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Reading Cycle Campaign attended both the East Reading Festival and Caversham Festival over the summer months.

Our stall provided advice and information to cyclists and would-be cyclists alike, with several joining us as members of the Campaign.

# Campaign News



## Reading Borough Council (RBC)

### New Cycle Lanes On Lower Henley Road Are Hazardous

RBC suddenly, and without warning or explanation, added these cycle lanes to Lower Henley Road.

The Campaign had asked some years ago for the provision of suitable cycle lanes here, but the request had been dismissed. Then without prior consultation, and with no advance indication that the works were going to be carried out, these cycle lanes appeared.

Unfortunately the cycle lane does not comply with the standards laid down in the Department for Transport Local Transport note 2/08, and ironically neither does it comply with the design guidance in the Council's own new cycle strategy, which includes referenced recommendations on the subject.

The cycle lane has been positioned on the outside of the area reserved for parked cars. This means there is no buffer between the cyclists and the



*This cycle lane puts cyclists in a very dangerous location, ie the door zone.*

doors of the parked cars, thus putting cyclists at risk from doors swinging open into their path, also known as 'dooring'.

Part of the bikeability training is to instruct cyclists to ride outside of the door zone of parked cars. Yet to do this within this road layout will cause them to venture in the space taken up by the cars.

The majority of car users will not appreciate the danger of being 'doored', nor recognise this situation that could arise here. The result will only antagonise more car drivers, who won't understand why cyclists are failing to ride in their designated lane.

And similar to other cycle lanes that have recently appeared within Reading, the width of the cycle lane is

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# Campaign News



*Imagine the risk to a cyclist if the van door is opened.*

too narrow, by about 300mm, than the recommended minimum width, adding to the hazards already shown here.

I regularly update this sort of information on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/ReadingCycleCampaign>) - see the example on the right. Check out the discussion that has been happening there, and join in the conversation to let us know what your views are on this matter.

**Adrian Lawson**  
Chairman



## Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

Planning applications are being drawn up for Arborfield Garrison and Matthews Green Road and applications have been submitted for the Allied Bakeries site on Woodley and part of Arborfield Garrison. Please take a look and submit a response if you don't like the cycling provision!

To view the plans and consultation go to : <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning/services/search/> and enter planning number F/2014/1107.

**Peter Howe**  
WoBC Campaigner

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*This verge could have been adapted for suitable car parking.*



**Reading Cycle Campaign**

Posted by Adrian Lawson [?] · 11 August

The new cycle lane on Lower Henley road. We weren't expecting this, we were even told there would not be one when we asked about it a few years ago. It isn't even listed in the proposed schemes we were sent in July. Worse though is the des... See More



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**Katie James** Totally agree with reasoned argument to educate the non cycling generally ignorant about cycling masses but also think protest and complaints work too.....it's not either or fellow cyclists...hope you all have a great and long life cycling :-))

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**Bark Woods** Look, at the end of the day, we all love riding bicycles, none of us like the idea of being squished by another road user and that is why we all feel passionately about the future of cycling and indeed the safety of the more exposed road user. My comme... See More

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# Other Cycling News

## 1 in 5 Drivers Keep Licence After Causing A Death

CTC, the national cycling charity, has analysed data showing that only 80% of motorists convicted of killing another road user have their licence taken away, compared to 94% ten years ago.

Despite driving bans being mandatory for all causing death by driving offences, CTC found that 20% of those convicted don't have their licenses withdrawn.

The data from the Ministry of Justice also shows that the average length of a driving ban given when a fatality was caused has plummeted

from 42 months in 2003 to 21 months in 2013.

Causing death by driving offences carries minimum bans of one or two years in length. Judges seem reluctant to impose bans longer than the absolute minimum and in one fifth of cases don't impose a ban at all.

