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## Bridge Over The River Kennet



Map showing the missing cycle link and view of the works on the A33 bridge

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One of Reading's long-standing missing cycle links is due to be put in place this summer.

Road works on the A33 by Rose Kiln Lane will include a shared use cycle and pedestrian facility on the eastern (southbound) side of the bridge that takes the A33 over the River Kennet.

The A33 relief road was built in the 1990s and it remains somewhat of a mystery why the design of the bridge over the River Kennet catered for cyclists and pedestrians on the west side but not the east side.

The Reading Cycle Campaign has long asked that this oversight be addressed and it is welcome that the current

improvement works to the A33 at this location have included installing the missing link for non-motorised users.

Several off-road cycle routes come together at this bridge, including Sustrans national routes NCN 4 and NCN 23.

At this point in time it does not look as though the works to the east side of the A33 will provide a convenient link between NCN 23 and NCN 4 running west; however we will wait for the works to complete before making a final assessment.

**Keith Elliott**  
Secretary

# Campaign News



## Reading Borough Council (RBC)

### Lack of Cycle Forum Meetings

No Cycle Forum meetings with RBC have been held since January 2015, which is unfortunate in view of the number of issues that need to be resolved to improve Reading's cycling.

The last meeting, where cycle routes and signing in the town centre were discussed, has resulted in no changes and no follow-up meetings yet. Even the wrong and missing signage has not changed at the time of writing. Has our range of suggestions been ignored or is it being considered and action planned?

Our hopes of some quick win improvements and discussions on route improvements including a number of cycling contra-flows that we proposed may have evaporated, although we hear that a Cycle Forum meeting is proposed for 6 October. Let us hope!



### Car Door Danger Zone Victory

The narrow width cycle lanes and the lack of buffer zones adjacent to parked cars on the Lower Henley Road and Wokingham Road (see photo above) are to be modified or removed by the Council.

This follows strong lobbying from the Campaign and an Ombudsman's judgement on the Council's failure to carry out their policy.

The lanes encourage cyclists to take up an unsafe position on the road (in the car door zone) in contradiction to what is taught in Bikeability cycle training.

Maybe in future we will be better consulted so the need to modify, scrap or live with bad schemes can be avoided.

### New Thames Bridge

Work is proceeding with the Thames shared-use bridge, with works nearly finished at the time of writing. We hope that there will be some official monitoring of how the shared-use surface of the bridge and ramps are working.

Widening of the approach path to 3m (10ft) from Gosbrook Road in the north



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# Campaign News



Artist's Impression of the New Thames Pedestrian Bridge

would be desirable as cyclists already frequently have to move onto the adjacent grass to pass pedestrians. Whilst the artist's impression of the bridge that has been widely used for publicity does not show any cyclists, we plan to mark the opening with a mass cycle ride over the bridge.

### Have Your Say

RCC members are encouraged to write to the Council individually about any problems or suggestions they may have and a copy to me would be useful ([rbc@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk](mailto:rbc@readingcyclecampaign.org.uk)). We are compiling all known cycling issues in Reading, which will be put on our website and frequently copied to the Council.

Councillor Page wrote to the *Reading Chronicle* on 16 July to profess his support for cycling. The actions in providing

acceptable conditions for cyclists will be the judge. We accept that money may be tight, but the Council do have opportunities, such as the Thames Bridge funding, and many of the issues can be resolved by low cost measures.

**John Lee**  
RBC Campaigner

### Cycle Strategy Implementation Plan

In July Green Party Councillors on RBC moved a motion at full council for RBC to commit 5% of transport expenditure to cycling. Labour Councillors at the meeting variously attacked the motion as 'ridiculous, whinging and barking up the wrong tree'.

The Labour majority on the Council substituted the Green's motion with one that welcomed the cycle schemes

that are or will be implemented in the current year, with the Lead Councillor for Transport, Tony Page, referencing the upcoming Annual Cycle Strategy Implementation Plan.

