



Travel Plan Coordinator's Newsletter Autumn 2021

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Welcome

I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday.

Lockdown helped to show us all the benefits of getting out and walking or cycling by keeping us fit and aiding our mental health. We are encouraging everyone to try to keep this up, and to think about walking, cycling, scooting, or parking further away from school and walking the rest of the way. Also catching the bus or train is a great way to get to school and can be quite sociable. Often there is an element of active travel to get to and from bus stops.

We are encouraging children and parents to think about the way they will travel to and from school, reminding them about safety as well thinking about the benefits to the environment and their mental health too. You will see some press releases over the coming weeks, and we have also produced a range of banners designed to back the campaign. These are available for schools to attach on railings outside their school. Please read on to find out how you can borrow one for free!

Following the list of forthcoming dates, I will introduce school travel planning, why we have School Travel Plans, Modeshift Stars and its accreditation process, examples of initiatives and finally some news from our partners.

Forthcoming Dates for Your Diary

This section lists dates of forthcoming events that you may want to promote at your school. Please follow the links as many of these initiatives offer free downloadable resources for schools.

September

World Car Free Day - 22nd September 2021

[World Car Free Day 2021 - National Awareness Days Calendar 2021](#)

Bike to School Week – Sustrans - 28th September to 2nd October 2021

[Bike to School Week - Sustrans.org.uk](http://Sustrans.org.uk)

October

Walk to School Day - 6th October 2021

[Walk & Bike to School \(walkbiketoschool.org\)](http://walkbiketoschool.org)

International Walk to School Month

[International Walk to School Month | Living Streets](#)

Be Bright Be Seen Week - 18th to 22nd October 2021

[Be bright be seen game – THINK!](#)

November

Safe Drive Stay Alive will be online this year.

[Dates - Safe Drive Stay Alive.](#)

Road Safety Week - 15th to 21st November 2021

[Road Safety Week | Brake](#)

Beep Beep Day

[Beep Beep! Days | Brake](#)

December

Modeshift STARS Deadline Accreditation - 31st December 2021

[Login - Modeshift STARS](#)

January

Bus Behaviour -reminder for secondary schools

[Anti-social behaviour on public transport: safety measures - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

February

Children's Mental Health Week - 7th to 13th February 2022

[Schools and Youth Groups - Children's Mental Health Week
\(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

March

World Book Day - 3rd March 2022

[Schools and Nurseries - World Book Day](#)

Beep Beep Day

[Beep Beep! Days | Brake](#)

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel - 21st March to 1st April 2022

[Sustrans Big Pedal - Sustrans.org.uk](https://sustrans.org.uk)

April

Modeshift STARS Deadline Accreditation - 30th April 2022

[Login - Modeshift STARS](#)

May

Bike to School Day - 4th May 2022

[Bike to School Day | Safe Routes to School \(saferoutesmichigan.org\)](https://saferoutesmichigan.org)

Walk to School Week - 16th to 20th May 2022

[Walk to School Week | Living Streets](#)

Happy Shoes Day - TBC

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/happyshoesday>

June

Ant-idling Day/Clean Air Day – TBC

[Clean Air Day - the UK's largest clean air campaign](#)

Brake Kids Walk – TBC

[Brake's Kids Walk | Brake](#)

July

Transition Year 7 - TBC

[Walk to School | Secondary Schools | Living Streets](#)

Modeshift STARS Deadline Accreditation 31st July 2022

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School Travel Planning

The main aim of a School Travel Plan (STP) is to reduce single occupancy car use on the school journey. Increasing sustainable travel helps to reduce congestion and pollution, as well as improving the health and fitness of children and young people and helping to give your children the very important life skills they need to stay safe and healthy on their journey to and from school. These are just a few of the many benefits of an active STP.

For those of you new to school travel planning, STPs are developed, maintained, and monitored by the whole school community, to promote and facilitate sustainable travel. They are a great example of partnership working by Ofsted. All schools should promote active, safe, and sustainable travel as an alternative to single occupancy car use for the school journey. An STP is developed and monitored by the school to:

- discover actual and preferred mode of travel for the school journey;
- identify issues to determine why people do not travel sustainably;
- set future targets to achieve or maintain modes of sustainable travel (for example to increase cycling; to maintain walking);
- lay out a plan of action for the tasks that the school will carry out to achieve their targets and aspirations;
- Encourage the whole school community to travel in a safer, healthier, and more sustainable way.

