McClintock (Newsletter Editor)
- Peter Briggs
- Arthur Williams
- Susan Young.

Contact details are on our website at http://www.pedals.org.uk/contacts_list

New Pedals QR code for quick response access from your Smartphone to our Website!



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Citycard bike hire and storage scheme expands with FREE trial offer for Pedals members!

To help publicise the new and steadily expanding Citycard bike hire and storage scheme Pedals members can have a free trial of these bikes!



To hire a Citycard Cycle from Broadmarsh Bus Station simply come along with your Citycard and your Pedals membership card. On your first visit your Citycard will be registered and you will be asked to sign a Hire Agreement.

After that just bring both cards and a member of will hire you out a Citycard Cycle free of charge. This offer is available from now until October 2013.



This scheme, which was visited recently by Norman Baker, MP, the Transport Minister, forms part of the City Council's recently updated Cycling Strategy 'Towards creating a more cycle friendly city 2012 – 2015' www.mynottingham.gov.uk/cycle.

The strategy, which was worked up in close consultation with local cyclists including Pedals and national sustainable transport charity Sustrans, recognises that more and more people want to be able to cycle as part of their daily lives and the Citycard Cycle Scheme will make cycling an easy travel choice.

The scheme is a collection of exciting measures targeted at specific local needs, all accessed via the Council's flexible Citycard smartcard. It should be stressed that it is not

like the 'Boris Bike' scheme – London is completely different to Nottingham with radically different needs, geography and resources. All elements are being financed from the Department for Transport's Local Sustainability Transport Fund and are due to come on stream over the next 2 years.



Transport Minister Norman Baker visiting the Citycard scheme at the Broad Marsh Centre in September, with Cllr. Jane Urquhart, City Council Transport Portfolio

Tourist bike hire – by end 2012

Available from (to be finalised):

- Nottingham Tourism Centre. Market Square
- Broadmarsh Bus Station
- Nottingham Castle
- Wollaton Park
- Attenborough Nature Reserve
- Nottingham University Park
- Nottingham Contemporary
- Newstead Abbey
- Beeston Lock

Possible hub sites in West Bridgford are also being considered, in consultation with the

County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council.

These selected sites allow users to access areas of the off road cycle network - in particular the City's waterside cycle paths which have seen significant investment to make them extremely popular leisure and off-road commuter routes. Routes which have direct links to these sites include the Big Track (including the Trent and Canal), the National Cycle Network (NCN6) and the River Leen.

Cost is £4 per day. Ticket includes free public transport on buses, trams and trains over all Nottingham.

No booking required – just turn up and see a member of staff.

Comprehensive paper and electronic cycle mapping is provided by the Council. All new Citycard facilities will be incorporated into this as they become live'.



Interchange bike hire – by end 2012

Continue your daily commute by bike, available from the following interchanges:

- Broadmarsh Bus Station
- Victoria Bus Station

The Pedals stall at the Big Day Out on the Saturday of the Cycle Live weekend in July



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The Pedals newsletter is printed by Portland Print, based at the Portland College near Mansfield.

We deliberately choose them in order to support their very important work for people with physical disabilities.

Next issue:

The next issue will appear in May 2013

(Editor: Hugh McClintock: email Hugh.McClintock@ntlworld.com)

Pedals AGM 2013 – get the date in your diary now!

The Pedals AGM next year will take place on **Saturday 23rd of March 2013, from 10:00-14:00 at the Friends' Meeting House, Clarendon Street, to be followed by a ride.**



Why not get a friend to join Pedals?

Tell them how easy it is to join online at http://www.pedals.org.uk/how_to_join

You could also please encourage them to take out a Standing Order, to help reduce our admin and costs.



Appeal to all members – new and old - PLEASE ensure that we have a current valid email address

PLEASE ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS FOR YOU, so that we can communicate with you more often than just via the newsletter.

We are now trying to do more frequent emails to members in between paper newsletters but each time find that some addresses have become invalid. PLEASE THEREFORE LET US KNOW IF YOU CHANGE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Many thanks!

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- Queens Drive Park and Ride
- Racecourse Park and Ride
- Bulwell Tram NET stop
- Wilkinson St NET stop/Park and Ride
- Phoenix NET stop and Park and Ride

There are many companies within a mile of these interchanges, located on safe cycle routes e.g. Boots, Imperial Tobacco and Experian from Queens Drive P&R. These sites offer choice in terms of transport modes and are also well integrated into the existing cycle network.