(<http://www.ctc.org.uk/news/1-5-motorists-banned-causing-death> 11/8/14)

## Ride London - World Record Bicycle Bells

Thousands of cyclists have been taking part in rides and races as part of the weekend-long

RideLondon event through London and Surrey.

On Saturday 9 August, an estimated 60,000 took part in a 10-mile (16.1km) ride through central London.

Ten of the teams who just finished the Tour de France competed in the elite events.

Saturday's event opened with Laura Trott starting the 30 minute long Guinness World Record attempt for the largest bicycle bell ensemble, which was broken when 639 cyclists took part in the event at Guildhall Yard, near St Paul's Cathedral, in central London.

(<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-28713464> 11/8/14)



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# Road Safety Issues

## A Priority for Thames Valley Police?

During the elections for the Police Commissioner, I contacted all parties to ask them for their views on road safety and cycling. I also asked whether, if they were elected, they would be prepared to meet Reading Cycle Campaign to discuss road safety. The Conservative candidate Anthony Stansfeld, who was subsequently elected, answered 'certainly', so earlier this year I contacted his office to ask if he would be prepared to attend one of our monthly meetings.

I was particularly interested in his answer, because the Thames Valley Policing (TVP) Plan does not include road safety or casualty reduction (<http://www.thamesvalley-cc.gov.uk/Priorities/Police-and-Crime-Plan.aspx>). Mr Stansfeld decided not to accept our invitation, but instead the task was passed down to Sergeant Michael Bettington from Three Mile Cross Station, who is one of three sergeants responsible for roads policing in the Reading urban area. He attended the RCC meeting on 16 July, causing a small degree of alarm in the RISC café in the process.

Sergeant Bettington assured us that the number of road safety officers has

been maintained since the reorganisation two years ago, and that the removal of the post of Road Safety Officer in East Berkshire was only because local authority funding was withdrawn. Roads policing is driven by their data on road collisions which Police attend. Incidents they do not attend are not considered. Areas for policing are based on this data (for example, collisions on the A4 near Prospect Park have led to speeding enforcement operations there) and they concentrate on speeding, drink-driving, seat belt wearing and mobile phone use. If individuals are concerned about speeding in a specific area, they should contact the police by calling 101 and asking for either their neighbourhood policing team or roads policing.

For cyclists, a key issue with this approach is that the police attend only a small proportion of incidents and collisions. The dangerous or threatening behaviour that cyclists occasionally encounter will not be registered. However, these can still be reported to the Police, either to a Police Station or by phoning 101. Sergeant Bettington told us that names and registration numbers are recorded, and if the same vehicle comes up repeatedly then action might be taken. If you have helmet-cam video, phone 101 and ask for an e-mail address to send it to.

Charging decisions for less serious offences, including Careless Driving, are made by the Police. Decisions about more serious ones, including Dangerous Driving, are made by the Crown Prosecution Service. If you are unhappy about a charging decision, you should contact the evidential review officer.

Over the last two years in Reading, cyclists have been involved in 15 serious collisions and 159 slight collisions. It will be of no surprise to RCC members that only 21 of these were judged to be the fault of the cyclist. These numbers represent a slight increase, which is of some concern to the Police.

Parking enforcement in Reading is the responsibility of RBC. The Police may take action if bad parking is causing a road safety issue - again, phone 101 and ask for your neighbourhood policing team to take action.

In the meeting, we raised several issues of importance to RCC members including prosecution decisions, cycle training for Police, and a leaflet produced by TVP that portrayed cycling as hazardous and anti-social. Sergeant Bettington agreed to pass on our suggestions so we will have to see whether the situation improves over the next few years.

Peter Howe

## Your letters

Got any comments, feedback, points of view or experiences to share with RCC readers?

Then write a letter to the Editor, and it will be printed in the next issue.

Remember, this is your newsletter, so why not use it to express your point of view!

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# Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

Over the last few weeks I have got to know a lot more cyclists in Reading as I have been working in the Bicycle Kitchen in Jackson's. So far it has been an amazing success, and it is pretty much full with people fixing bikes all the time it is open.

