

We'd love to hear from you!

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Please get in touch if you have any great walking or wheeling stories or would like to find out more about our school work.

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Bike It School Dates

- **Monday 7th September - Year 7 - 9 Bike Dr at Cams Hill School**
- Tuesday 8th September - Year 10 - 11 Bike Dr at Cams Hill School
- **Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th September - Year 3 Scooter Skills at Alverstoke Junior School**
- Wednesday 16th September - Bike Maintenance Lessons at Toynbee School.
- **Wednesday 23rd September - Bike Maintenance Lessons at Toynbee School**
- Wednesday 7th October - Bike Maintenance Lessons at Toynbee School

Summer Holiday Activities

Bike It John has still been busy during the school holidays joining the Gosport Summer Passport and running some Learn to Ride lessons in Eastleigh.

Gosport Summer Passport is a well-established initiative organised by Gosport Community Safety Partnership which began in 2008. The scheme provides free, open access diversionary activities for young people of secondary school age living or attending school in the local area.

This year Bike It John was joined by Walk Wheel Cycle Trust and My Journey colleagues to provide a free Bike Dr service to any children who arrived by bike and wanted their bikes safety checked and repaired.

27 bikes were checked and repaired, some made safe from an unrideable state and one in particular that had been waiting for repair for over a year and is now back as it should be.



Gosport Summer Passport Bike Dr at Fort Brockhurst and Gosport Park



Learn to Ride at Toynbee School, Eastleigh

The Learn to Ride sessions at Toynbee School in Eastleigh were as popular and successful as ever, on a very hot day all 18 children who attended had great fun on the balance bikes with the vast majority taking the leap to pedalling their own bikes independently. It's always so rewarding to see the children (and parents!) so overjoyed to take the next step, or should we say the next pedal!

What’s coming up?

Hampshire Bike Equipment Library

The **FREE** bike equipment library is now up and running, and already has equipment on loan to families but there is still plenty of equipment available. There are child seat trailers, bike mounted child seats, lights, locks, pumps and pannier racks and bags.

If you would like to borrow any equipment then please get in touch with Bike It John by phone 07708 835330 or email john.clode@walkwheelcycletrust.org.uk

Hiltingbury parents making good use of the Burley double trailer
“We are absolutely loving the trailer, even local rides feel like an adventure”



Eastleigh Walking and Wheeling Festival

We have partnered with Hampshire County Council to fund the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, to provide an amazing programme of FREE routes to walk and wheel this summer/autumn!

The majority of bookings are now live...with more to come! [Click here to make a booking](#)

[View the digital programme](#) and plan your summer of exploration and creativity! Local organisations, artists and volunteers are providing over 40 free led and self-led routes across the Borough to explore by foot, wheelchair and mobility aid. They cover a range of themes, lengths, locations and access needs - so there is a route to suit everyone!

EASTLEIGH WALKING & WHEELING FESTIVAL 2026						Programme of Events	
						17 August - 13 September	
Theme		Date	Time	Location	Grade	Distance	
The Point 'Spillway Street'	★	17 Aug	Various	Lakeside Country Park			
Sun Prints	★	18 Aug	10.30am - 12pm	Netley Common	M	1.5km	
Ancient Trees & Enchanted Woods: Oak	★	18 Aug	10.30am - 12.30pm	Royal Victoria Country Park	E	2.1km	
Nature Illustration and Sketching Walk	★	18 Aug	10am - 12pm	Itchen Valley Country Park	E	3km	
Story Tribe - Daisy Chain Story	★	19 Aug	10.45am - 12.15pm 1.45pm - 3.15pm	Fleming Park, Eastleigh	E	1.6km	
Story Tribe - Daisy Chain Story	★	20 Aug	10.45am - 12.15pm 1.45pm - 3.15pm	Community Hall, Bishopstoke	E	1.6km	
Stoke Common Stroll with Eastleigh Ramblers		20 Aug	10am - 1.15pm	Bishopstoke Cemetery Car Park	M	8.2km	
Story Tribe - Daisy Chain Story	★	21 Aug	10.45am - 12.15pm	Fleming Park, Eastleigh			
Hamble Nature Walk		21 Aug	10.30am - 12.30am	Hamble Common			
Chandler's Ford Photoswalk	★	22 Aug	10am - 12pm	Chandler's Ford	M	2km	
TDO with Eastleigh Ramblers		22 Aug					
Introduction to Plant ID and Drawing Walk	★	23 Aug	10am - 12pm	Stoke Park Woods (car park)	M	1.8km	
Folklore and Drawing Walk	★	23 Aug	2.15pm - 3.45pm	Netley Abbey	E	1km	
Walk & Roll with a Paralympian	★	24 Aug	10.30am - 12pm	Pavillion on the Park, Eastleigh	E	1.5km	
Itchen Valley Sensory Walk		25 Aug		Itchen Valley Country Park			
Sun Prints	★	25 Aug	10.30am - 12pm	Netley Common	M	1.5km	
Sketchbook Walk	★	26 Aug	11am - 1pm	Chandler's Ford	E	2km	
Sketchbook Walk	★	27 Aug	11am - 1pm	Botley High Street	E	1.5km	
Wildfowl Local Nature Reserve		28 Aug	10am - 11.15am	Holme End	M	4.4km	

Useful information:

Learn to Ride

Learning to ride a bike for the first time is an individual journey that can be exhilarating and exciting. Walk Wheel Cycle Trust offers nine easy to follow steps to help children and families on this exciting journey. [Teach a child to ride without stabilisers in 9 easy steps](#)

Check your Bike

Want to keep your bike in good shape? Then check out our M-check guide to make sure your bike is safe to ride and working well. [Walk Wheel Cycle Trust M-Check](#)

National Cycle Network

Created by Walk Wheel Cycle Trust [formerly Sustrans], The National Cycle Network is a UK-wide network of signed paths and routes for walking, wheeling, cycling and exploring outdoors. In 1979, Sustrans built their first traffic-free path that would become part of the Network, the Bristol and Bath Railway Path. Over the years many more miles of walking and cycling routes across the country have been created. To find out more and find a route near you to explore visit the [National Cycle Network page](#) on our website



Walk Wheel Cycle Trust is grateful for the support of Hampshire County Council and the My Journey team for our work in schools across Eastleigh, Fareham and Gosport.