As part of RBC's Cycle Strategy an annual implementation plan is produced for schemes that will be completed in the financial year. This year's Annual Implementation Plan was presented to the Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport Committee in July. The plan comprises the following:

Scheme Name	Timescale
A33 Pinch Point Scheme	Summer 2015
Annual Resurfacing Programme	Summer 2015
Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge over Thames	Summer 2015
Traffic Signal Upgrades	Summer 2015
East Reading Transport Study	Autumn 2015
Napier Road Underpass	Autumn 2015
ReadyBike Station Relocations	Autumn 2015
Cow Lane Bridges	Spring 2016
Oxford Road Transport Study	Spring 2016
Pocket Places	Spring 2016
Cycle Facility Improvements	On-going - 2015/16
Cycle Route Improvements	On-going - 2015/16
LED Street Lighting Upgrades	On-going - 2015/16
NCN 422 Scheme Development	On-going - 2015/16
West Reading Transport Study	On-going - 2015/16

We have requested RBC to provide more detail on these planned schemes but at time of writing have not received any response.

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# Campaign News



## Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

I can now point to my first direct achievement as Wokingham Campaign Co-ordinator. There are now cycle racks on the Oxford Road side of Wokingham station, as well as the main cycle sheds on the town side (see photo). I hope these will prove useful to people commuting towards Reading, and they may also discourage the location's previous use as a smoking area and informal night time toilet. Currently the racks aren't covered, but I hope we'll be able to persuade someone to provide a roof if they become popular.



*Cycle racks on Oxford Road side of Wokingham Station*

Also regarding the station, I've contacted WoBC about the timing of traffic lights on the Barkham Road.

Currently, they stay on red for a few seconds after the level crossing barriers go up, so that people on bikes waiting at the barriers on Barkham

Road might start off while traffic is still leaving Oxford Road and Wellington Road. Bringing forward the time the lights go red on Oxford Road and Wellington Road would solve the problem.

WoBC is planning the construction of further cycle lanes. I'm due to meet



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them soon to discuss the route from Winnersh crossroads to Woosehill roundabout, which should continue with the design that started at the Three Tuns. However, on the planned 'Wokingham Greenways', Sustrans and RCC still haven't had the opportunity to comment on the Council's plans.

You can see outlines of the ideas at: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/regeneration/north-wokingham-strategic-development-location/>

My impression is that these could make reasonable leisure routes. However, not only are they indirect and steep in places, but I have ridden them on my mountain bike many times and there is a significant risk that they could be impassable to normal bikes in autumn and winter owing to mud and leaves. Some (such as Coombes Lane) are byways, so will not be as traffic-free as might be hoped unless their status is changed. What you think of these plans? Please let me know.

WoBC has a programme of cycle training, so if you know anyone starting out on a bike they can look at the details here: <http://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events>. Unfortunately they don't offer a 'Level 3' course for more

experienced cyclists, but RCC will offer an equivalent if you are a member.

Finally, John Redwood MP has made a couple of recent comments about local traffic issues on his blog (<http://johnredwoodsdiary.com/2015/07/11/productivity-is-primarily-a-public-sector-problem> and <http://johnredwoodsdiary.com/2015/07/11/17099/>). I hope Mr Redwood will not think it unfair if I summarise his views as "build more roads and maximise the road space for cars, vans and lorries". I will leave other members to contact him concerning whether this will make congestion better or worse, but he did also mention that he supports segregated cycle facilities.

I have written asking that they are segregated from pedestrians as well as motor traffic and are designed to allow people to cycle at 12-20mph. I also took the opportunity to call for no further cuts to roads policing and asked him to support Alok Sharma MP's campaign on causing death by dangerous driving. He made no comment on this last point.

**Peter Howe**  
WoBC Campaigner

## Recognising a Cycle-Friendly Reading

We want to build up a bigger network of organisations which recognise that Reading needs to be more cycle friendly.

Businesses in particular are important in persuading local and national government that cycling has an important role in reducing congestion and supporting the local economy.

This autumn, RCC will be organising awards to recognise the businesses that are doing most to support cycling by their employees, clients and customers.

We plan to launch the awards in mid September, in co-operation with the Reading Chronicle and Reading CTC.

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# Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

I am sure the internet sensation "A clown takes a pratfall" has amused you. It did amuse me for a while, not least because the driver fell on his head after trying to kick the cyclist (almost 5 million views so far)! The video, which was taken in Reading by a cycle campaign member, raised a lot of issues.