It is a really great initiative, which is getting lots of old bikes out of sheds, getting a lot more people out on their bikes, and creating a really friendly network of people all helping one another out. It is staffed by volunteers, but several people who have come in to fix their bike have hung around to help others, and to talk about bikes and cycling.

I have made a few interesting observations. A lot of the people who visit are not British. I have been speculating a bit about why this should be. I have asked some people and got similar answers; they come from a culture where cycling is a bit more of an essential method of transport, and when they come over here to work or study they either bring a bike or get one when they get here.

The popularity of the enterprise has surprised me a bit. The number of people cycling in Reading has always been a lot lower than most towns and cities.

Some towns have a much higher proportion of people making journeys by bike. Cambridge famously has 48% of people who ride more than three times a week and 30% who ride to work. Oxford has 17% (and 17% ride to work too) and York and Gosport have 15%.

Reading however has only 2%, yet we have all the key things that are attributed to making a cycle friendly town. It is relatively flat - even the longest hill is under half a mile long - and it is possible to travel along the riverside paths, avoiding almost any gradient for long distances. Tilehurst station to Thames Valley Park is 5 and a bit miles, pan flat. Reading town centre to Green Park is 3 miles pan flat. Even from the very north of town to the very south is only a smidgen over 6 miles. So Reading is compact, and not very hilly. That should make cycling a really popular mode of travel. It is the riverside paths that are reckoned to make Hackney in the east end of London so popular for cyclists. We have paths along the Thames, the Kennet and the Foudry Brook. Hackney has a path alongside the river Lea. Reading also has a university, which is what makes Cambridge such a popular city for cycling. Admittedly they have colleges all over the place, and cycling has

been the default method of getting from one to another for years.

Reading's university is close to the town centre and has lots of student accommodation dotted around town, as well as lots of halls of residence a short bike ride away, but not a huge number of cyclists. Reading also has a high immigrant population, many from countries with a history of lots of people cycling. Many people who move here do so without being terribly well off, and a bike would be attractive as a means of getting around.

If you go into town on your bike it is frequently very difficult to find a parking stand free in the town centre. You won't ride in very often and wander round town looking for a bike rack free before getting fed up with it. The station car parking charges are astronomic, yet the car park is huge and always full, I am told. The cycle parking at the station has always been pathetic, and despite the recent refurbishment it is still pathetic.

One thing I hear many people say is how aggressive drivers are towards them. I don't get it very often, but I have had it before now. It is really disturbing to think that somebody behind you in a car hates you because you are riding a bike.

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# Chairman's Letter

Worse than that is the thought that the driver behind is sending a text message. The police have been sent countless videos of dangerous driving and appear to have no desire to follow them up if it is a video taken by a cyclist.

We met with the police at our July committee meeting, and we had a very forthright discussion about making things safer for cyclists. Sergeant Bettison from the Roads Policing unit was quite supportive and offered some useful help. It was interesting that we presented him with Thames Valley Police's own "Cycle Safety" leaflet that has on its front cover a picture of a no cycling sign. Well I suppose if nobody cycled there would be fewer accidents involving cyclists, but that would defeat the health benefits, and he recognised that. What he did say was to report any errant drivers by calling 101, and asking for the roads policing unit. There you can report the vehicle number, and they will record it. If the same vehicle is reported a few times they will pay the driver a visit, and he said that there was already a case pending against a driver (of a white van apparently) who had been reported for similar things three times.

Ages ago we had a much less positive meeting with the police, and one of the things we suggested there was to stop errant cyclists and offer them cycle training instead of a fixed penalty notice. It seems that this is actually going to happen, in much the same way as you go on a course if you get a speeding ticket.

All in all our meeting with the police was a very positive one, and I have to thank Sergeant Bettison for his attendance and guidance. It is only a small step in making the roads better for cyclists but it is a step in the right direction.

