

# Resource List for School Travel Initiatives



Information for parents and schools

INFORMATION SHEET FS17

## Introduction

Included in this information sheet are those organisations that could provide useful support, advice and resources for setting up, developing and continuing your school travel initiatives. This is by no means a complete list of all the organisations in the field, there are many which can easily be found from links pages on many of the websites mentioned here. We have tried to provide an overview of some of the key organisations in the different fields that travel to school initiatives, including Safe Routes to Schools and School Travel Plans, encompass.

Local authorities often produce their own resources for schools in their area. To find out what is available contact your local School Travel Advisor or Co-ordinator. Email [schools@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:schools@sustrans.org.uk) or call 0117 915 0100 to find out who to contact in your area.

## Community

### Creative Communities

[www.lesstraffic.com](http://www.lesstraffic.com)

An international scheme that supports local communities, individuals and decision makers in taming traffic in their area through creative and innovative approaches. 'Tried and tested ideas which push the envelope.' Pace cars, Street Reclaiming and the Walking Bus are just a few of their schemes.

## Cycling

### CTC

[www.ctc.org.uk](http://www.ctc.org.uk)  
T: 0870 873 0060  
E: [cycling@ctc.org.uk](mailto:cycling@ctc.org.uk)

### CTC Cymru

T: 01490 412931  
E: [grahammills@madasafish.com](mailto:grahammills@madasafish.com)

### CTC Scotland

T: 01575 574082  
E: [www.ctcscotland.org.uk](http://www.ctcscotland.org.uk)

Visit the site to find out who can support you in your region

National cycling organisation promoting travel by bicycle and campaigning for cyclists. Guidance and information on various aspects of cycling including the new national standard for cyclist training.



Department for  
**Transport**

The **Safe Routes to Schools** project is co-ordinated by Sustrans and provides support to local authorities, schools and parents. Sustrans is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity and works on practical projects to encourage people to walk, cycle and use public transport to benefit health and the environment.

National Cycle Network Centre, 2 Cathedral Square, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5DD



[www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk](http://www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk)

# Resource List for School Travel Initiatives



## **Bike for all**

[www.bikeforall.net](http://www.bikeforall.net)

A signposting site which will guide you to the best and most up to date bike and cycling information available on the Internet.



## **Government Guidance on School Travel**

### **ENGLAND**

#### **Department for Transport**

[www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk)

Information on the joint Department for Transport (DfT) and Department for Education and Skills (DfES) Travel to School Initiative.

The Department for Transport also have a database listing curriculum resources for school travel. [www.databases.dft.gov.uk/schools](http://www.databases.dft.gov.uk/schools)

#### **Department for Education and Skills**

[www.teachernet.gov.uk](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk)

Information and guidance on the Travel to School Initiative can be found on the DfES's Teachernet site.

### **NORTHERN IRELAND**

#### **Roads Service**

[www.travelwiseni.com](http://www.travelwiseni.com)

Transport - Information and guidance on sustainable Travel to School Initiatives

### **SCOTLAND**

[www.scotland.gov.uk/library2/doc08/srs-00.htm](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library2/doc08/srs-00.htm)

The Scottish Executive has produced guidance on setting up Safer Routes to School schemes.

In February 2003, the recommendations from the Scottish School Travel Advisory Group were produced. This report contains further information on the role of School Travel Coordinators and the development of School Travel Plans.

[www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/education/sstag-00.asp](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/education/sstag-00.asp)

### **WALES**

[www.wales.gov.uk](http://www.wales.gov.uk)

Highways and education departments deal with funding Safe Routes to Schools Programmes.

## **Health**

### **British Heart Foundation**

[www.bhf.org.uk](http://www.bhf.org.uk)

A charity promoting active lifestyles to help fight heart disease that produces resources for schools to promote and encourage healthy heart habits, including the role of the school journey.

### **Wired for Health**

[www.wiredforhealth.go.uk](http://www.wiredforhealth.go.uk)

A joint initiative between the Department for Health and Department for Education and Skills to give young people and teachers access to health information. Includes information on the Healthy Schools Initiative (see school initiative section).

## **Monitoring**

### **Young TransNet**

[www.youngtransnet.org.uk](http://www.youngtransnet.org.uk)

T: 020 7843 6325

E: [youngtransnet@ncb.org.uk](mailto:youngtransnet@ncb.org.uk)

An interactive child-centred website that encourages pupils to carry out surveys of how they travel to school. The site enables analysis of their school travel survey results and comparison with other schools. There are local portals for some authorities and curriculum resources.



## Safety

### Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)

www.rosipa.org.uk  
 England: 0121 248 2000  
 Northern Ireland: 028 9050 1160  
 Scotland: 0131 455 7457  
 Wales: 029 2025 0600  
 E: help@rosipa.com

RoSPA's Road Safety Department aims to raise awareness about the causes of road accidents and promotes effective measures to help prevent accidents or reduce their severity.