Where enhancements have been identified to provide better links from these sites to the network, these have been prioritised as part of Local Transport Plan and LSTF capital expenditure

Bikes must be pre-booked with 24 hour notice and can be booked out a week or more at a time.

This scheme is only available to those who have registered to use the Citycard Cycle scheme in advance and provided the necessary personal details.

Your bike will be locked up at the location requested under the last 4 digits of your Citycard registration number.

Cost: £2 per week, £5 per month, £50 per year. Hire is FREE for those travellers with a prepaid Kangaroo season ticket – just quote your Citycard smartcard number on booking.

Automated wider-area Citycard bike hire – by end 2014

Cycle hire points will be installed at key points around the City where cycles can be hired automatically, with no pre booking or counter transaction required.

The bikes will be booked out with a lock and lights and must be returned to the same hire point, similar to the successful Blackpool scheme.



Citycard Cycle Hubs – by end 2013

These are for secure covered cages accessed by registered Citycard holders, with cycle stands, CCTV, lighting and Citycard activated lockers, open 24 hours, for cyclists' own bikes.

- Broadmarsh Bus Station
- Victoria Shopping Centre car park (level x).
- Fletcher Gate Car Park
- Queens Drive Park and Ride
- Racecourse Park and Ride
- Bulwell Tram NET stop/Train Station
- Nottingham Midland Train Station
- Beeston Train Station
- Hucknall Train Station
- Leisure Centres
- Libraries

Citycard 'Loxley' stand locks – by end 2013

These are Citycard activated locks fixed to existing open air cycle stands around the City and district Centres.

These can be used to secure a person's own bike as a sole lock or supplementary to one's own lock to secure both wheels.



**Citycard Own Cycle hire package
– by end 2014**

This will be the long term hire of a commuter hybrid bike complete with lights, helmet and a robust secure weatherproof plastic housing unit which can be stored outside most houses or blocks of flats.

This element will build on success of the Nottingham Ucycle scheme, currently being delivered in partnership between Nottingham City Council, Sustrans, Nottingham University, Nottingham Trent University, The Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and the Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership, offering long-term cycle hire to both staff and students at three of the City's largest trip generators.

It will also build upon the existing scheme run by RideWise whereby abandoned bikes are refurbished by the Framework House Trust and loaned back to those on low incomes.

The bikes will be serviced on a regular basis as part of the yearly hire fee.

There will be different cost packages available, depending on whether the person is in education, from a low income, are a job seeker or live in a property rented from Nottingham City Homes.

The bikes will also be loaned out via the major employers for employees wanting to trial commuting to work by cycle. This will also include a number of electric cycles.



**For more information on these
Citycard cycling developments**

- **contact Russ Morton, tel. (0115) 915 3792,**
- **or email**
cycle@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

or visit the Pedals website at
http://www.pedals.org.uk/citycard_cycle_hire

East Midlands cycle campaigners meet in Chesterfield

On Saturday 22 September there was a further and very successful enjoyable meeting of the East Midlands Cyclists' Forum hosted by the Chesterfield Cycling Campaign.



This includes a few speaker presentations, lots of discussions and a very enjoyable ride in the afternoon.



The next EMCF meeting is likely to be in Leicester in September 2013, hosted by the new Leicester Cycling Campaign Group. (tbc)



More information on the EMCF, founded in 2006 by the then Chair of the Derby Cycling Group, John Stubbs, on the Pedals website at http://www.pedals.org.uk/east_midlands_cyclists_forum



Change of venue since June for Pedals monthly meetings!

Since June our monthly meetings have been at the Vat and Fiddle PH on Queen's Bridge Road, close to Nottingham Station at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month.



There is cycle parking opposite the pub entrance and all members are very welcome!



For meeting details please keep an eye on the relevant section of our website at <http://www.pedals.org.uk/meetings>

DARK WINTER NIGHTS AHEAD: SEE AND BE SEEN!



Excellent advice on cycle lighting is available from the special poster produced by the Cambridge Cycling Campaign and downloadable from their website at <http://www.camcycle.org.uk/resources/lights/>

Bike Club Recycling Schemes get big funding boost!

Very good news that the Bike Club Recycling Scheme in Bulwell, operated by the Framework Housing Associatio, has been successful in getting a major funding boost from the Big Lottery Fund.



More information on the bike recycling pages of the Pedals website at http://www.pedals.org.uk/bike_recycling

Discussion on Ucycle Project extension to local FE colleges

Joanna Ward, Sustrans Ucycle Project Director will be coming along to the Pedals meeting on Monday 19th November for a discussion on current developments including the extension of the project to several local FE Colleges



For all Pedals meeting details please visit our website at <http://www.pedals.org.uk/meetings>

Station Cycle Parking: Smartcard access only area activation imminent!?