In Buckinghamshire we use Modeshift STARS to help us and you to develop and monitor our STPs.

What is Modeshift Stars?

Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition for Schools) provides a framework for the implementation of sustainable and active school travel activities. It is an online system that helps schools to input the information they need to produce a nationally recognised STP.

Established in 2007, Modeshift is a national membership organisation that specialises in sustainable and active travel and provides behaviour change support for those working with children, young people, families, school communities, educational establishments, and workplaces. It is a national school's awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable transport.

To register on the system please go to the website and request a login. Please check with your Headteacher or School Office that they don't already have one. If you are already using Modeshift, please keep your school details up to date (children and staff numbers) and include your Headteacher's information too. Also, if you have been working with me can you please add me to your introduction tab under working with the local authority. If you need to delete a user, please let me know by email. Please keep all contacts and email addresses up to date. <https://www.modeshiftstars.org/> .

Accreditation

You will notice I talk a lot about accreditation. The Modeshift STARS national accreditation scheme offers 5 levels: Green, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. The more initiatives schools organise, the higher accreditation they will be able to achieve. The initiatives are split into two categories, Sustainable Travel (ST) and Supporting Initiatives (SI).

Sustainable Travel Initiatives focus on topics such as Cycling, Scooting, Walking, Road Safety & Training, Air Quality, Public Transport. Supporting Initiatives are focus on Promotion, Curriculum, and partnerships.

This year I would like to **congratulate all the 63 schools** in Bucks that in a very difficult year still managed to get accredited for their School Travel Plan. For those schools that were so close but didn't quite get there don't give up. You are doing amazing work to keep our children safe. Modeshift now accredit 3 times a year so you may well be able to get accredited this next time round. The new dates are as followed 31 December, 31 March & 31 July.

If you have the option to apply for more than one level of accreditation, please only submit the highest and remember to check your expiry date on the Accreditation progress tab first.

I know we had lots of fantastic work going on in and around our schools in Bucks despite of COVID-19. It was lovely reading your STPs and looking through all the pictures that you used for evidence. You all work hard to give your children the important life skills they need to keep healthy and safe. If you didn't get accredited this time round let me know if you need help to get you accredited in December. Why not plan events now then add them to the system? This makes life easier when you need to submit evidence for accreditation and could get you Green.

Please remember to add evidence of anything you do, as well as ensure any working groups are included in the introduction tab. There's no need to include children's names, simply JRSO/Eco Representative for example, is fine. As we start a new school year, your staff and pupil numbers may have changed. This information needs to be updated, which can be found under the 'Introduction' tab. If you haven't already had a look, log-on and see what you have on your STP: <https://www.modeshiftstars.org/login/> This is a living document. You can

download your STP as a PDF file and add this to your website or include it in your new prospectus.

Announcements

Congratulations to South East LA schools of the year! (Promotion - Supporting PR 1, 3, and 7)

Congratulations to all the schools that were nominated for the Modeshift STARS National School Travel Awards by us at Buckinghamshire (local authority). They were Marsh Gibbon, Haddenham St Marys C of E, Holmer Green Senior and Sir Henry Floyd. This follows their recent success in achieving Modeshift STARS accreditation for the work that they had done to promote walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel for the journey to school. Of the 3,500 schools that are signed up to Modeshift STARS, they were four of just 78 schools across the country that had been nominated for the 2020/21 National Awards.

They were invited to attend the Modeshift STARS Regional Awards for our region along with the other nominated schools from our area. In previous years, the Regional Awards would have taken place as 'live' events. However, given current public health restrictions, this was instead a short 1-hour webinar. The Regional Awards events is an opportunity to thank the schools for their hard work and celebrate the work that had been done to achieve Modeshift STARS accreditation.

The winner from the Bucks LA Primary Schools was Haddenham St Marys C of E and the Bucks LA winner for Secondary Schools was Holmer Green Senior. Well done to them both on all their hard work.

School Travel Plan Coordinator Meetings

In the past we had our STP Coordinator meetings in your area. During lockdown we were unable to meet in person, but I held Virtual Meetings instead. This worked very well for everyone so I will be continuing with this arrangement as well as sending you regular email updates. I hope to cover what you need to complete your STP to help you get accredited. I will cover some trouble shooting on the Modeshift STARS system along with giving you some more information about initiatives. You will need to be logged on to Modeshift and be on Teams or a hands-free phone. If you would like a meeting in your PPA time let me know when is best for you by emailing me at Emma.James@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Poster Competition Winners!

