

Kirkcaldy Walking and Cycling Project – Update 1st April 2011

I am the Project Co-ordinator for this partnership project between Fife Council (Transportation Services) and Sustrans (with funding from the Scottish Government). The aim of the project is to increase levels of walking and cycling, including to access public transport, in Kirkcaldy.

This update is being sent to those who were invited to a workshop about the project in November 2010, and others who have been involved in the project in some way.

The workshop in November generated lots of good ideas, and since then the project team, including staff from both Sustrans and Fife Council Transportation Services, have continued to work on ways to encourage more people to walk and cycle.

Some of the work on the ground can already be seen including the improved walking and cycling routes on Oriel Road and Dunnikier Way, and other similar projects are in the planning stages.

In November, Sustrans also appointed a new member of staff to work with a specific local community in Templehall, to involve people in the re-design of their street to meet their needs.

Events

We are now planning a public launch of the project in May and a **launch event** will be held on **Saturday May 21st** from 10.00 onwards in Kirkcaldy Town Square. This fun day for all ages will include a chance for people to try out different kinds of bikes, watch an exciting stunt display by The Clan, and find out more about walking, cycling and public transport use in the town.

The project will also be promoted at the Beveridge Park Community Festival (2nd and 3rd July), with opportunities for people of all ages to try cycling and find out more about the project.

Led Cycle Rides

We're also hoping to hold a series of led cycle rides, as part of a Fife-wide initiative, to encourage new or less experienced cyclists to enjoy cycling in Kirkcaldy. These rides will be led by volunteers, and already across Fife more than 15 volunteers have been trained for this. It would be great to have more volunteers involved in Kirkcaldy, and I would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested, or who has ideas about recruiting volunteers.

These events, and others being planned for the summer, will also give people in Kirkcaldy a chance to tell us what kind of things would encourage them to walk and cycle more often.

We would especially like as many people as possible to come along to the event on May 21st and we'll be doing lots more promotion in the run-up. If you would like any more information about this, or any other aspect of the project please get in touch.

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