Photo with acknowledgements to Keith Morgan, City Council

With a bit of luck, by the time you get to read this newsletter, the eastern half of the Secure Bike Compound at Nottingham Station (next to the new temporary ticket office on Station Street) will offer extra security being accessible only by people with Citycards to help further with the security of bikes parked at the Station.

Activation of the Smartcard reader had been expected on 29 October, to be followed by a 2-week period for users of this area to get Citycards if they did not have them already, before the Citycard access only arrangements came into effect but, we understand, there was some further delay in EMT completing the necessary wiring.

As we go to press we still hope, after much delay, that this will at last be done in the next few weeks! (Keep an eye on the Pedals website, www.pedals.org.uk for confirmation of when this is done)



Entry to this area is by way of a new smaller gate now included in the wide gates half way along the Compound.



Citycards to use this new more secure area can be obtained for free (and by non-city residents) from the City Transport Information Centre in the Old Market Square. They can then also be used for accessing bikes in the Citycard bike and storage scheme, as mentioned in our lead story.

For more information on Station cycle parking contact Keith Morgan at the City Council:

Keith.Morgan@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

STOP PRESS:



New EMT cycling coordinator and EMT Cycle Forum to follow early in 2013

We were very pleased to learn recently that Jonny Wiseman has been appointed by East Midlands Trains as their Cycling Coordinator. (email: jonny.wiseman@eastmidlandstrains.co.uk)

Even better is the news just as we go to press that he intends early next year to establish an East Midland Train Cycle Forum!

Ups and Downs in further discussions with Pedals on the NET extension plans



The many implications of the two new NET extensions for cyclists, discussed in the last issue (Spring/Summer 2012) continue to be a major preoccupation for Pedals, with mixed results from our ongoing liaison with the many parties involved including the City and County Councils, the NET Extension Project Team and their consultants, Mott McDonald, Vinci Construction, and Broxtowe and Rushcliffe Borough Councils.



As mentioned in our last issue the many issues being discussed include:-



the design of tram stops ('island' and 'kerbside' types) and their implications for cyclists' safety as on Chilwell High Road (site of proposed tram stop in the picture below)



potential for back street routes (especially Chilwell High Road - Middle Street) area for cyclists wishing to avoid cycling near tram tracks. There has however been little further progress on this issue in the last few months.



pros and cons of 'VeloSTRAIL track filler devices at pinch points, as used in Germany. This we see as particularly important on Chilwell Road near South Nottingham College where the tram leaves the road to go off-road towards Toton, etc, with a potentially risky situation for cyclists in having to make acute angled crossings of the tram tracks.



Cycle Live 2013 dates fixed

The dates for next year's Cycle Live weekend, including the Great Notts Bike Ride are 21-23 June 2013.

The main organisers are again Perfect Motion, with the strong support of Nottingham City Council.

More information from Chris Simon, the Director:

chris.simon@perfectmotion.org

Some pictures from the Cycle Live 2012 Weekend (13th -15th July)



photos with acknowledgements to Perfect Motion, Beeston.

Workplace Parking Levy new Cycling Infrastructure Support Grants:

The City Council has now launched a Cycling Infrastructure Support Grant scheme for businesses located in Nottingham.



For more information about support for cycling including training, cycle lanes and getting around the city contact the Transport Strategy Team on (0115) 876 3387 or email: transport.strategy@nottinghamcity.gov.uk



Rural Rides continue, via Ridewise and new Facebook-based groups,

Update from Julian Bentley,
In addition to the main Rural Rides Programme managed by Ridewise there are now several other local groups offering rides (publicised via Facebook and the web)
These include:

1. Poppy and Pint Velo meet regularly at the pub in Ladybay, West Bridgford, mainly weekends. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/poppyandpintvelo/>
2. Nottingham fixed gear meet regularly, mainly weekday evenings at the Broadway Cinema. They also do bike polo. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/32207441926/>
3. Velo Club Bread and Bitter meet regularly at the pub at Mapperley Top. Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/115757302124/?ref=ts>
4. Cycle Sneinton meet twice a month for rides from The Hermitage, Sneinton. Web: <http://cyclesneinton.com/>



potential tramside paths to be shared paths rather than just footpaths (Chilwell-Toton, Wilford-Ruddington Lane, and Ruddington Lane-'The Downs', Silverdale-Clifton). As we go to press we are still in discussions with the County Council and Rushcliffe BC about ensuring that there will be a proper shared path between Wilford Lane and Ruddington Lane by the South Nottingham and Wilford Industrial Estate.



