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monmouth **GREEN** travel day



Saturday 19th September 2009

Just for the day, why not try something different?

Greenhouse gases and global warming are major challenges for all of us - and our children and grandchildren will face very serious problems if we don't begin to tackle these issues today. Switching to walking, cycling, public transport and low emission vehicles where we can, will help reduce greenhouse gases, keep us healthier and make our surroundings more pleasant. That is why all the local groups involved with Green Travel Day are supporting the need for better walking and cycling routes around town and improved public transport links to other towns. It is impossible to separate our own health and wellbeing from the health of our environment, and information sheets on active travel will be available at our stalls in Monnow Street.

If you live in Monmouth and often drive short distances, how about walking or cycling - Just for the Day!! If you live outside town, how about leaving your car in a car park near to the edge of town and avoiding driving along Monnow Street - Just for the Day!!

As a community we could make Monnow Street a semi pedestrian/cycle zone - Just for the Day!! Who knows - it may become a habit ...

A Guided Walk

Join us for an easy walk out to the Wye to see where the proposed Connect2 cycle route will go and enjoy the view from the iron railway bridge. Meet at the Old Monnow Bridge at 11:30am and be back by 1:00. A Member of Monmouth Civic Society will be walking with us to point out features of interest.

Harness Horse Parade

Be transported back - or perhaps even forward! - in time. Hereford and District Driving Group will drive down Monnow Street, at around 2:00pm. If you have a horse and carriage and would like to join in, ring Kay Walton, Chairman, on 01981 540209.



Cyclists!!

The Old Monnow Bridge will be the venue for all those interested in cycling.

Bridge Cycles of Monmouth will be promoting the Welsh Assembly Government Cycle to Work Scheme (saving you money on a new bike) and showing off a range of new cycles.

Pedalaway Cycle Hire will have a range of cycles on display which you can hire from their premises in the Hadnock road. Tel. 01600 772821.

On Bike of Presteigne and Kidderminster will be bringing some of the best electric bikes available for you to try. You will be amazed at how easy they are to ride.

Cycle and Pedestrian Rally - bring a banner!

To promote the need for safer cycling and pedestrian routes, join us on Chippenham fields at 2:45pm for a rally of cyclists and pedestrians. We will then ride or walk down Monnow Street.

Guided Cycle Ride to Symonds Yat on Sunday 20th September 2009

along the beautiful Peregrine Path (£1 per head to cover insurance). Meet at Pedalaway, Hadnock Road, at 11:00am. Bring your own cycle or hire one for half price from Pedalaway on 01600 772821 (usually £10 for three hours). The route is level and peaceful and there is a choice of pubs at Symonds Yat East, the largest of which is the Saracens Head. If you would like Sunday lunch, please ring ahead on 01600 890435. More information from ride organiser and Sustrans Ranger, Bill Bicker on 07545 506263 or bbicker@btopenworld.com

Images from the Green Travel Day Cycle Ride 2008



Mobility Monmouth

A group working on setting up a mobility scooter hire facility in the town will have some of its vehicles on show. These will also be available for the cycle ride to Symonds Yat on Sunday. Further information from David Hill, Action 50+, 01600 714911

Buses

Courtesy of Francis Drake, our three round town bus routes - W3, 4 and 5, will be free on the day. They start from the bus station near Somerfield car park. Why not hop on and see where they go? W3 - Monmouth to Wyesham; W4 - Monmouth to Osbaston; W5 - Monmouth to Overmonnow/Rockfield.

Timetables available at our stall near the Oldway Centre or in advance from the One Stop Shop.

Low Emission Vehicles

South Herefordshire Garages will be displaying a Blue Motion VW Polo which comes with zero rated road licence (99g perkmCo2 emissions), and Newport Toyota will be showcasing their Prius models.



Electric Vehicles

Dragon Electric Vehicles of Cwmdru, Powys, will be bringing a Mega E-City 4 seater car with a range of 60 miles.

Information Stalls near the Oldway Centre entrance

SEWTA Carshare, Traveline, Sustrans, and members of Monmouth Sustainable Transport Group, Monmouth Links Project, Transition Monmouth and Monmouth and District Friends of the Earth will be available to give information.



National Express Pull-in. Sign a petition to support this initiative.



Healthy Living Week

Monty Monmouthshire (our local health challenge mascot) challenges you to break out those walking shoes or get on your bike to support the Welsh Assembly Government Healthy Living Week, running 19th-16th September 2009. Drop by and pick up lots of information about health and smarter travel. Remember walking is still the original zero emission transport. Visit

www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/healthchallengemonmouthshiresite



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