The main reason that so few people cycle though is that the roads are just not conducive to taking up cycling. It is the newcomer to cycling who is put off; most of us who ride our bikes actually get on OK most of the time, but it is that leap of faith needed to



*Adrian Lawson*

get on a bike and ride into town or to work.

Recently several things have happened. Signs have gone up in the town centre to guide cyclists. I know this because it was in a report emailed to me by the Council. They have painted cycle lanes on Berkeley Avenue, but there are several deficiencies with them - mostly at the very places cyclists would actually benefit from them - at the junctions.

They have also put in some new cycle parking stands, but it seems that it is only a handful. It is all recorded in a rather drab spreadsheet, and I am not that clear about some of what is in it, so I had made myself a list of questions to raise at the next Cycle Liaison Group where we meet with Council staff and Councillors.

Normally a week before the meeting we get the chance to let them know what we want on the agenda, so when I saw an email in my inbox from the officer who coordinates it, I opened it expectantly. Sadly it said that the meeting has been cancelled, and we won't now meet until the end of October. So I have nothing to report from the Council, except to say that with £27million pounds to spend and a looming deadline to spend it, this was not a good time to cancel the meeting.

**Adrian Lawson**  
*Chairman*

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## Our Mission



- To campaign for better facilities for cyclists in Reading, in particular a network of safe cycleways linking residential, industrial and commercial areas, and giving access to the town centre.
- To work with Sustrans, the Cyclists' Touring Club (both locally and nationally) and others interested in promoting cycling and the well-being of cyclists.
- To identify the needs of cyclists in Reading, for example the location of safe and secure parking, and to campaign for their provision.
- To work with and advise local authorities and, where necessary, criticise and highlight their shortcomings.



# Sykes' Standpoint

The RCC asked me a couple of months ago if I would be interested in contributing something to the newsletter and here is my first piece.

For those of you who don't recognise the name, I'll briefly explain that I'm the chap who wrote the cycling book called 'Crossing Europe on a Bike Called Reggie' and my second book, 'Along The Med on a Bike Called Reggie', is about to be published. But fear not, that's the last mention that I will make of these books.

Away from travelling, cycling and writing, I'm also a secondary school teacher working in Henley-on-Thames, although I have lived in the centre of Reading since studying here at the university in the late 90s. I've been paying my subscription to RCC for many years, but it's now nice to contribute in a different kind of way.

Over the last few years I've had the opportunity to travel quite widely on the European continent on my bike (although I'm sure that many people reading this will have travelled much more widely than me!) and it has been interesting to compare and to contrast the cycling situation in towns and cities across Europe with the lot of cyclists here in Reading.

We often like to think that we have a rough deal, as cyclists in the UK in general, and, in our case, Reading. But how true a picture is that? When visiting another town or city the first thing that

I tend to notice is not whether there are cycle lanes or cycling signs or cycling refuges etc...; I do like to look around me and see if there are other cyclists.

A cycling-friendly environment will generally mean more cyclists on the road and I have visited plenty of towns and cities where cyclists are very few on the ground. People vote with their feet (literally!) if they don't feel comfortable using a bike in the place where they live.

Two good example of this are Rome and Athens, where you are hard pressed to find many cyclists at all and it's easy to understand why. Yes, it's to do with the infrastructure in place - which is limited - but also because people simply don't feel safe on a bike.

I've cycled through countless other places where facilities are a little better - perhaps a few cycle lanes here and there - but where cycling is still shunned by the majority of the locals. At least here in Reading we cyclists are out there on the streets and through organisations such as the RCC, we are vocal.

At the other end of the spectrum are the towns and cities which are famous for being cycling paradises. We are right to compare the situation in Reading to Amsterdam, Copenhagen and other towns and cities in the premier league of cycling, but neither should we beat ourselves up too much that we have a particularly raw deal.