The first is that although cyclists are now advised to stay away from car door zones to avoid the risk of being 'doored', nobody has told the drivers. There has been a DfT campaign to educate cyclists as part of the new guidance in Cyclecraft, and in Bikeability training, but not all drivers have seen those. So when they see a cyclist in the middle of the road they don't understand why, and if they are the type of unsympathetic driver in the video further incidents are likely. Too many drivers feel that they have more right to the road than cyclists do.

The second is that the road where the dangerous overtake took place is a quiet residential road. Although the road in the video is not part of any of the Reading cycle routes many similar roads are. Many of the

routes are also through 30 miles per hour limits, although 20 mph is more than fast enough in those sorts of streets and there is absolutely no progress towards reducing vehicle speeds to 20 in Reading.

A third is that a huge number of the people who commented (even some cyclists) thought that the overtaking manoeuvre was OK. Even allowing for the fact that the lens on the camera is wide angle that road is nowhere near wide enough to overtake a cyclist under any circumstances, let alone one who is already riding quite fast (and obviously by a driver who is going faster). Car drivers passing parked cars should do so with a lot more care than that, let alone when there is a cyclist ahead.

Part of the problem, a big part, can actually be laid at the door of the BBC. Remember Clarkson on *Top Gear* complaining about cyclists, and if one stopped in front of him he would run them over? A flippant remark, but one that I think has had a big impact. The BBC did some work to overcome the gaffe, but it was something of a token effort.

Then there are also the "war on the roads" programmes, three on the

radio in the last 2 months, which encourage and give voice to people to express their disgust with cyclists. I have been on the radio many times pointing out the need to get more people cycling, but on only one occasion has it been taken seriously. In every other case it has degenerated into "cyclists are their own worst enemy" and the ignorance of some radio presenters is breathtaking.

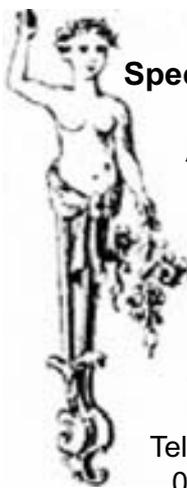
I have always said that these are not suitable roads for cycling without doing something to them. Pointing a cyclist at a street full of parked cars, especially a two way street, is asking for problems. Not least are the dodgy overtakes, or the opening doors, or the playing children. They need an experienced and very, very attentive person to be able to confidently ride these roads. So what is the point of putting them on a cycle network if they are not suitable for inexperienced or less confident cyclists? Isn't that what a cycle network ought to provide for? It doesn't in Reading. It is a map that can be used to pretend that something good for cycling is being done, when in fact it is the complete opposite. Things are being done to our road network that favour

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# Chairman's Letter



Adrian Lawson

vehicles above all else, cyclists appear as the lowest in the pecking order.

At the moment though I don't know what is being planned for cyclists. I have asked questions about progress on delivering the cycling strategy. I have only been told that there will be a meeting in October. The workshop we had at the start of the year to discuss town centre improvements produced a load of simple "quick win" ideas, but none have materialised. The Cycle Forum the Council set up has not met for a year.

As I have said before I wonder what use this Forum is. We have never been listened to, and it is with some glee that I learnt that the Council performed a U-turn over the cycle lanes on Wokingham Road and Lower Henley Road. We were concerned when we saw the drawings of the lanes on Wokingham Road and suggested an alternative, which was agreed by everyone present, but they went ahead and implemented

the original plans anyway. The trouble is that there will be a cost to get rid of the lanes and remark the road, and it has probably made the Council officers and no doubt some Councillors very angry, most likely with the cycle campaign. The point is that if what we discussed had been heeded, the lanes would be safe and useful schemes would have been implemented in the first place and we would happily pat the Council on the back.

The real frustration though was exemplified by the decision of Councillor Tony Page to trivialise the Green Party proposal to set aside a proportion of the transport budget to be spent on cycling infrastructure. After ridiculing the proposal Councillor Page overturned the motion and replaced it with one of his own that promised nothing new, only referring to current schemes which could be much better such as the bridge over the river (which is inadequately designed), the underpass in Napier Road (which is still closed), and the A33 pinch point scheme.

I recently tried this new cycle route and to cross Rose Kiln lane from north to south meant waiting at three different sets of lights on one junction, each of which can take over a minute to change. The pothole repair programme was also cited, but this doesn't tackle potholes less than 50mm deep, which are still a big risk to cyclists.

