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## Newsletter January 2010



Your guide to what's going on with  
Shrewsbury's cycling town campaign  
and Connect2

[www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk)



# Have your say

## Connect2 Welsh Bridge proposals

Discussions and consultation took place in November and December on the latest plans for the Welsh Bridge element of the Connect2 walking and cycling project. (Plans are still available to view at [www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/about/network/schemes/welsh-bridge](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/about/network/schemes/welsh-bridge))

Thank you to everyone who sent in comments or completed feedback forms. We had lots of positive feedback as well as some concerns about specific elements of the proposals. Please check the website for a summary of these comments.

### The next steps?

The explosion on Bridge Street on 3 January caused extensive damage to all the traffic signals equipment at Barker Street, Bridge Street and Frankwell Quay. We have therefore started the signalling works early at Frankwell Quay. We are hopeful that improvements at Bridge Street/ Smithfield Road/ Victoria Quay will start in Spring 2010, incorporating changes suggested during the consultation process.



## Safer routes to school in Bayston Hill



Cycle Shrewsbury is working with Oakmeadow Primary School to encourage more walking and cycling to school. And there seems to be plenty of enthusiasm at the school; over 120 junior children took part in a December Bike It school cycle day; and the head teacher, Huw Roberts, uses a Shropshire Council pool bike to pedal between the two school sites in Bayston Hill.

Plans are being developed for a new zebra crossing, shared use path and mini-roundabout on Lythwood Road as well as minor improvements to roads and signs around Bayston Hill.

Visit:

[www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/about/have-your-say](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/about/have-your-say)  
to have your say - comments by **15 January** please.

## Safer routes to school in Harlescott

Cycle Shrewsbury is also active in Harlescott. A cycle to school day takes place this month at Greenacres Primary, organised by Bike It officer, Kim Williams. There are also plans for a 20mph zone and traffic calming on York Road, as well as a new walking and cycling route across Kynaston Fields. Visit:

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## Old Potts Way toucan crossing

Cycle Shrewsbury is looking to use extra Cycling England funds for a new toucan crossing on Old Potts Way. Visit:

[www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/about/have-your-say/crossing-improvements](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/about/have-your-say/crossing-improvements)

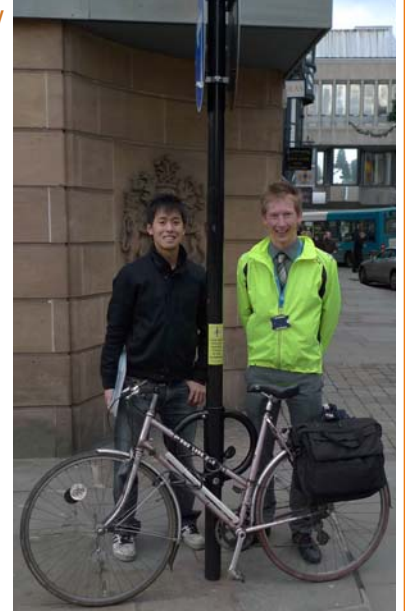
Shoppers at Asda viewed the latest proposals in December and these will also be displayed at the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee on 27 January. The toucan crossing would provide a safer crossing point for pedestrians and cyclists between Asda and Old Coleham (Belle Vue).

## Cycle hoop trial

Cycle Shrewsbury is trialling a new type of cycle stand in the Square Shrewsbury - the Cycle Hoop.

Designed by Anthony Lau, seen here demonstrating the product to Richard Harman of Cycle Shrewsbury, the Cycle Hoop is designed to clamp onto existing sign posts, lamp posts and bollards. It is quick and easy to install, and a cost effective alternative cycle storage.

Let us know what you think by email:  
[cycle.shrewsbury@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:cycle.shrewsbury@shropshire.gov.uk)  
or call: 01743 253008.



## Red surfacing on cycle lanes at junctions



Red surfacing is being trialled on Monkmoor Road at potential conflict points between cyclists and drivers, where cycle lanes cross side roads.

Find out more and let us know what you think at:

[www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/about/have-your-say](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/about/have-your-say)

## Win a set of bicycle lights

This month Cycle Shrewsbury members have the chance to win a set of bicycle lights.

For your chance to win simply go to:

[www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/members/competitions](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/members/competitions)  
and give us your idea for an alternative use for bike lights.

The closing date for entries is **28 February 2010**.

If you're not yet a Cycle Shrewsbury member sign up for free at:

[www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/join/register-online](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/join/register-online)  
for your chance to enter this and other fantastic competitions.

## More space for bikes on trains

It will soon be easier to take your bike on the train. Wrexham and Shropshire Railway plans to introduce trains with more space for bicycles.

Watch out for more information on our website at:

[www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/news-and-events](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/news-and-events)

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## Workplace cycling update

Cycle Shrewsbury has produced a pack for employers with lots of information about how we can help you to promote cycling to your employees. Email: [cycle.shrewsbury@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:cycle.shrewsbury@shropshire.gov.uk) or phone 01743 253008 to request your copy. You can download copies at: [www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/commuters/information-for-employers](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/commuters/information-for-employers)

Cycle Shrewsbury has been working closely with the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to promote cycling. New cycle parking will be installed in January 2010. In addition, the first RSH Bicycle User Group (BUG) will be held on 15 January 2010.

The first meeting of the Guildhall BUG takes place on 19 January.

BUG meetings are open to anyone who works at these sites.

## Schools cycling update

This school year our Sustrans Bike It officer, Kim Williams, is working with the following 12 primary schools to promote cycling to children:

- Belvidere Primary
- Greenacres Primary
- Greenfields Primary
- Harlescott Junior
- Martin Wilson Primary
- Mereside Primary
- Mount Pleasant Primary
- Oakmeadow Primary
- Oxon Primary
- Radbrook Primary
- St Georges Junior
- St Giles Primary

She will be organising events at many of the schools during January 2010. For more details visit:

[www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/kids/schools-bikeit](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/kids/schools-bikeit)

Cycle Shrewsbury has recently appointed a cycling coach to run bike clubs for children, who will be starting work in March.

## Events update: Fun freewheel at the football stadium

During October half-term Cycle Shrewsbury organised a bike try-out day at the ProStar Stadium. About 200 people came to try out bikes from local bike shops.

STFC striker, Dave Hibbert, helped to launch our new cycle ride leaflet exploring Shrewsbury's footballing history. The leaflet is available at:

[www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/cycle-routes/leisure-rides](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk/cycle-routes/leisure-rides)



## BikeFest 2010

BikeFest 2010 takes place on 12 June. It's a fantastic free day out for all the family, so put the date in your diary now.

We're looking for volunteers to help at BikeFest. To find out more contact Liz Rose on 01743 253061 or email: [cycle.shrewsbury@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:cycle.shrewsbury@shropshire.gov.uk)

For details of more events visit: [www.cycleshrewsbury.gov.uk/events](http://www.cycleshrewsbury.gov.uk/events)

## Free entry to Attingham Park

The National Trust welcomes cyclists and if you arrive at Attingham Park by bicycle you can visit the grounds for free (an admission charge must be paid to go into the house). If you are a National Trust member please make sure you show your membership card as well.

Please note that only children under 5 on trainer bikes are allowed to cycle on the footpaths within the grounds.

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