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## Cycle project to be pedalled out across the borough

Ferndale Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) and Lambeth Council have worked out a school travel plan for St Helens Primary School in Knowles Close, SW9 to enable pupils travelling to and from school by means more sustainable and healthier for the student - by bicycle. The project has seen such success that there are plans to implement it in 5 other schools in Lambeth.

The pupils decided that they wanted to do cycle training and this encouraged Mrs Cox the school's head teacher to contact their local policing team Ferndale SNT and Lambeth Council's School Travel Plan team.

Cycle sessions have been taking place during an after school club. These were arranged by Misha Byrne School Travel Plan Manager at Lambeth Council and Jane Stables of Cycle Training UK who deliver the sessions. During the sessions 14 pupils were taught levels 1 and 2 of the cycle proficiency known as 'Bikeability'. The students were taught both off and on-road cycle training and cycle maintenance, which gives them the skills to look after their own bikes



The project is also exploring the idea of recycling unused bikes. A key objective is to try and establish a project that can keep going, which will provide pupils with independent travel options. Another aim is to give pupils skills that they can be proud of and can see tangible benefits. Once pupils have learnt how to build and maintain a bike, they are potentially able to earn a bike for themselves through the commitment of a few hours to the cycle club.

Ferndale SNT and Misha Byrne are looking to expand the project, with trips to be arranged to allow the children to put their cycle skills to the test. After speaking to the pupils they are very interested in BMX and mountain bike training.

Abrehet Semra aged 10 from St Helen's Primary School commented "I found it fun, after a few weeks you learnt a lot, I look forward to riding to school now".

The positive feedback from pupils at St Helens means that this pilot project is now being rolled out to another 5 Lambeth Schools with a view to securing funding so that many more schools can enjoy the positive benefits of cycling.

**For more information email [mbyrne@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:mbyrne@lambeth.gov.uk) or call Misha on 020 7926 0684**

## Highways Update

Lambeth Council's Transport and Highways are currently re-laying the Albert Square footpath around the square. Residents were given an opportunity to choose which product they would prefer and they chose a resin bound gravel material called Clearmac. Much care was taken to reuse as much of the granite kerb around the footway as possible which the residents have been very happy with. This creates a more pleasant environment for walking in the pretty square.

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## Secret Lambeth

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Don't forget to enter our walking competition this summer for your chance to win a camera.

We want entries to include photos of people's favourite walk in Lambeth, photos of themselves walking, their favourite song to listen to as they are walking, their favourite route, what they enjoy

about walking in Lambeth etc etc. All ideas welcome.

All entries will be put in a prize draw and the winner will be picked at random. The first prize winner will win a voucher for a digital camera worth £250, there will also be runner up prizes.

**All entrants can apply for a walking booklet with more information and inspiration. Please email [walking@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:walking@lambeth.gov.uk) or call 0207 926 0677 and provide your address details to receive the booklet.**

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## Resident parking comes to Shakespeare Road

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A new controlled parking zone (CPZ) is being introduced in Shakespeare Road, this will form part of the existing CPZ 'P' Poets Corner. For years this strip of road has suffered from commuter parking and congestion.

Since the 1960s controlled parking zones have been an effective deterrent to commuter parking. As well as making it easier for residents to park near their homes, controlled zones encourage commuters to switch to sustainable transport alternatives.

The scheme goes live on 12 April 2010. It will operate between 8.30am and 5.30pm on weekdays, so preventing non-residents from parking all day but includes plenty of pay & display parking. Lambeth also offer a range of permits for residents' visitors and essential car users in the area.

The cost of resident permits is related to vehicle engine size, making a clear incentive for smaller, cleaner cars. Road transport creates 21.3% of the UK's carbon emissions. The government has set a target of reducing national carbon emissions to 80% of 1990 levels by 2010 and this is yet another way in which Lambeth is doing its bit. The surplus revenue raised from parking controls is directed straight back into improving roads and transport in Lambeth.

**For more information about parking controls in Lambeth visit [www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/)**

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## Lambeth project highly commended

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Lambeth's successful cyclist-HGV awareness project has been highly commended in the recent London Transport Awards. The project aims to reduce the danger on the roads that cyclists face from large vehicles, particularly when they turn left, and has already received an award by the London Cycling Campaign in the category of Best Workplace Travel Project.

HGV drivers participate in a classroom discussion focusing on the specific dangers that cyclists face when riding near large vehicles, and are encouraged to think about the issue from the point of view of the cyclist as well as the driver. The next step sees the drivers getting onto bicycles themselves and gaining practical experience of what it feels like to be a vulnerable road-user. So far almost seventy refuse lorry and school bus drivers employed by the Council's waste management contractors, Veolia, have received this training. The programme is now expanding to include other Lambeth contractors who drive heavy vehicles, as well as local businesses.

**For more information email [roadsafety@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@lambeth.gov.uk)**

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## A huge programme of Dr Bike sessions this summer

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Our fantastic free Dr Bike summer programme is set to be even bigger this year as we collaborate with Transport for London (TfL) to promote their Cycle Superhighway and Cycle Hire Schemes both due to launch in the summer. The Cycle Superhighway route 7 which runs from Merton to Bank will snake its way up past Clapham Common and the High Street, through Stockwell and out of the borough past Kennington Park. We will hold extra Dr Bike sessions every Tuesday during the launch month of the scheme. For more information about the Cycle Hire and Cycle Superhighways schemes see [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) and search for the scheme.

**Look out for our Dr Bike calendar which will detail our usual weekly sessions.**

