

Transition Rides at Hampshire Schools

A group ride to secondary school



What we did

During the summer term of 2023 Bike It Officer John Clode worked with My Journey Hampshire. He offered a led ride to Year 6 students to their new secondary school.

Firstly, pupils from Shakespeare Junior School in Eastleigh rode to The Toynbee School and Crestwood School. A second ride was organised in Gosport, from Rowner Junior School to Brune Park Community School.

The aim of the rides was to show the pupils how easy it is for them to cycle to their new school and locate the bikes storage to make their first day a little easier.



The results

The pupils who took part had their bikes safety checked a few days before their ride. To be confident with riding independently in the future, the pupils were taught safety checks such as how to 'M-check' their own bikes and to make sure their helmets were correctly sized and fitted.



23 pupils joined the rides to their new school.

On the day of the rides, all who took part were able to enjoy a safe group ride with friends and peers. The routes were on quiet roads, shared use paths and dedicated cycle lanes. This highlighted the safest routes for them to use to get to their new school.

When the group arrived at the secondary schools, pupils were met with refreshments, and they were able to meet their new head of year. Pupils had a tour of the bikes sheds and explained the school policy for using a bike to get to school and cycling on school site.

Pupils were shown how to best lock a bike for peace of mind about its security whilst in lessons.

“Starting secondary school can be daunting enough and this was one less thing to worry about. Credit to John at Sustrans for making this happen. We hope this is something that can continue in the future especially with so many of our pupils choosing to cycle.”

Mr Harrison, Toynbee School

“I didn't realise the traffic lights were so quick, it's really useful to know as I will be crossing here in September”

Year 6 pupil, Rowner Junior School

Sustrans is the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.

We connect people and places, create liveable neighbourhoods, transform the school run and deliver a happier, healthier commute.

Join us on our journey.

www.sustrans.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 326550 (England and Wales) SC039263 (Scotland).

© Sustrans June 2019

Photo credit: J Clode/Sustrans