It is absolutely clear that the Council doesn't see cycling as the solution it could be to many things that are making Reading a less pleasant place to live in.

Surely a sane person can see getting lots of people onto bikes, investing some dedicated resource to spend on the infrastructure and listening to people who already cycle would be a good idea.

**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.

# Shared-Use Cycling Design Guidance

## Shared-Use Cycling Design Guidance

There is considerable discussion on the merits and problems of shared-use surfaces for cyclists and pedestrians. Cyclists would normally prefer a segregated (off carriageway) cycle track, separate from motor traffic and pedestrians. If this is not possible to achieve then many faster and more confident cyclists prefer on-carriageway cycle lanes, or 20mph speed limits and quieter roads. There are many design options for cyclists' provision, but finding the right one(s) for the road conditions and cycle user types often leads to shared-use footways being considered for some locations. Shared-use is sometimes used to describe white-line segregated paths, but this probably leads to confusion.

### Legal

Like cycle tracks, shared-use paths require a Council resolution to designate the appropriate part of the Highway for cycle usage. Rather than Traffic Orders the approval documents are called Section 65 Notices, relating to the Highways Act S65. For conversion of footpaths (away from roads) the more complicated and difficult Cycle



Tracks Act needs to be used. The latest DfT document on the subject is Local Transport Note 1/12 "Shared Use Routes for Pedestrians and Cyclists", which deals with shared-use and segregated use. All shared-use paths need to be signed with the round blue and white Diagram 956 sign showing a cycle over pedestrians. Pedestrians sometimes resent this, but in law all users have equal rights. Cycle direction signs and surface markings can be useful to clarify cycle routes, but only the 956 sign allows cyclists shared-use.

## Benefits and problems

There are a number of typical locations where shared use may be of particular benefit to cyclists, even though this could be creating a compromise facility and not a highly satisfactory solution. Typical locations are:

- routes through parks
- alongside rivers or canals
- low usage routes on main arterial roads that have heavy, intimidating and/or fast traffic
- routes where there is no other acceptable form of cycling provision
- where cyclists may be less confident, such as routes to schools

Low usage by cyclists and pedestrians is one of the main criteria for successful shared-use, although high usage sections have been known to operate in a satisfactory manner such as Kennet Side and by The Oracle. Cyclists should use these routes with caution, and pedestrians need to be adequately informed of cyclists' presence. Sometimes segregated (cycle track and pedestrian) paths are used in conjunction with shared-use, with shared-use being provided where width is limited.



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# Shared-Use Cycling Design Guidance

Width of cycle facilities is normally an issue, with shared-use often being narrow because of physical constraints. The wider the path the better it is for all users, although a 3m width is normally given in design guidance. In practice for low flow use with good visibility narrower widths can work acceptably. Unfortunately shared-use is often used as a cheap option, without widening the path or improving junctions and crossings.

The problems with shared-use are mainly:

- lower cycling speeds, caused by pedestrians, road junctions and crossings, and less smooth path surfacing
- disliked by pedestrians, particularly the elderly, who find they are intimidated by cyclists

## Crossings

At road junctions in the UK shared-use and cycle tracks can be at a disadvantage because of the legal priority of motor traffic, unlike cycle friendly countries (such as The Netherlands) where turning motorists must give-way. To ameliorate this, 'raised table' humps can be provided across side-roads which will slow traffic, increasing the chance



that it will voluntarily give-way, and reduce the accident potential. Motorists still have legal priority!

Priority cycle crossings can legally be provided only in restricted locations where they are over flat topped road humps and with full give-way signing and markings. This means setting them back by at least 5m from road junctions, something that is seldom appropriate in urban areas.

Where one-way roads lead onto main roads - such as London Road - then it is simple for priority to be given. But inconsistent cycle priority can be confusing to cyclists and motorists. Cycle priority can also be given over entrance-ways as opposed to side-roads.

Central islands can be used to help cyclists across busier roads. On main roads the standard Toucan crossing is often used but this is expensive, creates delays for users and often leaves them set-back by 20m from the junction itself - not helpful! Zebra crossings have been used and trialed in a number of places. These can be placed closer to a road junction, although design guidance discourages this. The DfT are also allowing trials of modified Zebra crossings with areas at the sides for cyclists. Let's have some in Reading! However, until the law changes on side-road priority, shared-use paths and cycle-tracks face an uphill battle where there are numerous side-roads, as in most urban areas.

