

## BIKE IT END OF TERM REPORT

Key Performance Indicator – 2016/17	R&B	
	Target 08/17	Results 01/17
1. Number of new schools engaged	2	2
2. Number of Schools supported	6	4
3. Number of Schools supported at Distance	30	30
4. Number of Schools receiving Bikeability Plus modules (minimum)	5	4
5. Number of Case Studies	3	0
6. Deliver one Champions Action Day	1	0
7. Support schools to reach the next School Mark level	8	0
	Target 31/08/17	Results (booked)
8. Number of Bikeability Plus Places		
a. Bikeability Balance	474	455
b. Bikeability Fix	373	183
c. Bikeability Promotion	789	n/a
d. Bikeability Learn to Ride	190	195
e. Bikeability Ride	194	35
f. Bikeability Transition	142	120

### KEY ACTIVITIES AT EACH SCHOOL:

#### Intensively engaged schools

Meath Green Junior are going for bronze and we have run lots of activities at the school. Starting with an initial champion meeting in September, I then ran a 'Why cycle?' assembly, followed by a bike breakfast which was extremely well attended with lovely weather. Numbers reached 210. The champions started to regularly do a Golden Lock spot prize giveaway to encourage regular cycling. Following this, the school ran a bike maintenance course for 20 Y5 students with myself and two members of teaching staff, and finally, a month long campaign for safety awareness with a 'Be bright, be seen' assembly, culminating with a 'Bling your bike' competition and bright mufti day. The engagement with the competition was staggering: 101 bikes and 87 scooters were parked in the playground, covered in tinsel, fairy lights, Rudolfs, a real Christmas tree and even an all singing, all dancing penguin!

- Bike counts and stats: The first bike count I did at the start of Meath Green Junior School's engagement (before any contact with children) showed 7 bikes and 11 scooters. Numbers rose sharply for the bike breakfast, where we had 73 bikes and 30 scooters, and as mentioned earlier, culminated for the 'Bling your Bike' competition. I also did a bike count on a random day

with no bike activities planned, which pleasingly showed that bike use (21 counted) had trebled on that day compared to the baseline of 7.

Salfords Primary: after a good start at the beginning of the year, with plans for the champion to start running a bike club for reception children and a whole staff presentation, little has been heard from the school, despite numerous contact attempts on my part. The champion, finally, explained that the school had been experiencing staffing issues with maternity and sickness and are unable to do anything until around Easter.

- Bike counts and stats: At the moment, I have baseline data for bikes (10) and scooters (10).

### **Supported Schools**

Meath Green Infants are going for silver and have a new champion. We had a champion meeting in October to introduce Cat to the role. They have done a 'Be bright, be seen' assembly where children dressed up for night time safety. We are running Bikeability Balance there in May.

Horley Infant School: At a meeting in November with the champions, they expressed some reservations about continuing with the programme. Sarah Gadd cited problems with the location of the school in encouraging children to cycle to school. As she mentioned the school was running a road safety awareness week in December, I sent her some cycling safety leaflets to support her work. Neither champion has replied to emails, but I plan to contact them again in the spring term to discuss our work at the school.

Lime Tree School: the school has a new champion, Fiona Watkins, to support the original champion, Lorraine Buckley. Both are extremely active and want to go for silver this year, which is impressive considering the location difficulties they had last year. Since my meeting with the champions, they have run a 'Be Bright' assembly and Cycle to Santa. We plan to collaborate on their Summer Fayre and are running Bikeability Balance in the spring term.

Brooklands: the champion is a keen cyclist, and very willing for the children to cycle as much as possible. The children at the school have very varying needs, and as a result, many specialist bikes are required for a wider uptake of cycling. The school already works with Wheels 4 All but logistically, that remains difficult because of the school's location in relation to Leatherhead.

### **At Distance Schools**

Reigate Parish Church Primary School won the R&Be Active 'Back to School Cycle Challenge' and were awarded a giant cheque for £150 to celebrate their achievement. Results were fantastic, with 344 journeys by scooter or bike, and 229 children on roll. Councillor Turner also attended the ceremony.

Walton-on-the-Hill continue to be very active and ran a back to school cycle challenge, with 360 journeys recorded, a bike breakfast with 63 attendees and a very successful house cycling competition with 720 journeys.

Earlswood Federation (infant and junior school) ran a bike breakfast in November which was their best-attended yet with 130 attendees. The champion for the junior school is keen to work with the council parking department to combat congestion

issues at the school gate, so a meeting happened with Jacquie Joseph, Denise Venn from parking, the champion (Matt Nott) and myself. Matt is keen to do more with Bikeability Plus in the coming months. This school could be a good candidate for a case study in view of their desire to work on congestion issues.

Warren Mead Junior, on top of Bikeability Fix, have run a host of fun activities, including bike jewellery. They have also run bike clubs, a bike breakfast and an off-road adventure for Y6.

All 'at distance' schools have received an introduction email from myself, an invitation to participate in R&Be Active's 'Back to School Cycle Challenge', a reminder about cluster meetings, regular information about the Big Pedal, plus an email with Bike It activity ideas. My predecessor, Gayle Amorowson, identified a number of schools that would be open to Bikeability Plus activities – all schools on this list have been contacted about the new programme. Gayle also identified some which needed new champions, whom I have also contacted.