From what I've seen, we are about average. Fear not, I'm not condoning being average - why shouldn't we have a cycling environment which encourages people to consider cycling as a 'norm' rather than a fringe activity, but change takes time. What I do have concerns about, however, is whether the local authority here in Reading has real long-term vision.

A couple of years ago, Hamburg declared that by 2020 the centre of the city would be car free. They have put in place the necessary funding and a staged plan to make this a reality. Can you imagine such a strategic decision ever being made in Reading? There is nothing stopping Tony Page from standing up and declaring that he intends making Reading - let's say within the IDR - into a traffic free zone by 2025. But would he? It's unlikely.

Alas we live in a world where results have to be delivered quickly. Things don't tend to be measured on a ten-year basis, but upon a year or two if we are lucky. From start to finish, a bicycle hire scheme can be implemented in a couple of years and a bridge can be built. But how about our Councillors doing something brave and making a decision that they probably won't be in office to benefit from electorally? Would they do that? Perhaps next time I meet one of them, I might ask.

Andrew Sykes

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# Annual General Meeting

## The RCC Committee for 2014-15

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Adrian Lawson

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Peter Swallow

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### **Web Manager:**

John Seto

### **CTC Liaison:**

Karen Robertson

### **Co-opted Members:**

Lisa Lai, Derrick Chubb

The Reading Cycle Campaign had its AGM at RISC on 18 June. None of the posts had more than one candidate; therefore the Committee members for 2014-15 were volunteered/proposed/seconded as listed on the left.

Both the Membership Secretary and the Newsletter Editor wish to step down this year, so along with the Events Coordinator these three posts are all looking for new owners. If you feel you want to be active in helping to run the Campaign then drop me a line to find out more about any of these posts (secretary@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk).

After the formalities of the AGM our attention was turned to the strategy and actions that members of the Campaign want the group to pursue over the next year. These are:

1. Apply for community funding in order to undertake the projects that were not successful in gaining funding from RBC's Travel Challenge Fund.
2. Engage with businesses (e.g. Oracle shopping centre) and other corporate bodies (e.g. University) to ask them to commit to a more cycle-friendly Reading.
3. Review strategies followed by the more influential local Cycle Campaign

Groups that are in similar situations (e.g. Bristol, Exeter) to feed in to our future plans.

4. Produce and publicise our Strategy for a Cycle Friendly Reading. Set out a vision of a cycle and pedestrian friendly town and the benefits that would bring.
5. Focus on a priority list of issues. For each issue have one member acting as coordinator with other members.
6. Work in partnership with new CEO of Reading Buses.
7. Form a campaigning alliance with pedestrians.
8. Use a range of outlets and media for publicity (e.g. XN magazine).
9. Organize more rides and events.

Each of the above actions will be led by one of the committee but again, if you wish to help deliver one of these actions then do get in touch.

With a membership of nearly 600 the Reading Cycle Campaign is one of the largest local cycle campaign groups in the country; for us to be effective in working for a cycle-friendly Reading we need as many of our members to be active as possible.