Design Your Own STP related posters (Promotion-Supporting PR 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 19)

In my last Newsletter I explained how the School Travel Planning team had noticed many good posters being designed by schools and used in their communities. This inspired us to run a competition for all schools to design their own STP related posters to help alleviate problems that may be specific to the school community or as a thank you for travelling actively and sustainably to school. We asked your pupils to design a poster. Schools entered one design per key stage. We picked the winning posters after a lot of deliberation. The winning designs received a £25 book voucher for themselves and the overall winner won their school £100.



Congratulations to everyone who entered. We had some amazing designs.

The overall school winner was Tylers Green First School and Louisa won herself a £25 book voucher and £100 for her school. Also, well done to Mia at Newton Longville School and Bianca at William Harding who each won a £25 book voucher. Well done and congratulations to you all.

Examples of Initiatives

The following are examples of initiatives that schools can try. There are many more ideas on our website, see <https://schooltravelplanning.com/initiatives>.

Junior Road Safety Officers (Promotions- Supporting PR 7, 20 Consultations P 3, 4)

The Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme has been running successfully in Bucks since 2003. JRSOs are children from your school who promote road safety and sustainable

transport to their fellow pupils and have fun whilst they are doing it! Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic usually two children from year 5 and/or 6 are nominated and appointed as JRSOs. This can be through an application and interview process, or simply names drawn out of a hat. They can be part of a Student Council or be a separate group. This year schools have made different arrangements to fit in with Class or Year Bubbles.

Please register children now to be a JRSO at your school don't forget to add them to your working group on the Modeshift system under the introduction tab. JRSOs promote road safety and sustainable transport to their fellow pupils and have fun whilst they are doing it! There is a fantastic JTA resource pack on the Modeshift STARS system under the guidance tab at the top of the page. |

In previous years we have held an educational Fun Day for JRSOs, but as with last year we have to cancel it this year, but I will be sending you regular email to share with the JRSOs.

Modeshift Walking Bubble Maps (Walking & Scooting - Travel W 8 Promotions - Supporting PR 7, 9, 17, Consultations SM 1)

Walking, cycling, or scooting to school is the best way to reduce congestion and pollution, while improving the mental and physical wellbeing of pupils. These benefits are more important than ever as we emerge from the COVID-19 lockdown. That's why Modeshift launched the Walking Bubble Maps, to encourage everyone who can, to 'Get Active' on their journeys to and from school.



Walking Bubbles encourage families that must travel by car to park at least five minutes away from school, creating a safer space for walking, cycling, or scooting to the school. By encouraging park and stride/ride we also reduce the number of cars manoeuvring and parking outside and close to the school gates, which is one of the main concern's parents have when walking to

school. Reducing vehicles and creating more space around schools will also make it much easier for families to socially distance and feel safer. It's easy for schools that are registered with STARS to create their Walking Bubble map. Simply follow the steps below:

- Login
- Click on the 'Perform Process' button and select 'Generate Walking Bubble'
- Ensure your map is centred on your school (if not follow the on-screen instructions)

- Select 'Save'

Your Walking Bubble map will then be created, and you will receive an email with the PDF version of your map. You will also be able to download the map from the Walking Bubble tab. For more detailed instructions, please visit the 'Guidance' tab and download the 'How to generate your #StaySafeGetActive Walking Bubble Map' guide

www.modeshiftstars.org/staysafegetactive

Parents' Parking Promise (Promotion - Supporting PR 13, 16, 17, Air Quality-Travel AQ 8)

Parents' Parking Promise was developed to encourage parents and guardians to think about how they are parking around the school including ensuring there is enough room for emergency vehicles to pass.

They sign a pledge to promise to park responsibly. The initiative works well in schools where there are problems with parents and guardians parking inconsiderately and dangerously.

How does the initiative work?

Parents are asked to sign a 'promise' to say that they will park responsibly around the school. The promise is returned to the school (usually someone in the school office) who will issue the parent a car sticker to show they have signed the promise. The sticker acts as a reminder to the parents that they should be parking responsibly near the school and as a reminder to others to do the same.

