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Living Streets Guernsey LBG Newsletter— August 2011

Tranquillity Walk attracts over 50 walkers

Despite a rather blustery grey day 53 islanders (and two dogs!) took part in this year's Living Streets Tranquillity Walk. Tom Le Pelley devised a seven mile route around the Castel parish using mainly lanes, Ruettes Tranquilles and green lanes. Although a grey day it was actually ideal walking weather once inland out of the wind.

Many walkers said that they had never walked some of the lovely green lanes and everyone seemed to have enjoyed the challenge.



Walkers head inland through the golf course footpath

This year we ran a children's photographic competition with prizes for the best shots in three categories:

- Best shot of walkers
- Best landscape
- Best close up shot

Guernsey Photographics sponsored the competition by providing three £20 vouchers for the winners. We are most grateful for their support.

Thanks also to the judges, Dave Nash (Guernsey Photographics) Brian Green and Chris George (who also provided an extra prize of a copy of the new "Channel Islands Way" coastal walking guide.)

We are very grateful to everyone who supported us by taking part and everyone who helped with the organisation on the day.

We raised £ 979

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Since our Open Meetings have not been well attended in the past we have decided to only hold a meeting (other than our AGM in April) when there is a subject of real importance to our members. If you have a topic that you would like us to debate, please do get in touch.

In the meantime we will be representing your interests during the following months:

October: Walk to School month

**November: (21st -27th)
Road Safety Week**

Tranquillity Walk photo competition winners



Left to right: Gabriella Kiener-Mosley, Emily Le Sauvage and Ellie Brouard, with Dave Nash and Tom Le Pelley



The green lane up from the Talbot Valley

Primary school children step out for Walk to School Week

Living Streets continues to encourage Schools to take part in the annual walking events. 16th–20th May was Walk to School Week which is organised by Living Streets UK.

La Houquette Primary ran three walking buses throughout the week—one from Perelle (pictured right), one from L'Erée car park and the third from the Coach House Gallery car park. As the week progressed more and more children took part. Emma Curtis was the driving force behind the initiative and it resulted in far less congestion around the school.



More than a hundred children took part at **Amherst Primary** and each one was awarded a certificate from our Chair, Tom Le Pelley. Zoe Sneddon received a special prize for taking lots of photos on her route to school.

At **La Mare de Carteret Primary** a large map was used to pinpoint where children lived and to work out how many minutes it would take them to walk to school. The children then used "pester power" to persuade their parents to let them walk. As a result many children took part in the Walk to School Week.

Marks & Spencer continues to support Living Streets

Following the opening of the Baubigny Schools pathway last September we have entered into an agreement with the owner of the 8 acre vinery site (through which the pathway goes) which involves us paying a rent of £7,500 per annum. With so many charities in Guernsey it is very difficult to find sponsors to help us pay this annual fee. However, Marks & Spencer has stuck by us throughout the last three years. They originally provided £5,000 towards the development of the pathway and they have now provided half the annual rental over the next two years.

We are extremely grateful to Tony Creasey for his continued support.



Chair of Living Streets, Tom Le Pelley, and Tony Creasey at the entrance gate

NEWS IN BRIEF

Keeping cars out of cities

All over Europe cities are creating environments openly hostile to cars. Streets are being closed to traffic, bike sharing programmes are being developed, hefty congestion charges imposed and car parking places restricted. On street parking is vanishing and parking spaces in new developments are being restricted. "Our goal is to re-conquer public space for pedestrians" says Zurich's chief traffic planner. Mr. Fellmann calculated that a person using a car took up 115 cubic metres of urban space in Zurich; a pedestrian took 3. (*New York Times* 3/7/11)

Head teacher shames parents

A head teacher in Merseyside has reduced the chaos outside the school gates by using her monthly newsletter to publish the number plates of illegally parked cars. Sue Kerwin warned parents: "We still have a few inconsiderate drivers parking on the footpath and stopping on zig-zags and yellow lines." (*Daily Telegraph* 10/6/11)

Row over child shaped bollards

3ft high effigies of children are being considered outside a Primary school in Plymouth to encourage motorists to slow down and to stop pavement parking. Parents have attacked the plans—one said they looked like the mutant children from 1960 sci-fi horror film *Village of the Damned!* (*Daily Express* 25/6/11)