short- and long-term cycle parking at Terminal Park and Ride sites and other stops, including promotion, management and maintenance arrangements. This is now likely to take the form of Citycard depots (see above, pp 1-4).



minimising road closures and cycle path closures and ensuring temporary path arrangements during construction work. We have been pressing for direct links for cyclists to be kept open when there are general road closures if at all possible, e.g. in the current 6-month closure (from 3 October) on Ruddington Lane on the Clifton route but in this instance this has not proved possible after all. It is likely that there will be no way through for cyclists (and pedestrians) until January at the earliest.



On a brighter note the City Council have made a positive response to our suggestion that advantage be taken of the tram-related works at the junction of Queen's Drive with Castle Meadow Road, by Sainsburys' Homebase (see photo) to provide a proper signalled cycle cut-through between Castle Bridge Road and Meadows Way, a facility that we have been pressing

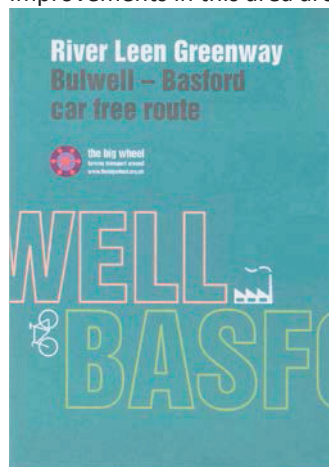
for since Castle Bridge Road was first constructed in the mid-1980s!

- *For more information on these discussions include notes on the meetings we are having see the Pedals website:*
http://www.pedals.org.uk/net_consultation_2012
- *For updates on NET construction related road and path closures visit:*
<http://www.thetram.net/construction-about-us/>

New local cycle maps

River Leen Greenway brochure

The City Council have published a new brochure and map to publicise the improvements to the River Leen path between Basford and Bulwell, including parts of Sustrans National Cycle Route 6. Further improvements in this area are planned.



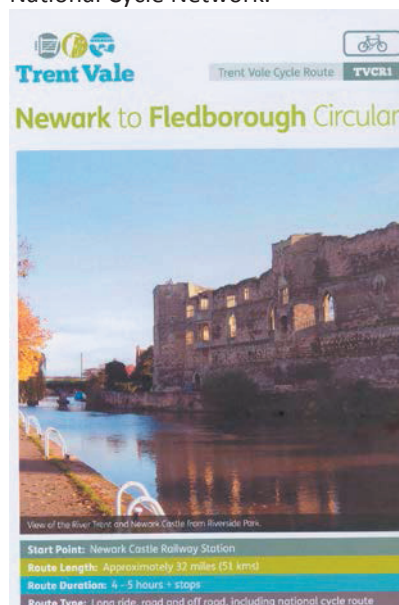
Trent Vale Partnership Cycle maps

In the East of Nottinghamshire a new series of maps showing suggested leisure routes in the Lower Trent area north of Newark has

been published by the Trent Vale Landscape Partnership

(<http://trentvale.wordpress.com/>).

The routes, mostly circular, include some short rides of about 5 miles and some longer such as the 31 mile Newark to Fledborough circular route, which makes use of the magnificent former Fledborough viaduct across the Trent east of Tuxford, and connecting via a disused railway to Lincoln. This forms part of the Dukeries Trail opened last year, which is also part of the Sustrans National Cycle Network.



More information on these maps, produced in cooperation with Sustrans, from Tony Eyres, who is a Sustrans Ranger for the Newark area: email:

tonyeyres@tiscali.co.uk

For comprehensive information on local cycle route maps and books visit

http://www.pedals.org.uk/maps_and_books

Ridewise launches Travel Right scheme in the north and north west of Nottingham:

Travel Right is a £165k project funded until 2015 through Nottingham City Council's Local Sustainable Transport Fund programme.



Travel Right will help residents and businesses in Aspley, Basford, Bestwood, Bilborough, Bulwell, Bulwell Forest and the Leen Valley wards to get around as quickly, cheaply and easily as possible. RideWise were awarded the grant to manage the project in competition with other 3rd sector partnerships.



The project aims to deliver locally focused sustainable travel advice and services by

engaging with local communities through a volunteer network of community champions who will help raise awareness and promote the wide range of transport choices that are available for users in Nottingham.