We can provide the schools with the following:

- **A sample Parents' Parking Promise document.** - This document can be adapted to suit the specific needs of the school, for example it could include road names or locations, and it could also include further information on related issues that the school would like to resolve.
- **Car stickers for parents or guardians who have signed the promise.** - These stickers should be displayed in the windscreens of those that have signed the promise to highlight to others that they have agreed to park considerately. For more information and order your stickers please email me at <https://schooltravelplanning.com/initiatives>

This is a picture of our new parking promise sticker:



Banners (Promotion - Supporting PR1, 19)

As pupils return to schools, we at Buckinghamshire Council are encouraging children and parents to think about the way they will travel to and from school. Schools can display banners to help promote this. As we think about the environment and our mental health more and more. We all know the benefits of getting out and about either by walking or on our bikes in lockdown helped us keep fit and helped our mental health. We are encouraging everyone to think if you could walk, cycle, scoot or park and walk to school instead of drive.

If you want to borrow one of the new banners to display at your school, please email schooltravelplanning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk with your school's name, address and School Travel Plan Coordinators name. We do have limited numbers and banners will need to be returned to us after 4 weeks so they can be available for other schools to use.



Primary School Banner



Secondary School Banner

Unfortunately, we had some very inconsiderate parking around our schools last school year too, so we are also highlighting the dangers of parking unsafely around the school gates and encouraging parents or guardians to park carefully and considerately (should they need to bring a car to school) but even better, to park safely away from the school gates and walk the last section of the journey. Why not borrow one of our new parking banners, and along with the new parking promise stickers run your own parking campaign?

We also work in partnership with the Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service as inconsiderate parking can also block access for the emergency services.



Considerate Parking Banner

World Carfree Day 22nd September (Air Quality – Travel Initiative AQ2)

Taking place on Tuesday 22nd September, World Carfree Day is an annual celebration of cities and public life, free from the noise, stress, and pollution of cars. This is a fantastic chance to discuss the importance of exercise with your children as well as the impact of cars on the environment. <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/event/world-carfree-day-2020> The history of carfree days goes back to the 1970s when several events were organised during the oil crisis. However, they weren't organised on a specific date, but more on an informal basis. It wasn't until 1994 when Eric Britton gave a keynote speech about the importance of such projects and events.

Within two years local events were organised in Bath (UK), Reykjavik (Iceland) and La Rochelle (France). In 1999 an International Carfree Day was organised in Europe, which was the pilot project for today's European Mobility Week. It was in 2000 when it was agreed that the World Carfree Day would be celebrated on 22nd September every year.

Sustrans bike week 27th Sep-1 Oct 2021 (Cycling – Travel Initiative C8)

Bike to School Week is a UK-wide event that Sustrans run every year in partnership with [Bikeability trust](#). And for the first time, Sustrans want to try and track how many families

take part. Together they celebrate cycling and scooting to school and [the massive benefits this brings to children's health and the environment](#).

Everyone can take part in Bike to School Week and there is no registration process for schools. Instead, all Sustrans ask is that you let them know if you and your family will be cycling or scooting to school from 27 September and 1 October by pledging your journeys [via the form below](#). And your school journey can be made with any type of cycle, for example, handcycle, tagalong, cargo bike or scooter.

By pledging your journeys, you'll be in with a chance of winning a child's Frog Bike worth up to £400. [Read the terms and conditions](#).

They will also send you a free guide to walking, cycling and scooting to school with lots of great tips and activities. [How to take part in Bike To School Week – Sustrans.org.uk](#)

Child pedestrian training (Road Safety & Training - Travel R5)

By walking regularly, children can build exercise into their daily routine to help achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, many children in Buckinghamshire benefitted from *Footsteps Pedestrian Training* at school. Whilst we update our training following the pandemic, please note that Road Safety Wales has put together a new online package which covers three core skills:

Choosing the safe place to cross

Helping your child to recognise hazards and identify appropriate crossing places.

Crossing the road

Enabling your child to practise their crossing skills under supervision.

Crossing between parked cars

Teaching your child how to use a safe strategy for crossing near parked cars, when avoiding them is impossible.

Practice should begin on a quiet road and include discussions on the safest places to cross and the risk from traffic.

Try to include a variety of crossings, junctions and pavements with driveways and entrances where children need to look out for moving vehicles.

