








## The National School Travel Awards

The Travel Planning Team at Hampshire County Council supports schools to participate in Modeshift STARS: the national schools awards scheme which recognises schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking, wheeling and other forms of sustainable travel. The scheme, supported by the Department for Transport (DfT) encourages schools across the County to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel to improve the health and well-being of children and young people. Every school in Hampshire can participate in Modeshift STARS for **free**. This includes support and training by our team.



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## What will STARS deliver for your school?

-  **Accreditation framework** so your school can audit the travel planning activities you have done to date and gain awards over five levels: **Approved/Green, Good/Bronze, Very Good/Silver, Excellent/Gold, Outstanding/Platinum** to achieve an online School Travel Plan. Your school may have the opportunity to be selected for the annual **Modeshift National and/or Regional STARS Awards** (Early Years Establishment of the Year, Primary School of the Year, Secondary School of the Year, All Through School of the Year, and SEND School of the Year). Oak Lodge School and Trosnant Federated Schools are the 2023/2024 winners of the Local Authority STARS Schools of the Year for Hampshire and the STARS South East Schools of the Region.
-  **Effective planning tool** to achieve your school's **objectives** and **monitor** your success in increasing the number of pupils and their families who regularly walk, wheel, cycle and use other forms of sustainable travel on the school journey.
-  **A celebration and promotional tool** that reaches beyond your school informing the wider community of your commitment to improving safety and air quality in the local area, by encouraging reduced use of car travel where possible and promoting sustainable travel to your pupils and their families.
-  Why not get started now? Take a look at the My Journey Hampshire website <https://myjourneyhampshire.com/stars-training> Here you can access the STARS training films which all have subtitles and clear instructions on how to use the system.
-  To gain STARS accreditation, participating schools conduct an annual 'hands up' survey where pupils are asked 'How they travel to school?' and 'How they would prefer to travel to school?'. This gives a good insight into actual **travel trends** and how pupils would like to travel. The data helps schools to set **realistic targets**. By having a sequence of Hands Up Surveys, this also helps schools to visually **see how their participation in events/initiatives is impacting on modes of travel**.

*\*note there is separate guidance on the 'hands up survey' for SEND schools.*

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## Total number of STARS accredited schools in Hampshire (updated December 2023)



Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	5	Hart District Council	3
Eastleigh Borough Council	12	New Forest District Council	37
East Hampshire District Council	8	Rushmoor Borough Council	7
Fareham Borough Council	9	Test Valley Borough Council	11
Gosport Borough Council	6	Winchester City Council	4
Havant Borough Council	7	Total	109

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## STARS accredited schools Autumn Term 2023

School	Level
Ashley Infant School	Green
Cadland Primary School	Green
Forest Park School	Green
Foxhills Infant School	Green
Romsey Abbey Church of England Primary School	Green
Chandler's Ford Infant School	Bronze
Church Crookham Junior School	Bronze
Crofton Hammond Infant School	Bronze
Deer Park Secondary School	Bronze
Four Marks Church of England Primary School	Bronze
Greatham Primary School	Bronze
Hawley Primary School	Bronze
Hiltingbury Infant School	Bronze
Marchwood Church of England Infant School	Bronze
Milford-on-Sea Church of England Primary School	Bronze
New Milton Junior School	Bronze
Oak Lodge School	Bronze
Orchard Junior School	Bronze
Riverside Community Special School	Bronze
Sarisbury Church of England Junior School	Bronze
Shakespeare Junior School	Bronze
St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School (Basingstoke)	Bronze
Stoneham Park Primary Academy	Bronze
The Waterloo School	Bronze
Marchwood Junior School	Silver
Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School	Silver
Western Downland Church of England Aided Primary School	Silver
Talavera Junior School	Gold
Hatch Warren Infant School	Platinum

For the full list of ALL Hampshire schools currently accredited, go to:

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## A focus on: Brune Park Community School, Gosport.

**Brune Park Community School** began working with the Travel Planning Team at Hampshire County Council in 2020 and then formalised this work via Modeshift STARS accreditation in 2021.

The school is currently accredited at Very Good/Silver level.

A fantastic percentage of pupils travel to school by bike. The last travel survey showed 28% of pupils using bikes.

The school is working hard to ensure that bikes coming to site are well maintained and can be stored on site securely. This is being achieved by working in partnership with Bike It John from Sustrans (X - @BikeltJohn) and Gosport Borough Council (GBC) bike coding team.