By helping people make informed travel decisions including walking, cycling and using public transport more often, Travel Right can help to improve access to employment, learning and services, reduce transport costs and CO2 levels and promote healthy active lifestyles. Presently the project manager Andy Parkinson is talking to people in the areas to get their views on what needs to be done to get more people using more sustainable forms of transport, Andy will then propose a programme of work and activities to the City Council.

Typically this might include free travel advice that can save money on transport costs, free cycle training and support and lots of fun events with promotional giveaways.

For more information and to fill in our survey visit us at www.travelright.org.uk, find us on Facebook at [travelrightnottingham](https://www.facebook.com/travelrightnottingham), email us travelright@ridewise.org.uk

The 'Ring Road Major' scheme for improvements on the Nottingham Ring Road between Derby Road and Daybrook



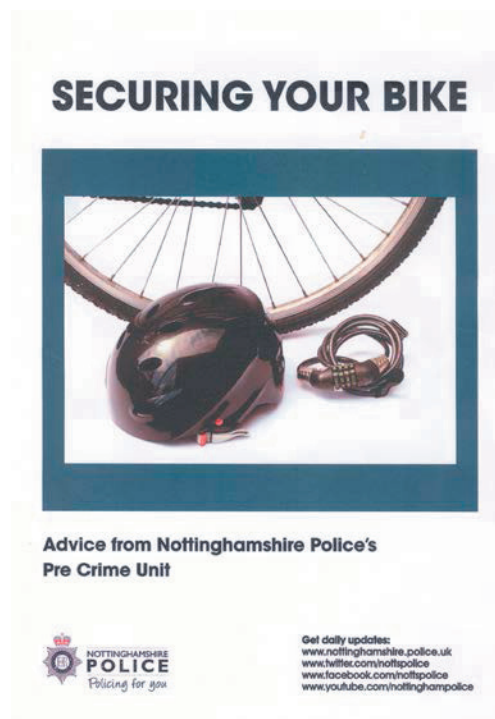
Notts Police launch new Bike Shepherd Security Scheme

The new Bike Shepherd cycle security scheme, promoted by Notts Police, The Big Wheel and Sustrans, etc., was launched in

Bike Week in June.



For more information see the new 'Securing Your Bike' leaflet



and the Pedals website:

http://www.pedals.org.uk/stolen_bikes

Improved cycle route signing



We have seen some fruits recently for Pedals efforts over several years to get improved direction signing on cycle routes, at least in the city, and have had a new opportunity to emphasise the importance of this since we became directly represented earlier this year on the Nottingham Local Access Forum



The last few months have seen the appearance of further such signs on The Big Track route in The Meadows and Clifton Bridge areas and we have also been pressing for improved direction signing on other off-road routes such as the Sneinton Greenway, Wollaton Park and Colwick Park.



More signs on The Big Track should also be following although some, e.g. on Queen's Walk, will have to wait until completion of the new path alongside the new tram route in that area.

Superb new bridge for cyclists across the newly widened A46 near Bingham

Many congratulations to the Highways Agency (who we do not often have cause to congratulate, by the way!) for providing several very welcome new cycle facilities as part of the now nearly completed dualling of the A46 Trunk Road between Widmerpool and Newark.



Easily the most impressive of these is the bridleway bridge over the new A46 a bit north of the new Saxondale roundabout west of Bingham.



This forms part of Sustrans National Cycle Route Network 15 being developed across the county, and already signed in some places such as between Radcliffe on Trent and Wilford.



Further sections will include the new cycle paths in the widened A453 scheme between the M1 and Clifton on which work is due to start early next year.

Pedals welcomes feedback on the new A46 cycle facilities: see
http://www.pedals.org.uk/a46_widening_map

Other cycle route and consultations news:



The Department for Transport this summer announced a special funding scheme for improving the safety of junctions with a particular accident record for cyclists and we made several suggestions to the City and County Councils for ones to include in their bids. Our top priority was the Five Ways junction on the City / Broxtowe boundary at Balloons Woods, i.e. Trowell Road, Wollaton Vale, Nottingham Road, etc. (see map and photos below)



We consider this to be a particularly awkward junction and a major barrier for cyclists wishing to ride safely from Beeston etc. towards Bilborough, including Bilborough College, one of the local FE Colleges now covered by the Sustrans Ucycle Project.

In response, the City and County Councils have decided that this junction will not be their top priority for bidding for this special funding but they are aware of the problems and will carry out further investigations to see what can be done, subject to funding, to make it more cycle-friendly.



Other problematic junctions for cyclists on which we have had discussions in the last few months include:-

Mile End Road / Colwick Road



Queen's Drive / Crossgate Drive, west of the Meadows