## Events Round-Up

In addition to lobbying, monthly meetings, campaign rides and attending Council sessions we've been busy with a number of events over recent months.

During Bike Week a number of volunteers from the Campaign teamed up with Reading CTC to run a stand at the very successful East Reading Festival held in Palmer Park.

We had a continual stream of visitors throughout the day and signed up a good number of new members including

some families. We even had sunshine for most of the day after a wet start, and some welcome refreshments were provided by some CTC members who turned up after a ride to see the Magna Carta river procession.

Also during Bike Week we held an open ride from the Bike Kitchen at Jackson's Corner ending up at the AGM (although some parched riders branched off to a pub given the balmy summer evening - can't say I blame them!) .

Slightly less summery was the day we exhibited at Caversham Festival on Christchurch Meadows which coincided with the worst storm to hit south of UK all summer (even the Americas Cup was cancelled).

So sadly the gazebo took the brunt of the wind and poor Keith and Peter were left wet and cold having nearly been washed away.

**Karen Robertson**  
*Events Co-ordinator*

# CTC Bike Rides Listings

The quarterly CTC rides leaflet has been discontinued, but the rides are listed in this newsletter and are updated online. Please ALWAYS check the CTC website at <http://www.readingctc.co.uk/rides> for additions and changes.

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Tue 1 Sep	Rotherwick (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Coach & Horses 175/7156					
Wed 2 Sep	Hurst (E)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	Castle 175/795729	15	Offroad - short
Wed 2 Sep	Hurst (E)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Castle 175/795729	20	Offroad - long
Wed 2 Sep	Hurst (E)	19:30 Earley	Martin Paintin 07715 164 610	Castle 175/795729	25	Moderate/ brisk
Wed 2 Sep	Rotherwick (S)	11:00 Beech Hill	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Falcon 175/7156	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Beech Hill church cafe
Sun 6 Sep	Frilsham (W)	10:00 Fountain	Phil Allen 948 3454	Pot Kiln 174/552731	35	Offroad
Sun 6 Sep	Lower Chute (SW)	08:00 Fountain	Chris Davey 942 2358	Hatchet 185/321532	80	Mod. 'Bread pudding ride'. 11's by canal Bedwyn
Sun 6 Sep	Cookham (Odney Club)	10:00 Fountain	Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491	Pub/Garden Centre	45	Leisurely. After lunch Open Garden event in aid of Air Ambulance. Back to Reading 6 pm or get a train from Maidenhead.
Tue 8 Sep	Hurley (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Dew Drop Inn 175/824815					
Wed 9 Sep	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	Unicorn 175/701818	20	Offroad - short
Wed 9 Sep	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Unicorn 175/701818	25	Offroad - long
Wed 9 Sep	Kingwood (N)	19:30 Fountain	Tony Rodriguez 07825 213 637	Unicorn 175/701818	27	Moderate/ brisk
Wed 9 Sep	Kingston Blount (N)	10:30 S.Common	Steve Albon 07801 287 616	Cherry Tree 165/738995	50	Meet 10:00 - 10:30 Sonning Common Bakery
Sun 13 Sep	Watlington Chequers	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Watlington Chequers	50	Offroad
Sun 13 Sep	Leckhampstead (W)	09:30 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Stag 174/439763	40	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 13 Sep	Chearsley (N)	09:15 Fountain	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Bell 165/716105	70	Moderate/ brisk
Sun 13 Sep	Saunderton Station (N)	09:15 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Golden Cross 165/815980	55	Moderate. Roadside 11's
Tue 15 Sep	Aldworth (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Four Points 174/554788					
Wed 16 Sep	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Helen Dixon 954 6306	Sun 175/643794	20	Offroad - short
Wed 16 Sep	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Sun 175/643794	25	Offroad - long
Wed 16 Sep	Whitchurch Hill (NW)	19:30 Fountain	David Rees 07971 289 909	Sun 175/643794	25	Moderate/ brisk
Wed 16 Sep	Littleworth Common (NE)	10:30 Hare Hatch	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Jolly Woodman 175/934865	50	Meet 10:00 - 10:30 Sheeplands GC, Hare Hatch