Using a mobile phone and crossing the road endangers over 60's

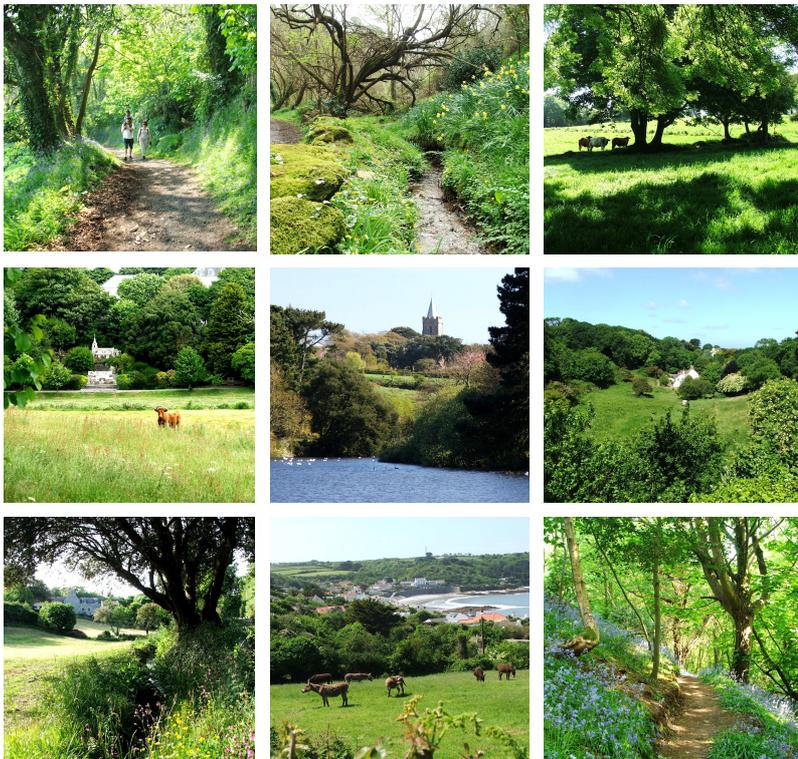
A research study in America has shown that older people find it much harder to multi-task and it could be dangerous to "walk and talk" (*Journal: Psychology and Ageing*)

United Nations Decade of Action

David Cameron is joining Formula 1 Champions Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button in a call for action on road safety. Road traffic accidents cause about half of all preventable deaths among teenagers. Brake, the road safety charity, has called for a more structured staged approach to learning to drive through a system of graduated driver licensing. There are also calls to add driving to the National Curriculum. (*Roadsafe* 12/5/11)

Guernsey Country Walks greeting cards are launched

To raise further funds for the Baubigny Schools pathway, Living Streets has launched a series of greeting cards to encourage islanders and tourists to explore the Guernsey countryside. Designed by Pat Wisher, the cards depict a photograph of a country scene on the front and inside there is a sketch map of a walk of about 1 hour linked to a local pub/café or restaurant where you can have lunch or stop off for refreshments. The cards cost £1 each and they can be bought individually or in a pack of 9 (£9). Pat and Val Rowland launched the cards in Mill Street on 25th June and raised £212.



Cards can be purchased from:

Beekers
Lexicon
Guernsey Press
The Gallery
Guernsey Shop
Victorian Shop
St. Peter's PO
Coach Hse Gallery
Clockmakers
Cliff Top, Gouffre
Tourist Info
Candie Museum
Castle Cornet
Fort Grey
Guernsey Pearl
Folk Museum
Sausmarez Manor

The following are stocking their own card:

Auberge du Val
Bella Luce Hotel
Chene Hotel
Fleur du Jardin
Imperial Hotel
Last Post (2 cards)
Longfrie Inn

We will be selling our new greeting cards at the Sausmarez Manor Farmers Market on Saturday 27th August—please come and support us and/or tell your friends & family.

A Quiz arranged by Jean Lees in May raised £348

The cost of printing the greeting cards was £1,542 and sales currently stand at £2,058

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