

SHOTLEY PENINSULA CYCLING CAMPAIGN Newsletter No.10, March 2013

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Hello to all members and friends of the SPCC. With Spring approaching, it is time for another update.

The Inter-Schools Easter Family Fun Ride – 23rd March 2013

In line with our wish to increase opportunities for younger cyclists on the peninsula, we have organised an event for all local primary school-aged children, on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd March. This event will start and finish at Freston Village Hall, which can be found on the road into Freston Village from Freston Crossroads.

All those participating should arrive by 1.30pm; the event is scheduled to finish at, or shortly after, 3.30pm. All children need to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.

There will be an entry charge of £1 per child, to cover some of the costs of staging the event, but accompanying adults will not be charged.

In addition to a marked and marshalled 3 mile ride (which can be shortened if necessary), there will be a grand parade, to show off the decorated helmets that the children will be encouraged to bring, Easter Eggs to be collected from around the route, certificates for all children, and a trophy for the school with the highest percentage of its pupils taking part.

Light refreshments will be on sale, including homemade cakes. We would be extremely grateful to receive donations of homemade cakes, buns, and biscuits, which can be brought along on the day.

The SPCC Committee hope to see lots of you on the 23rd.

Progress on the proposed Community Path

The creation of a largely traffic-free path suitable for cyclists, walkers, and wheel-chair users, from Bourne Bridge on the edge of Ipswich, along the B1456 corridor and down to Shotley Gate remains our main priority. We are continuing to make very good progress on agreeing the route, especially at the Ipswich and Shotley ends. However, the outcome of the current Planning Application to redevelop the former HMS Ganges site at Shotley is likely to have a significant bearing on the development of the path; until this application is determined by Babergh District Council, possibly in the next 2 to 3 months, it is difficult to finalise our plans. However, we will keep you fully posted on this.

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