Fri 18 Sep	Lymington (night ride)	00:00 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114		70	Breakfast by the sea. Return by train. Moderate
Sun 20 Sep	Watlington (N)	10:00 Fountain	Brian Maunder 01491 573722	Carriers Arms 175/692945	40	Moderate
Sun 20 Sep	Leckhampstead (W)	10:00 Fountain	Ian Doyle 07974 409607	Stag 174/439763	40	Offroad
Sun 20 Sep	Bucklebury (W)	09:30 Theale	Wie San Lau 079 5746 6477	Bucklebury Farm Park Cafe 175/552701	20	Leisurely. Return by lunch time
Sun 20 Sep	Nettlebed	07:00 Fountain	Karen Robertson 078 019 17 172	N/A	75	Join "Ride for Ryder" charity 60 mile sportive. See website for details
Sun 20 Sep	Benson Marina (NW)	07:00 Fountain	Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491	Riverside Café 175/613917	30	Brisk Breakfast Ride - return c. 10:00
Sun 20 Sep	Henley (N)	11:00 Fountain	Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491	Catherine Wheel 175/762827	30	Leisurely
Tue 22 Sep	Ewelme (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Shepherds Hut 175/639919					
Wed 23 Sep	Sonning Eye (E)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Flowing Spring 175/747767	15	Offroad
Wed 23 Sep	Sonning Eye (E)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Flowing Spring 175/747767	20	Offroad
Wed 23 Sep	Sonning Eye (E)	19:30 Dinton	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Flowing Spring 175/747767	23	Brisk
Wed 23 Sep	Sherborne St John (S)	11:00 Mortimer	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Swan 175/626553	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Mortimer Bakery Cafe
Sun 27 Sep	Overnight Adventure	To be confirmed	Angus Mitchell 07794301935	pub en route	50	Offroad - Sat/Sun with accommodation
Sun 27 Sep	Hannington (SW)	09:15 Earley	Erica Johnson 966 6913	Vine 174/540552	45	Moderate. 11s Elm Park GC
Sun 27 Sep	Winchester (return by train)	09:30 Earley	Joe Edwards 986 7855		55	Moderate. 11s Avenue GC
Sun 27 Sep	Little London (SW)	10:00 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	Plough 175/621597	30	Leisurely
Tue 29 Sep	Brimpton Common (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Pineapple 174/567628					
Wed 30 Sep	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Reformation 175/689802	15	Offroad - short
Wed 30 Sep	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	Reformation 175/689802	20	Offroad - long
Wed 30 Sep	Gallowstree Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Charles Redfern 07932 042 324	Reformation 175/689802	28	Moderate
Wed 30 Sep	Bagnor (W)	11:00	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Blackbird 174/454693	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 La Baguetterie, Theale High St
Sat 3 Oct	Kennet & Avon towpath	12:00 Theale	Ian Moore 07773 300 665		?	Moderate. Pick up at Tyle Mill. 2 Hrs out then return. Tourers/hybrids OK
Sun 4 Oct	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Carol Sunderland 07961109068	TBC	25	Offroad - short
Sun 4 Oct	TBC	10:00 Fountain	John Singleton 07813 818719	tbc	30	Offroad - long
Sun 4 Oct	Henley (N)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Catherine Wheel 175/762827	25	Leisurely
Sun 4 Oct	Little London (SW)	09:15 Earley	James Blagden 07504 907676	Plough 175/621597	55	Moderate/brisk. 11s Odiham
Tue 6 Oct	Jealot's Hill (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - New Leathers Bottle 175/868732					
Wed 7 Oct	Sonning Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	James Hilling 07787 535656	Butchers Arms 175/7180	20	Offroad
Wed 7 Oct	Sonning Common (N)	19:30 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Butchers Arms 175/7180	23	Moderate
Wed 7 Oct	Wheeler End (NE)	10:30 Henley	Alan Thomas 07749 2098042	Chequers Inn 175/806926	45	Meet 10:00 - 10:30 Catherine Wheel, Henley
Sun 11 Oct	Warfield	10:00 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Oaktree GC	30	Leisurely. Pick up Dinton 10:45
Sun 11 Oct	Ball Hill (W)	09:30 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	Furze Bush 174/424632	40	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 11 Oct	TBC	10:00 Fountain	tbc	pub en route	35	Offroad
Sun 11 Oct	Great Shefford (W)	09:15 Fountain	Allan Adams 988 3044	Swan 174/386752	60	Moderate/ brisk. 11s Rain Forest
Sun 11 Oct	Morning Ride (N)	09:00 Fountain	Martin Soanes 948 4057	Return to Reading before lunch	25	Offroad

