

TravelWise Cycle Challenge 2009 – Your Stories

"I am a keen cyclist living on the Wirral. I often ride along the route 56 which is such a pleasant route. I'd appreciate any other routes that you could suggest on the Wirral for a change or scenery.

The map that was provided in the welcome pack was excellent and so detailed! I have visited a number of the bike shops on the list and have ordered a new racing bike online so I should hopefully manage to get out and about and enjoy cycling more often."

Rhiannon



"A great opportunity to extend our cycling outside of the Wirral!

Wife and daughter (9) doing fantastic and having great fun, with additional help of good food and weight watchers she has lost 18 pounds so far and is well pleased with herself."

Mike, Wirral



"I have been enjoying enormously exploring Liverpool the last couple of months on my new bike, after YEARS of not being on a bike. The city is very cycle friendly, and I think the cycling has contributed enormously to my health."

Lachlan, Liverpool



"Racking up the minutes even though the weather is on the turn! Can't wait for the count up! Did the Loop Line on Monday afternoon."

Ian & Sara, Liverpool



"I have cycled to work almost every day since the Challenge started! I even had an evening cycle around Wirral, rewarded with an ice-cold cider in a beer garden en route – fantastic!"

Anon



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"I already cycle a fair bit at weekends and was cycling home from work. I have now started cycling to work as well. Fortunately we have safe bike storage area at work and have showers. I think I have been successful in encouraging my company to introduce a cycle to work scheme and am actively encouraging fellow employees to give it a go."

Annie, Wirral



"Usual trip was from Britannia Inn to the Marine Lake. Now extended to Albert Dock and even Pier Head when the Ocean Princess was in port...Need to try to improve on my times!"

David, Liverpool



"I have been out and about on my bike with my bright yellow bag for company! I have been to work on it, to visit my family and just out for a bike ride. I have discovered field of cows just round the corner that I never knew existed!"

Jenny



"I am new to cycling and am saddle sore in places I didn't know I had! Great fun and good exercise!"

Pete



"Cycled to work along Cheshire Lines from Formby to Maghull. Saw 2 buzzards, a heron and a mole on my travels. Getting faster and fitter as days go on!"

Maurice



"We did a bit of a push at work for (bike) week and a free lunch for cyclists on the Thursday. It was good getting to know other cyclists in work. Thanks for the yellow bag!"

Suzanne



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"I have increased my cycling to work to twice per week whenever off site meetings allow and loving it – feel good when I get to work. Thank you TravelWise!"

Anon



"Really enjoying cycling to work! Wasn't as difficult to organise as I thought! Thank you!"

Anon



"Had extra visits to the beach in the early morning (for a paddle), went to the shops and found the hi-visibility carrier a bonus – Thank you!"

M.M.



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