Unfortunately, despite reminders from myself, the cluster groups did not happen in the autumn term. The organisers have assured me they will both attempt another date in the spring.

### **BIKEABILITY PLUS (delivered to R&B and Mole Valley)**

A substantial amount of time has gone into planning the B+ programme over the past two months and numbers are looking good. Schools have been enthusiastic about the programme, with Balance and Fix being the most popular modules.

Time has been limited for the first chunk of the programme with funding allocation having been delayed. Planning and delivery work therefore only started mid-November, so 2.5 months later (out of an allocated 6) than originally planned.

We have identified a number of schools on which to collaborate on Bikeability Promotion and are currently building plans for events. Likely to happen is a collaboration with 4giving.org.uk on a festival at St John's C of E in Dorking and an after school event at the Earlswood Federation.

#### Pre-31 March 2017

Balance: 200/279 places booked (interest for another 120)

Learn to Ride: 35/112 places booked (interest from various schools)

Fix: 143/217 places booked (interest for another 30)

Transition/Ride: none booked so far, but we have plans to nudge schools that have expressed interest.

#### 1 April 2017 – 31 August 2017

Balance: 195/195 places booked (interest for another 100)

Learn to Ride: 70/78 places booked

Fix: 60/156 places booked (interest for another 150)

Transition/Ride: 140/136 places booked

**ITEM 9**  
**Officer name: Lal Chatfield**  
**Region: Reigate and Banstead**  
**Date: January 2017**

### **Key activities planned for next term**

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- Running the Bikeability Plus programme across eight schools in MVDC (four schools) and R&B (four schools)
- Getting Surrey schools fired up (and signed up!) for the Big Pedal in late March
- Planning and delivering Bikeability Promotion
- Press coverage planned in ABC Surrey – article on tips for cycling with children
- CEO training at Reigate and Banstead
- Planning the festival at St John's C of E in Dorking
- Completing training as a Bikeability instructor
- Meeting in person or on Skype/phone with more champions to get Bikeability modules booked in and support with School Mark progress

### **OTHER KEY ACTIVITIES:**

#### **Contact with other partners**

In terms of bike shops and mechanics, we have been working with Phil O'Donoghue from Bikes Revived to deliver Bikeability Fix. I have met several times with Mellow Miles' Nigel (based in Horley) who kindly donated what has to be one of the best bike prizes I have come across: a custom spray paint for a child's bike! I have also popped into C & N Cycles in Reigate and Redhill and Head for the Hills in Dorking to introduce myself.

I have met with Debs Harrison from 4giving.org.uk to discuss partnership activities – they have just secured funding for a community festival at St John's Dorking in May. This would be an ideal setting to run Bikeability Promotion. YMCA Surrey East will also hopefully be involved. In November, I met with YMCA East Surrey at Brooklands to find out what they are working on and how they run bike clubs at the school. Surrey Care Trust have been in touch to discuss Sustrans delivering bike courses for adults. I have forwarded this on to Anita Powell.

I have also contacted but not yet met Tim Sales at British Cycling, Evans at Gatwick, Matthew Wing from Wheels for All, Ed Clarke who runs West Sussex Bikeability and Matti Hemmings, a BMX performer.

#### **Other achievements**

Surrey Police have agreed to fund £400 for Big Pedal prizes for Surrey schools that participate. Prizes will include bikes, helmets, lights and reflective gear, for schools to use as part of their curriculum activities or as prizes for their own incentive activities.

#### **Constraints on work/ progress:**

The first Bikeability Plus programme was initially proposed for a six month period, running from September 2016 to March 2017. However, funding and contracts only got confirmed mid-November, meaning delivery time was much reduced. I was briefed to prioritise getting B+ off the ground, which has taken a substantial amount time to organise but the time has paid off and numbers are looking good. More traditional Bike It activities have therefore been taking a secondary place, however,

B+ structures are getting organised and wrinkles ironed out which should hopefully free up more time in the spring and summer terms for Bike It.

The lack of progress with Salfords Primary this term has been disappointing. The term started well with a champion meeting followed by a whole staff presentation. Since then, no activities have been run. After several attempts at contact on my part, the champion has informed me that the school has been overwhelmed with staff turnover and she would like to start the programme in the summer term. I will contact her before Easter to set things up.

**My favourite moment this term:**

Warren Mead Junior School: when we ran the first Bikeability Fix sessions at Warren Mead, I wasn't prepared for the level of enthusiasm the children would have for learning about bike maintenance. The puncture repair part of the second lesson was especially popular, and with the opportunity for them to take a repair kit home, effective for them maintaining that skill at home.

**Quotes of the term**

After the Bikeability Fix sessions, Abigail Harper, a teacher at Warren Mead Junior School said: "The kids have come back buzzing from the Bikeability Fix sessions, and have said they can't wait to apply what they've learned."

**Photographs:**

Reigate Parish Church School: Prize giving ceremony, 2 December. From left to right: Frances Davis, Lal, Sarah Clark



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