# CTC Bike Rides Listings

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Tue 13 Oct	Stanford Dingley (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Old Boot 174/577713					
Wed 14 Oct	Three Mile Cross (S)	19:30 Fountain	Malcolm Fleming 986 4166	Swan 175/715679	15	Offroad
Wed 14 Oct	Three Mile Cross (S)	19:30 Earley	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	Swan 175/715679	26	Brisk+
Wed 14 Oct	Oakley (SW)	11:00 Beech Hill	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Barley Mow 185/573502	32	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Beech Hill church cafe
Wed 14 Oct	Three Mile Cross (S)	19:30 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	Swan 175/715679	15	Leisurely
Sun 18 Oct	Pub near AGM	10:00 Fountain	Al Neal 967 9666	pub en route	25	Offroad
Sun 18 Oct	Dunsden Green (AGM)	09:45 Fountain	Joe Edwards 986 7855		35	Leisurely/ moderate. 11s Pangbourne
Sun 18 Oct	Studley Green, Nr Stokenchurch (NE)	09:15 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Garden Store 165/783953	50	Brisk. Return to AGM at Dunsden Green
Tue 20 Oct	Crazies Hill (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Horns 175/799809					
Wed 21 Oct	Curry ride	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Indian restaurant	15	Offroad
Wed 21 Oct	Curry ride	19:30 Earley	Steve Albon 07801 287 616	TBC	24	Moderate
Wed 21 Oct	Chalgrove (N)	11:00 Sonning Common	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Lamb 165/631972	21	Meet 10:30-11:00 Sonning Common Bakery
Sat 24 Oct	Brighton (overnight stay - hostel/B&B)	09:00 Earley	Simon Bird 07846 219114		150	Moderate
Sun 25 Oct	The South	10:00 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Pub en route	35	Offroad
Sun 25 Oct	Oakley (Hants) (S)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	'The Fox' 185/582513	50	Moderate. 11s Elm Park Garden Centre
Sun 25 Oct	Silchester (SW)	10:00 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	Calleva Arms 175/628621	30	Leisurely
Sun 25 Oct	Henley (N)	09:15 Fountain	James Blagden 0750 490 7676	Catherine Wheel 175/762827	40	Brisk morning ride
Tue 27 Oct	Silchester (SW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Calleva Arms 175/628621					
Wed 28 Oct	Chazey Heath (N)	19:30 Fountain	Jason Pyke 07932 652368	Pack Saddle 175/695772	15	Offroad
Wed 28 Oct	Chazey Heath (N)	19:30 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Pack Saddle 175/695772	27	Moderate/ brisk. 25m to pub + 2 to Caversham Bridge
Wed 28 Oct	Cliddesden (S)	10:30 Mortimer	Allan Adams 988 3044	Jolly Farmer 185/631493	40	Meet 10:00 - 10:30 Mortimer Bakery Cafe
Sat 31 Oct	Halloween ride	18:00 Fountain	Simon Bird 07846 219114		24	Moderate
Sun 1 Nov	Swallowfield (S)	10:00 Earley	Richard Underwood 986 2444	The Crown	20	Very leisurely
Sun 1 Nov	Cold Ash (W)	10:00 Theale	Nora & Clive Gordon 942 5371	The Castle 174/513697	30	Leisurely/ moderate
Sun 1 Nov	Bentley (S)	09:15 Earley	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Star 186/785439	60	Moderate/ brisk
Sun 1 Nov	Ash Ranges, Tunnel Hill, Minley	Train Assist	Dave Keeble 07816 679453	Pub en route	30	Offroad - train: Reading - North Camp
Tue 3 Nov	Binfield (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Victoria Arms 175/842713					
Wed 4 Nov	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Royal Oak 175/662740	15	Offroad
Wed 4 Nov	Tilehurst (W)	19:30 Earley	Richard Pearson 07930 548379	Royal Oak 175/662740	23	Moderate
Wed 4 Nov	Cookham (E)	11:00 Hare Hatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Crown on the Green 175/894853	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Sheeplands GC, Hare Hatch