Learning pedestrian skills is a keystone of childhood road safety and regular practise at different locations will help to reinforce methods that can be used in any roadside scenario for years to come. Watch the short video:

roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/new-resource-to-support-child-pedestrian-training

Be Bright Be Seen Week 18th –22nd October (Road Safety & training –Travel R10)

As the nights start to get darker and the clocks go back on October 31st it is always a good idea to remind the children and their parents/carers to be bright and visible on the way to and from school. Why not hold a day where the children come to school dressed in their normal school uniform but with extra florescent clothing, for example socks, hats, gloves, or hair bands? Staff can join in too! Also please remember to check the batteries on your bike lights!

Brake and road safety week ROAD SAFETY HEROES 15-21 November (Road Safety & Training -Travel R9, 11, 18)

This year This Road Safety Week (15-21 November) Road Safety Week inspires thousands of schools, organisations, and communities to take action on road safety and shout out for our right to make safe and healthy journeys every day. It also provides a great opportunity for anyone working in road safety to get more people involved with their work.

Road Safety Week is coordinated annually by Brake. The theme of Road Safety Week 2021 is ROAD SAFETY HEROES, celebrating the heroic work of road safety professionals, and explaining how we can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone. [Road Safety Week | Brake.](#)

As the theme is ‘Road Safety Heroes’. If any of you want to do anything around this theme, contact Keith Wheeler (Road Safety Officer) 01296 744431 / 07767 412076 and he may be able to link you up with your local fire station. [Road Safety Week to celebrate those who make a difference \(roadsafetygb.org.uk\)](#)



Bikeability Cycle Training (Road Safety & Training - Travel R 1, Promotion-Supporting PR 1, 3, 9)

Bikeability is today’s cycle training programme. It’s about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today’s roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling. The following link is to a suite of tools to help your school maximise the impact of Bikeability for all: [Bikeability | Professional cycle training | Tools for Schools](#)

Bikeability courses are available throughout the year in Buckinghamshire. Please see: [Want your child to learn to ride | Buckinghamshire Council \(buckscc.gov.uk\)](#). The Bikeability Funding window is open, so please look out for this if you would like to apply for places which would allow your pupils to have the opportunity to take part in free cycle training during the Spring Term:

Term to submit application	Training term	Funding window opens	Funding window closes
Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Tuesday 6 th September 2021	Tuesday 21 st September 2021

All schools have been sent a reminder which included the link to the Bikeability funding application form. Full Bikeability terms and conditions can be seen at the following link: <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/cycling-and-walking/bikeability-training/>

Any queries, please contact Georgina Longley at Georgina.longley@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

School Crossing Patrollers

School Crossing Patrollers have an important role within the community helping children and their parents/ carers to cross busy roads on their journeys to and from school.

Stop for the lollipop - it's the law

You may have noticed that Buckinghamshire Council has launched its 'Stop means stop' campaign to remind drivers that they must stop for School Crossing Patrollers (SCP's) otherwise they face a hefty fine, penalty points or even disqualification

Buckinghamshire's 60 School Crossing Patrollers are out in all weathers, twice a day cheerfully helping school children and adults across roads to and from their local schools However, they are experiencing rising cases of abuse and threatening behaviour from a minority of drivers who are potentially putting lives at risk

That's why this autumn Buckinghamshire Council has launched its Stop Means Stop campaign to remind drivers of their legal obligations and to keep everyone safe on their journeys to school.

The 1988 Road Traffic Act clearly states that as soon as a patroller raises their sign, even if they have not stepped into the road, drivers must be prepared to stop. Once the School Crossing Patroller is in the road displaying the sign, drivers must stop, and not proceed until

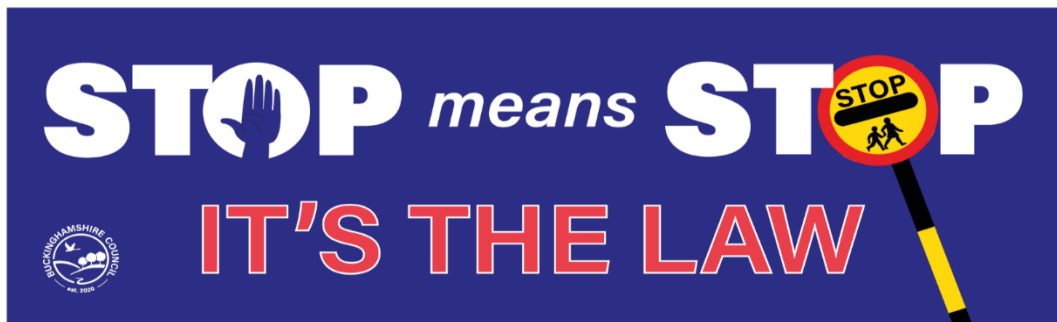
the School Crossing Patroller and all those crossing have cleared the road. Drivers flouting the law could face a £1,000 fine, three penalty points and even disqualification

Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet Member for Transport Steven Broadbent says there's absolutely no excuse for drivers not stopping for school crossing patrollers or hurling abuse. "It's not ok to intimidate or threaten our lollipop people who are just helping children to get to school. Drivers have a clear responsibility under the law and dangerous driving, revving cars and shouting abuse is distressing for the patroller and the children they are helping, and it must stop."

Steven added: "As the school term restarts this September, I want to encourage anyone that witnesses threatening or intimidating behaviour to report it straight away and we will ensure the full weight of the law is brought on those who simply ignore their legal responsibility. If everyone stops for the lollipop, then that's the best way to keep everyone safe and well."

To report an incident please contact: Corinne Randall Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe (West) or Georgina Longley Chiltern & South Bucks and Wycombe (East).

We have designed some banners as shown below which you may see at some school with an



SCP. You may also see the same design on bus backs around the High Wycombe and Aylesbury areas.

We are currently looking to recruit School Crossing Patrollers and Relief Patrollers. Do you know any-one who can help? Job sharing is welcome. For more information on current vacancies please log on to www.buckscc.gov.uk/scp or contact the School Travel Planning Team:

Emma James — Emma.James@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
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Footsteps Training
School Crossing Patroller Supervisor Aylesbury Vale & Wycombe (West)

Georgina Longley— Georgina.Longley@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Bikeability Training

School Crossing Patroller Supervisor Chiltern & South Bucks & Wycombe (East)

You may also find information on our website useful www.schooltravelplanning.com or you can email schooltravelplanning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Partner News

The following pages provide some additional information from some of our partners relating to school travel. This includes Bucks Radio, Road Safety GB, Aylesbury Garden Town, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue, Living Streets and Active Communities.



Promote your School Travel Plan (Promotion- Supporting PR3)

Don't forget if you are doing anything in your school and want to get noticed in Bucks you can promote your School Travel Plan to Bucks through <https://www.bucks.radio/news@bucks.radio>

Bucks Radio is the new sound of Buckinghamshire, aiming to bring local radio back to the county. Launched by local broadcasters Nathan Cooper and Richard Carr in February 2021. We've been overwhelmed by the support we've received so far and are looking forward to becoming a part of Bucks life. Between them, our team have been working, and broadcasting, in the area for over 40 years, so we understand what matters to you.

Right now, we're broadcasting online, via smart speakers and app, meaning you can take us with you wherever you go. We have the latest news, weather, and travel, and loads of community information, including our free What's on Guide and features like Charity Friday.

We are especially keen to report on and promote any events and activities or positive news stories from schools across Buckinghamshire.... Also visit... when we are able! For more details check out our website: www.bucks.radio

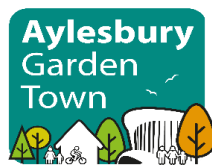
Road Safety GB



Year 7 safety lesson (Curriculum – Supporting CU7 Road Safety & Training- Travel R6)

The 'Independent Travellers' lesson aims to help Year 7 and 8 students at a 'critical stage in their lives', when they may start travelling independently to secondary school – whether that be on foot, on a bike or as a passenger in a car. This link from Road Safety UK give a short video you could use as a lesson or an assembly [Online lesson helps pupils become independent travellers \(roadsafetygb.org.uk\)](https://www.roadsafetygb.org.uk/online-lesson-helps-pupils-become-independent-travellers)

After completing the lesson, students should be able to identify potential hazards and explain what they can do to help keep themselves safe as they travel alone.