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Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Tue 2 Sep	Greywell (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Fox & Goose 186/7151					
Wed 3 Sep	West	11:00	Morris Dowding 0118 989 0326	Meet: La Baguetterie (Theale) 175/644713	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 3 Sep	Henley (N)	19:30 Fountain	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Bird in Hand 175/759824	24	Moderate
Wed 3 Sep	Henley (N)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Bird in Hand 175/759824	20	Offroad - short
Wed 3 Sep	Henley (N)	19:30 Fountain	Malcolm Fleming 986 4166	Bird in Hand 175/759824	25	Offroad - long
Sat 6 Sep	London	09:00 Dinton	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Cafe East Molesey	60	Moderate - return by train from Paddington
Sun 7 Sep	Bentley (S)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Star 186/785439	55	Moderate. 11s Redfields Garden Centre
Sun 7 Sep	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	TBC	30	Offroad
Sun 7 Sep	Sherfield on Loddon (S)	10:00 Fountain	Mike Lingham 947 5480	Four Horseshoes 175/680579	35	Leisurely/ moderate
Tue 9 Sep	Fifield (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Fifield Inn 175/908764					
Wed 10 Sep	North	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: Henley Rowing Museum 175/767822	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 10 Sep	Hurst (E)	19:30 Fountain	Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491	Castle 175/7957	23	Moderate
Wed 10 Sep	Hurst (E)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Castle 175/795729	20	Offroad - short
Wed 10 Sep	Hurst (E)	19:30 Earley	Al Neal 967 9666	Castle 175/795729	25	Offroad - long
Sun 14 Sep	Inkpen 'Lower Green' (W)	09:15 Theale	Allan Adams 988 3044	Swan 174/359643	60	Moderate/ brisk. 11s Shaw-cum-Donnington
Sun 14 Sep	Winchester via NCR23	09:30 Earley	Joe Edwards	TBC	45	Moderate. Return by train
Sun 14 Sep	Ash Ranges & Tunnel Hill, Farnborough	Train assist: North Camp stn	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	pub en route	30	Offroad. 10:20 from Rdng to North Camp
Sun 14 Sep	Little London (SW)	10:00 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	Plough 175/621597	30	Leisurely
Sun 14 Sep	Bramshill House - Heritage Open Day	13:00 Little London	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	You've already had it!	25	Departure from David's leisurely ride after lunch to Grade I listed Bramshill House - well worth a look around and free for the day!
Tue 16 Sep	Little London (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Plough 175/621597					
Wed 17 Sep	South	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: Beech Hill Church cafe 175/698644	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 17 Sep	Goring train return	19:30 Train assist to Goring	Simon Bird 07846 219114		20	Brakspear Country Ale Trail II - visiting 5 out of 10 venues in Blewbury, Cholsey, South Stoke & Goring
Wed 17 Sep	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Unicorn 175/701818	25	Offroad - short
Wed 17 Sep	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Earley	TBC	Unicorn 175/701818	25	Offroad - long
Fri 19 Sep	Lymington	23:30 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114		70	Night ride. Train return, roadside 3's, café breakfast, bring swimming kit
Sat 20 Sep	Overnight adventure	Reading		pub en route	50	Offroad. 20th-21st. Details to follow
Sun 21 Sep	Littleworth Common (NE)	09:15 Dinton	John Lomas 01344 420031	Jolly Woodman 175/934865	45	Moderate. 11's Dorney
Sun 21 Sep	St Mary Bourne (SW)	09:15 Earley	Mike Hardiman 9793147	George 185/422503	70	Moderate/ brisk, 11s Hannington green
Sun 21 Sep	Pangbourne (W)	10:00 Fountain	Anne Davis	Little Henry's Cafe 175/636765	20	Leisurely, some rough stuff
Tue 23 Sep	Ewelme (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Shepherds Hut 175/639919					
Wed 24 Sep	Northwest	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: Herb Farm Café (Sonning Common) 175/711797	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 24 Sep	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Sun 175/643794	27	Brisk
Wed 24 Sep	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Sun 175/643794	20	Offroad - short
Wed 24 Sep	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Sun 175/643794	25	Offroad - long
Sat 27 Sep	South Oxon Offroad Tour (SOOT) - 30 mile off-road event starting 10:00 Kidmore End Memorial Hall (Sonning Common) Ian Doyle 07974 409607 - <a href="http://www.readingctc.co.uk/soot/">http://www.readingctc.co.uk/soot/</a>					
Sat 27 Sep	Henley Hilly Hundred 100km Audax ride. 09:00 start from Sonning Common. <a href="http://www.aukweb.net">www.aukweb.net</a>					
Sun 28 Sep	Hannington (SW)	09:15 Earley	Erica Johnson 966 6913	Vine 174/540552	50	Moderate. 11s Elm Park Garden Centre
Sun 28 Sep	Reading	09:30 Fountain	Joe Edwards	'3 Guineas' Reading Stn	20	Explore new bike hire scheme & routes in Reading (on your own bike!)
Sun 28 Sep	Farnborough (W)	09:30 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Saddleback Farm Shop	40	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 28 Sep	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	TBC	30	Offroad
Tue 30 Sep	Rotherwick (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Coach & Horses 175/7156					
Wed 1 Oct	Southwest	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: Mortimer Bakery café 175/651647 35	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 1 Oct	Tidmarsh (W)	19:30 Fountain	James Hancock 07500 841 460	Greyhound 175/635747	25	Moderate/ brisk
Wed 1 Oct	Tidmarsh (W)	19:30 Fountain	Jason Pyke 07932 652368	Greyhound 175/635747	20	Offroad
Sun 5 Oct	Hindhead (S)	09:15 Dinton	Chris Rutter 961 9781	Café	70	Brisk
Sun 5 Oct	"Downton Abbey" (W)	09:30 Theale	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Roadside Highclere	55	11s Thatcham
Sun 5 Oct	Henley, Oxon (N)	10:00 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Rowing Museum 175/767822	20	Leisurely
Sun 5 Oct	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	TBC	30	Offroad
Tue 7 Oct	Jealot's Hill (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - New Leathern Bottle 175/868732					