Sun 8 Nov	TBC	Offroad tour	Becky Patterson 948 3454	pub en route	35	Offroad tour (Sat/Sun). Bunkhouse
Sun 8 Nov	Overton	09:15 Earley	Allan Adams 988 3044		55	Moderate. 11s Elm Park GC
Sun 8 Nov	Brill (N)	09:15 Fountain	James Hancock 07500 841 460	Pheasant 165/6514	75	Brisk
Sun 8 Nov	Old Basing, Hatch (S)	10:00 Earley	John Lomas 01344 420031	Conkers GC Café 186/677523	40	Leisurely/ moderate. One stop
Tue 10 Nov	Whitchurch Hill (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Sun 175/643794					
Wed 11 Nov	Reading (W)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Nag's Head 175/703733	15	Offroad
Wed 11 Nov	Reading (W)	19:30 Fountain	Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491	Nag's Head 175/703733	25	Moderate
Wed 11 Nov	Hermitage (W)	11:00	Derek Cragg 959 8691	Fox 174/509731	40	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 La Baguetterie, Theale
Sun 15 Nov	TBC	10:00 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	Pub en route	30	Offroad
Sun 15 Nov	Windsor	09:30 Dinton	Simon Bird 07846 219114	cafe	50	Moderate
Sun 15 Nov	Pamber End (SW)	10:00 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	Elm Park Gdn Ctr Cafe 175/612587	30	Leisurely
Sun 15 Nov	Henley (morning ride)	09:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665		35	Moderate/ brisk. Some off-road - robust tyres recommended
Tue 17 Nov	Knowl Hill (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Royal Oak 175/825796					
Wed 18 Nov	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Mattingly 07976 796 217	Jolly Anglers 175/727735	15	Offroad
Wed 18 Nov	Reading (E)	19:30 Fountain	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Jolly Anglers 175/727735	26	Moderate/ brisk
Wed 18 Nov	Watlington (N)	11:00 Henley	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Carriers Arms 175/692945	30	Meet 10:30 - 11:00, Catherine Wheel, Henley
Sun 22 Nov	TBC	Train assist	Sel Dixon 954 6306	TBC	35	Offroad
Sun 22 Nov	Bentley (S)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Star 186/785439	55	Moderate. 11s Redfields Garden Centre
Sun 22 Nov	Brightwell-c-Sotwell (NW)	09:15 Fountain	Mick Simmons 954 3537	Root One GC 174/588910	45	Brisk morning ride
Sun 22 Nov	Jealof's Hill (E)	10:00 Earley	Duncan Edwards 0794 440 3661	New Leathers Bottle 175/868732	30	Leisurely
Tue 24 Nov	Arborfield (SE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Bramshill Hunt 175/764659					
Wed 25 Nov	Reading (S)	19:30 Fountain	Richard Turner 945 3260	Hook & Tackle 175/714727	15	Offroad
Wed 25 Nov	Reading (S)	19:30 Earley	Simon Bird 07846 219114	Hook & Tackle 175/714727	23	Brisk
Wed 25 Nov	Odiham (S)	11:00 Beech Hill	Alan Kilbride 981 1108	Bell 186/743509	40	Meet 10:30 - 11:00 Beech Hill
Sun 29 Nov	TBC	10:00 Fountain	TBC	TBC	35	Offroad
Sun 29 Nov	Hermitage (NW)	09:00 Fountain	James Blagden 07504 907676	Hilliers Garden Centre 174/501730	50	Moderate/ brisk. One stop
Sun 29 Nov	Mortimer (S)	10:00 Earley	Joe Edwards 986 7855	Horse and Groom 175/655645	35	Leisurely/moderate
Sun 29 Nov	Long Wittenham (NW)	09:15 Fountain	Martin Lindupp 986 3583	Plough 174/553936	55	Moderate. 11s Ewelme or Benson

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### Monthly Meetings

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

**Wednesday 15 September 2015**  
- committee meeting

**Wednesday 21 October 2015**  
- open meeting

**Wednesday 18 November 2015**  
- committee meeting

Meetings are held in Room 1 of RISC, which is up the stairs that are located beyond the bar. Keep an eye on the RCC Facebook Page for any updates on meeting details. We hope to see you there.

**Cycle to Work Day**  
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