John runs a number of activities including Bike Doctor sessions. These sessions are always oversubscribed, so to make the session more sustainable John has recently been educating some of the students on how to 'M-check' their own bikes (students learn to follow a step-by-step checklist on how to regularly maintain their bikes – the check around the bike creates an M shape). John also helped the students ensure their helmets were correctly sized and fitted. Basic mechanic skills such as fixing punctures, adjusting brakes and gears were also taught. Pupils can therefore put all these skills into practice themselves, keeping their bikes running smoothly and safely. GBC and John have supported with bike security marking too.

John has also worked with a local primary feeder school to complete a pupil transition ride to Brune Park. The pupils became familiar with the route/journey, saw the location of the bike storage facilities and learnt how best to lock their bikes.

Following the success of this, Brune Park is now rolling out transition rides for Year 10 to familiarise themselves with the routes/journey to the two local colleges.

The student feedback to the Bike Doctor/security marking sessions and the transition ride speaks for itself, see next page:

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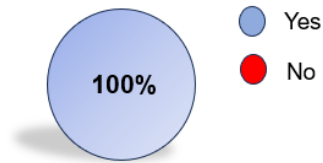
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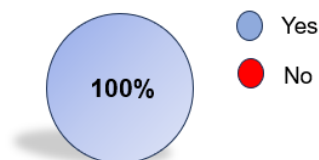
1. Should we invite the Bike Doctor back into school again?



1A. What did you think about the Bike Doctor event?

- My bike was fixed very well.
- It helped make bikes safe.
- It was good.
- I thought it was quite useful for some of us.
- It was really good and helpful.
- Helped to make sure my bike was safe it was fun to talk to the people too.
- Was a really good service to offer to keep us safe.
- Thank you.
- It was good.

2. Was the transition ride useful?



2A. Comments about the transition ride:

- It was helpful to show me the way to get Brune Park.
- It was helpful as we got to see how to ride safely on the road.
- It was good as it showed me what to do.
- I got to see where the bike sheds and cycle paths were.

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Brune Park School has also been fortunate in securing funding via the Travel Planning Team for a new bike shed, which the Mayor of Gosport opened. The introduction of the shed, along with bike marking and a drive to encourage the use of bike locks, have all served to ensure there have been no thefts of bikes from site, which had previously been an issue. Funding has also been secured via Friends of Brune Park for scooter storage.



Whilst the school do have impressive rates of walking (2023/24 travel modes survey shows 57% of pupils walking) and a low rate of cars use (12% of pupils by car in the same survey), the roads in the vicinity carry a high level of traffic. Therefore, air quality is a concern to the school and now a topic that is studied across subjects such as Geography and Science which in turn link to evidence for STARS' initiatives. For example, the school worked with the Travel Planning Team on their Air Quality Project. They used diffusion tubes to measure pollution levels, analysed the laboratory results, followed by Geography fieldwork whereby pupils looked at the type/volume of transport in the area and the variety of lichens.

The big event the school love taking part in every June is Clean Air Day!

In June 2023, the school held a drop-down morning where all pupils learnt about the importance of air pollution and what actions can be taken to reduce it. The students then all created a pledge of their actions. All pledges were laid out and joined together to spell 'Brune Park', which was then captured using a drone – see photo on next page.

Brune Park were prize winners in the Travel Planning Team's Clean Air Day competition!

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The school take part in other events too such as Walktober and Sustrans' The Big Walk and Wheel, as well as reward pupils traveling actively with badges, competitions and house points.

All of these actions and activities work to raise awareness of the importance of active/sustainable travel and aim to drive behavioural change.

The school would now like to work on further reducing the number of cars coming all the way to school. The school has already made a start by surveying parents/carers to see what more can be done to influence travel choices.

Mrs Rogers, the lead Travel Champion from Brune Park was asked what top tip(s) she would give to other schools joining/engaging in STARS;

*"Lots of the criteria for STARS you are probably already doing and your Geography and Science department are probably leading the way. Collate this information and use it [to] start your process. It is a well worth process and so easy to use."*

All of the initiatives the school take part in outlined in this 'Focus On' have been logged as STARS accreditation evidence, supporting the schools Very Good/Silver level.

Keep up the great work Brune Park!

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