# CTC Bike Rides Listings

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Wed 8 Oct	Southeast	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: Sheeplands GC (Hare Hatch) 175/8007	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 8 Oct	Sonning Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Butchers Arms 175/7180	24	Brisk
Wed 8 Oct	Sonning Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Jim Thompson 07906 164 486	Butchers Arms 175/7180	20	Offroad
Sun 12 Oct	Ickford (N)	09:15 Fountain	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Rising Sun 165/6407	60	Moderate/ brisk. 11s Ewelme
Sun 12 Oct	East Ilsley (NW)	09:30 Theale	Joe Edwards	Crown & Horns 174/493812	45	Moderate
Sun 12 Oct	Sherfield on Loddon (S)	10:00 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	Four Horseshoes 175/680579	30	Leisurely
Sun 12 Oct	Leckhampstead (W)	10:00 Fountain	Ian Doyle 07974 409607	Stag 174/4375	45	Offroad
Tue 14 Oct	Hermitage (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Fox 174/509731					
Wed 15 Oct	West	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: La Baguetterie (Theale) 175/644713	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 15 Oct	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	David Rees 07971 289 909	Reformation 175/689802	21	Moderate
Wed 15 Oct	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Chris Knights 07545 352 459	Reformation 175/689802	20	Offroad
Sun 19 Oct	Waterperry Gardens (N)	09:15 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Cafe 164/628064	60	Brisk
Sun 19 Oct	Wheeler End (NE)	09:15 Fountain	Jackie Leslie 926 3620	Chequers Inn 175/806926	45	Moderate
Sun 19 Oct	Peasemore (W)	09:30 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Fox & Hounds 174/4577	40	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 19 Oct	Aldworth (NW)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Bell 174/556797	30	Leisurely/ moderate with rough stuff
Sun 19 Oct	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	TBC	25	Offroad
Tue 21 Oct	Crazies Hill (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Horns 175/799809					
Wed 22 Oct	North	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: Henley Rowing Museum 175/767822	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 22 Oct	Curry ride	19:30 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Curry house to be decided	20	Moderate
Wed 22 Oct	Curry ride	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Fine Indian cuisine / beer	20	Offroad
<b>RIDES TO THE AGM</b>						
Sun 26 Oct	Dunsden Green	10:00 Fountain	Jenny Forkes 967 4154	AGM: Village Hall 175/740773	25	Leisurely
Sun 26 Oct	Dunsden Green	09:15 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044	AGM: Village Hall 175/740773	30	Moderate. 11s Ewelme
Sun 26 Oct	Dunsden Green	09:15 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	AGM: Village Hall 175/740773	30	Brisk. 11s Henley
Sun 26 Oct	Dunsden Green	TBC	TBC	AGM: Village Hall 175/740773	TBC	Off-road
Tue 28 Oct	Sherfield on Loddon (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Four Horseshoes 175/680579					
Wed 29 Oct	South	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: Beech Hill Church Cafe 175/698644	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 29 Oct	Winnersh (E)	19:30 Dinton	Adam Cook 07904 348879	Wheelwrights Arms 175/787717	20	Brisk
Wed 29 Oct	Winnersh (E)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Roberts 986 8470	Wheelwrights Arms 175/787717	20	Offroad