Aylesbury Garden Town - New Murals Make an Impact at Aylesbury Station

Four eye-catching murals have made a vibrant new addition to Aylesbury Station. The artworks, commissioned by Aylesbury Garden Town, working in partnership with Chiltern Railways, were designed by acclaimed local artists, Teakster and Dan Wilson. The panels represent four different aspects of Aylesbury – Heritage, reflecting the history of the market town; Community, capturing its community spirit and culture; Nature, showcasing the flora and fauna of the local area; and Sustainable Travel, with a nod to the future and the planned Gardenway orbital park around the town, which will link to a network of walking, cycling and wheeling routes. The murals are part of a series of improvements to the station, through the Aylesbury Garden Town programme, which also include a revamp of the flower beds outside.



Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue



National Road Safety Week will be from 15th – 21st November this year. More information can be found on their website -<https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week>

The theme for this year is 'Road Safety Heroes' so we thought that we would tell you a little bit about how the emergency services – the Police, Fire Service and Ambulance Service – work together to help people that have had accidents on the road.

Normally, the Police are in charge of the accident scene. They have to make sure that it is safe for the Fire Service and Ambulance Service to do their work, so the Police may close the road. They also have to investigate what caused the crash and if any of the drivers has broken the law by speeding or driving dangerously.

The Ambulance Service look after the casualties, give them some first aid and then take them to hospital. Sometimes they need to use a helicopter, called an air ambulance, if someone needs to be taken to hospital really quickly.

The job of the Fire Service is to make that the crashed vehicles are not going to catch fire and they may have to help people to get out of their vehicles if they can't get out on their own. They may also help the Ambulance Service by giving first aid. Once all the people are taken care of the Fire Service help clear the road up by moving the vehicles out of the way and sweeping up the broken glass.

This is a great example of how all the emergency services work together to help people and they are real ROAD SAFETY HEROES!!





Buckinghamshire
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
we save lives

Living Streets



WOW: The WALK TO SCHOOL Challenge

BUCKS PUPILS ARE DESIGN WINNERS!

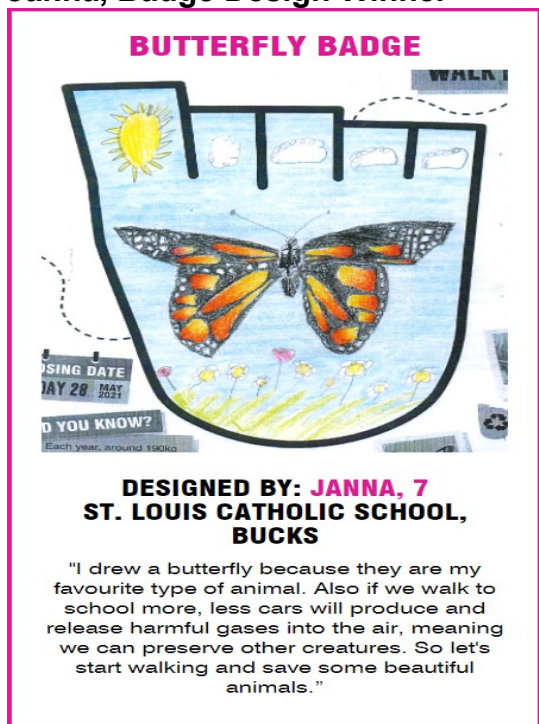
Living Streets recently announced the results of the annual nationwide **WOW Badge Design Competition for 2021**. We are pleased and excited to announce that not one, but two pupils from Buckinghamshire schools are winners.



This year's theme was **WALK FOR THE WORLD** and over 90,000 pupils across the UK submitted WOW badge designs that reflect habitats and species at risk of extinction because of climate change. Entries were independently judged by experts from the Design Council to choose 9 Badge Design Winners and 9 Runner-up Prize Winners.

And the Buckinghamshire Winners are:

Janna, Badge Design Winner



Thomas, Runner-up Winner



The County obviously has a wealth of budding artistic talent as this is the second time in the last few years that there have been two national winners from Buckinghamshire.

Congratulations and very well done to both Janna and Thomas. Janna's design is now being turned into a real WOW badge that will be awarded to thousands of active pupils nationwide in the coming months.

See all the winning designs here [Badge design competition winners | Living Streets](#)

Visit the [WOW Webpage](#) to view a short video and see more information about Living Streets' successful walk to school initiative and why it works.

WOW is currently available at no cost to schools in Buckinghamshire. Each year we have a limited number of places available for new schools. To register your interest, send an email with the subject **WOW** to the address below and we'll be in touch at: schooltravelplanning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk