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Lambeth

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## FREE Dr Bike sessions for all

This year Lambeth Council will be running 4 months of free Dr Bike sessions at a location near you. So there is no excuse not to fish that bike out of the back of your shed and get it back on the road. The mechanics will perform quick fixes to your bikes to get them roadworthy.

Location	May	June	July	September
Brockwell Park-nr the lido	5	2	7	1
Clapham Common-junct Cedar Road	12	9	14	8
Waterloo-opp Imax	19	16	21	15
Streatham Common-opp Texaco	26	23	28	22

Cycling improves your health and if it is used as an alternative form of transport will reduce CO2 emissions too. Cycling in the summer is a fantastic way to get around and to see the borough from a vantage point unobtainable from four wheels. Worried about cycling on the road? Take advantage of our subsidised cycle training which will increase your confidence with one-on-one instruction.

**For more information about this or anything cycle related email [cycling@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:cycling@lambeth.gov.uk) or call 020 7926 0686 and speak to Suzy.**

## Me and my bike in Lambeth photography competition

Lambeth Council is running another photography competition this summer and you could win a bike from Brixton Cycles. All you need to do is take a photo of you and your bike in Lambeth and send it in to us with a few words about what cycling in Lambeth means for you. The closing date is 31 August so plenty of time to get that perfect snap.

**For more details call 020 7926 0686 or see [www.lambeth.gov.uk/meandmybikeinlambeth](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/meandmybikeinlambeth)**

## Walk to Work Week 2009



Following the success of Walk to Work days of the last couple of years which included 'Dolly Partons' walking 9 to 5

through London, Living Streets are organising a whole week of walking related events. The campaign will encourage employees to walk more as part of their normal working routine. Businesses in Lambeth can sign up to the challenge and receive free resources materials. Achievements are logged online and there will be prizes to be won.

To and from work, during lunchtimes, for meetings, with friends - How will you do it?

**For more information about this fun campaign and to register, please see [www.walkingworks.org.uk](http://www.walkingworks.org.uk)**

## Street improvements

Lambeth Council has been busy making the streets more pleasant to walk on again this month. Rita Road in Oval was chosen to be resurfaced to create a more inviting area to walk and easier to manoeuvre with pushchairs and wheelchairs.



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## Cycle or walk around Lambeth and if you spot a 'stench pipe' you could win a prize!

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With the long evenings approaching why not get on your bike or have a stroll and try to spot a stench pipe? Send us the location and if it's not on our list you'll win an i-move goodie bag.

Stench pipes or smell poles are dotted all across Lambeth on pavements, alleyways, main roads, side streets and in parks. They come in all shapes and sizes and many are in need of a bit of care and attention. Some of the tallest are 40 foot high, others reach a more modest 15 foot. If you know something that looks like a lamp column but has no lamp on it, it is probably what we're looking for.

Most stench pipes were installed in mid/late Victorian times and they fulfil their purpose of relieving the build up of noxious gases in the underground sewers. As such they are probably the oldest pieces of street furniture in Lambeth. Usually made of cast iron, some are quite plain whilst others have beautiful ornate and decorative ironwork, particularly examples made by J Stone of Deptford.

Lambeth's Transport Planning & Strategy section has recently repainted and restored two stench pipes in the West Norwood area and the transformation has been dramatic. We plan to paint more over the coming months

and, in time, restore all the pipes in the borough. We have begun mapping the ones we know about but they crop up in the most unusual places so please contact us if you spot one on your travels.

Send your locations, ideally with a photo, to George Wright at [gwright@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:gwright@lambeth.gov.uk)

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## Lambeth's Motorbike Campaign aims to cut collisions

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Eagle-eyed residents may have noticed eye-catching Think Bike! signs on the backs of buses driving through Lambeth warning motorists to check their wing-mirrors for motorbikes before turning right or left. These adverts form part of Lambeth Road Danger Reduction's current advertising campaign which aims to reduce the risk of collisions involving motorcyclists and scooter riders in the borough. Although motorbikes account for only 1% of the traffic, motorcyclists and scooter riders make up 20% of deaths on the road. In 2008, 2 motorcyclists were killed in Lambeth and 35 were seriously injured, many of these involving turning vehicles. Further Think Bike warning signage will be appearing round the borough later this month.

In order to further reduce the risk to motorbike and scooter riders in Lambeth, Lambeth Road Danger Reduction is offering a free BikeSafe rider skills day to every motorcyclist or scooter rider living, working or studying in the borough. The course is run by highly experienced police riders and consists of accompanied rides followed by feedback and class-based sessions focusing on professional riding techniques, motorcycle control and collision causation factors.

To book a free BikeSafe course, contact [nfender@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:nfender@lambeth.gov.uk) or call 020 7926 0332.

