



SHOTLEY PENINSULA CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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Firstly, our apologies for such a long passage of time since our last newsletter. Unfortunately, events have somewhat diverted our attention away from making much progress on the proposed community path across the peninsula (the Shotley Peninsula Green Way). However, we should now be able to start giving the path our full attention again.

CYCLING CONTINUES TO GROW

Despite this temporary lull in our own activity, the good news is that cycling continues to grow in popularity, both nationally and locally. In the case of the former the most recent national travel statistics show an increase in cycling activity. And at a competitive level this year we have had another British winner of the Tour De France and also seen both the Women's and Men's Tours of Britain pass through or very close to the peninsula. Locally, despite a none-to marvellous summer, we have never before seen so many cyclists using the lanes on the peninsula. Just think how many more would do this if we could get the Shotley Peninsula Green Way up and running.

SUFFOLK QUIET LANES SCHEME

In our last newsletter we mentioned that the possibility of introducing a Quiet Lanes Scheme to the Shotley Peninsula was being explored. Unfortunately the County Council have concluded that the exploratory scheme introduced in the Woodbridge area last year proved rather inconclusive. There was only a very small increase in cycling and walking and virtually no reduction in motor traffic. It doesn't therefore look likely that such a scheme will be introduced on the peninsula for the moment, but we will continue to monitor the situation. In the meantime the SPCC feels it would be best to continue to focus our efforts on trying to develop the proposed community path across the peninsula.

HMS GANGES SITE

Finally, a word about this development proposal: at the time of writing this newsletter it appears that the planning permission for this development has still not been issued by Babergh DC as it has not been possible to agree and sign the necessary accompanying S.106 legal agreement. The current uncertainty about its future and that of the Shotley section of our proposed path look set to continue for at least a little longer.

BREAKING NEWS

Our new MP, James Cartlidge, has said he would be happy to meet with representatives from the SPCC Committee, probably some-time in November. We will keep you informed of any developments.

Finally, we held our AGM in July. Amongst other things, we re-elected a committee which remains the same as last year. Our contact details are as follows (see over page):

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