Sat 1 Nov	Upper Thames 200km Audax ride. 07:30 from Cholsey. www.aukweb.net					
Sun 2 Nov	Shalden Green (S)	09:15 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Avenue Nurseries 186/693438	50	Brisk. One-stopper
Sun 2 Nov	Hermitage (W)	09:30 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Fox 174/509731	35	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 2 Nov	Swallowfield (S)	10:00 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	Crown 175/725649	20	Leisurely
Sun 2 Nov	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	TBC	30	Offroad
Tue 4 Nov	Binfield (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Jack O'Newbury 175/845718					
Wed 5 Nov	Northwest	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: Herb Farm Cafe (Sonning Common) 175/711797	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 5 Nov	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Earley	Richard Pearson 07930 548379	Royal Oak 175/662740	18	Leisurely/ moderate
Wed 5 Nov	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Fountain	Karen Blofield 07771 800883	Royal Oak 175/662740	15	Offroad
Sat 8 Nov	TBC	TBC	Becky Patterson 948 3454	Pub en route	30	Offroad weekend tour with Becky & Phil, 8th & 9th
Sun 9 Nov	Long Sutton (S)	09:15 Earley	John Lomas 01344 420031	Four Horseshoes 186/748470	45	Moderate
Sun 9 Nov	Binfield (E)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Jack O'Newbury 175/845718	25	Leisurely
Tue 11 Nov	Mortimer (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Horse and Groom 175/655645					
Wed 12 Nov	Southwest	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: Mortimer Bakery Café 175/651647	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 12 Nov	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Steve Albon 07801 287 616	Nag's Head 175/703733	25	Moderate
Wed 12 Nov	Reading (W)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Mattingly 07976 796 217	Nag's Head 175/703733	15	Offroad
Sat 15 Nov	London	10:00 Reading Station	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Café Brixton	30	Train assisted ride
Sun 16 Nov	Oakley (SW)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Fox	55	Moderate. 11s Pamber End (Elm Park GC)
Sun 16 Nov	Old Basing 'Hatch' (S)	10:00 Earley	Graeme Hoyle 07879 838 424	Conkers Garden Centre café 186/677523	30	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 16 Nov	Sonning Common (N)	10:00 Fountain	Anne Davis	Herb Farm Café 175/711797	20	Leisurely
Sun 16 Nov	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	TBC	30	Offroad
Tue 18 Nov	Whitchurch Hill (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Sun 175/643794					
Wed 19 Nov	Southeast	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Meet: Sheeplands GC (Hare Hatch) 175/800778	35	Meet 10:30-11:00 for onward ride/ lunch to be decided on the day
Wed 19 Nov	Reading (E)	19:30 Dinton	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Eldon Arms 175/725732	22	Brisk
Wed 19 Nov	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Jolly Anglers 175/727735	15	Offroad
Sun 23 Nov	Bentworth (S)	09:15 Earley	Allan Adams 988 3044	Star 185/671403	50	Moderate. 11s Conkers Garden Centre

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### Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month:

**Wednesday 17 September - committee meeting**

**Wednesday 15 October - open meeting**

**Wednesday 19 November - committee meeting**

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