### Scottish Road Safety Campaign

www.srsc.org.uk  
 T: 0131 472 9200  
 E: enquiries@srsc.org.uk

The SRSC was founded in 1985 and is funded by the Scottish Executive. Its remit is to develop and co-ordinate Scotland-wide road safety initiatives and campaigns. The SRSC works closely with all local authority and police road safety units in an attempt to ensure a co-ordinated approach to road safety in Scotland.

### Brake

www.brake.org.uk  
 T: 01484 559909  
 E: education@brake.org.uk

Promotes safe use of roads by addressing the skills and attitudes of road users, enforcement of traffic rules and education of road users. Runs a Road Safety Week with downloadable resources for schools.

### The Suzy Lamplugh Trust

www.suzylamplugh.org  
 T: 020 8876 0305  
 E: info@suzylamplugh.org

A charity working to raise awareness of, and provide practical advice on, personal safety to help people live safer and more confident lives.

## School Initiatives

### Eco Schools

www.eco-schools.org.uk

### Eco Schools - Scotland

T: 01786 468234  
 E: rhonda.platt@ksbscotland.org.uk

An environmental award scheme for schools which requires a whole school approach to tackling issues including school travel. Schools that register for the award scheme, and complete all the relevant elements, receive the Green Flag Award.

### Healthy Schools Initiative - England

www.wiredforhealth.gov.uk

A Department for Health award scheme that encourages schools to take a whole school approach to identify and tackle health issues in their broadest sense. There will be a local co-ordinator based within your local education authority that will be able to provide you with support.

### Health Promoting Schools - Northern Ireland

www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk

A Health Promotion Agency co-ordinated initiative that supports schools in developing policies and programmes that will underpin a sustainable healthy setting.

### Health Promoting Schools Unit - Scotland

www.healthpromotingschools.co.uk

Every school in Scotland has been set the target of becoming a health promoting school by 2007. This target involves the development of a whole school approach to promoting the physical, social, spiritual, mental and emotional well-being of all pupils and staff.

### Active Schools - Scotland

www.sportscotland.org.uk  
 T: 0131 317 7200



Active Schools is a term given to all schools in Scotland that provide pupils with sufficient opportunities to get active to the extent that it makes a positive contribution to their health.

Through the **Active Primary Schools Co-ordinators Scheme**, led by Sport Scotland most primary schools in Scotland will have a co-ordinator allocated to them. Part of their role is to encourage active travel to school.

### School Councils UK

[www.schoolcouncils.org](http://www.schoolcouncils.org)  
T: 0845 4569428

School Councils UK produce a range of resources for primary and secondary schools including practical toolkits, videos, posters and badges, to help you set-up and maintain your pupil councils.

## Sustainable Transport

### Safe Routes to Schools

[www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk](http://www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk)

Sustrans co-ordinates this project which aims to increase the number of children walking and cycling to school. The website, newsletters, information service and resources aim to support schools, parents and local authorities in Safe Routes to Schools projects and disseminate good practice.

### Sustrans

[www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

Sustrans is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity, providing practical ways of helping people to walk, cycle, and use public transport to improve health and well-being for all.

### Transport 2000

[www.transport2000.org.uk](http://www.transport2000.org.uk)  
T: 020 7613 0743  
E: [info@transport2000.org.uk](mailto:info@transport2000.org.uk)

Independent national body which looks for answers to transport problems and aims to reduce the environmental and social impact of transport by encouraging less use of cars and more use of public transport, walking and cycling.

## Walking

### Living Streets

[www.livingstreets.org.uk](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk)  
T: 020 7820 1010  
E: [info@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:info@livingstreets.org.uk)

A national campaign to win back the streets from traffic and make the places we want to walk and spend time in safe and clean.

### Walk to School

[www.walktoschool.org.uk](http://www.walktoschool.org.uk)  
T: 020 7820 1010  
E: [info@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:info@livingstreets.org.uk)

A national initiative, co-ordinated jointly by Living Streets and Travelwise, that promotes walking to school. Initiatives include Walk to School Week, supported by a campaign guide, and Walk on Wednesdays (WoW).



## Further information

Visit the Safe Routes to Schools website [www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk](http://www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk) for:

- latest news and information on Safe Routes to Schools
- specific information on each of the UK regions
- downloadable resources including other information sheets
- case studies, curriculum materials and newsletters

**For Safe Routes to Schools enquiries call 0117 915 0100 or email [schools@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:schools@sustrans.org.uk)**

*Sustrans would like to thank everyone who has contributed photography including its own staff and Julia Bayne, Kai, Lorcan Doherty, Hertfordshire County Council.*

*This information sheet may be freely photocopied for use in schools and local authorities. For reproduction in other publications, please contact the Safe Routes to Schools team at Sustrans for permission.*