

LIVING STREETS

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Living Streets Guernsey LBG Newsletter— September 2014

Living Streets wins the top prize in the 2014 ICCI Conservation Awards

Living Streets has finally received recognition for its Baubigny Schools pathway. Out of ten entrants it came first in the main category of the ICCI Conservation Awards, winning £2,000 towards continued development of the pathway and, in particular, the planting scheme in the outside learning area nearest the schools.

ICCI Managing Director and judge, Glyn Smith said:

“Living Streets’ project combines pure conservation with education and practical access and demonstrates widespread collaboration. This we felt made it a standout winner and reflected the community values we have here.”



Pupils walk to the Bowl



Pat Wisher and Tom Le Pelley received the Conservation Award on behalf of Living Streets

Living Streets opened the pathway in September 2010. It provides a safe route to St. Sampson’s High & Le Murier for children walking or cycling from St. Peter Port North. The cross country route links up existing pathways and has been enhanced by planting a “green corridor” for all islanders to enjoy.

There is no doubt that the enhanced planting programme around the football pitch which was devised by Nigel Clarke and Vic Froome clinched the award for us. We are most grateful to them for their help, and also to all the volunteers who helped us plant up the area last winter—including the Community Service Team.

We are now working with the two schools to further develop the outside learning area using the prize money.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Walk to School month
October

Road Safety Week
17th November
“Bright Day” dress down
day Friday 21st November

Liaison with the Environment Board

Living Streets will soon be meeting the Environment Board to talk about our Baubigny Schools pathway. This follows the recent Press article maintaining that our pathway was blighted by fly tipping. It was, of course, untrue. The fly tipping and Japanese Knotweed is in the track behind the Bowl which leads to our pathway.

We have long sought a way of improving this track (which has no owner) so that more parents feel comfortable about their children using our route.

We are looking forward to a much closer relationship with the new Environment Board.

Seafront Sundays

We will be at the Taste Guernsey Seafront Sunday on 7th September selling our merchandise. Do come and say hello.

Living Streets launches its second Walk to Work Leaflet

Living Streets has published its second "Walk to Work" leaflet. It aims to encourage commuters living in the King’s Road area of Town to walk to work using the lovely quiet Les Petites Fontaines. The leaflet contains information on the benefits of building exercise into your daily routine and includes a sketch map showing our recommended route. It takes just 15 minutes to Market Square. We

want commuters to use the back streets of Town rather than walking down the noisy, polluted main roads.

Deputy Peter Harwood, our ex Chief Minister, is a keen walker and lives in King's Road and he very kindly helped us promote the leaflets and hand delivered many of them for us. We really hope that commuters will seriously consider walking to work in the future.



L-R: David Jackson, Pat Wisher, Deputy Peter Harwood, Tom Le Pelley in Les Petites Fontaines

Tranquillity Walk explores the lanes in St. Martin



Tom Le Pelley leads the walk

On a lovely sunny day with a cooling breeze 30 islanders (and two dogs!) gathered to take part in the 5th Living Streets Tranquillity Walk.

This time we decided to explore the quiet lanes, green lanes and cliff paths in St. Martin. The five mile circular route was designed by Tom Le Pelley and was expected to take one and a half hours.

We met in the Grande Rue car park and set off at 2pm with Tom Le Pelley leading and David Jackson (our new Treasurer) bringing up the rear.

The walk included several green lanes, including the lovely Rue Tonnelles and the Water Lanes at Moulin Huet. For the more energetic there was a 40 minute extra walk towards Jerbourg using Gypsy Lane with its beautiful views over Herm and Jethou.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the walk and many said they would come again next year. Joining us this year was Deputy Peter Harwood who is now on the Environment Board.

We took £336 which included four donations from members who were unable to join us this year.

The Tranquillity Walk is our main annual fund raiser. The funds will go towards paying for the Baubigny Schools pathway.



Living Streets AGM

Sixteen people attended our AGM in May. Voted in were:

- Chair: Tom Le Pelley**
- Secretary: Pat Wisher**
- Treasurer: David Jackson**
- Membership Secretary: Dania Lloyd**
- Committee: John Gollop, Maggie Conway**

Peter Roffey was our guest and he gave us his interpretation of the Integrated Transport Strategy debate. We were very pleased to welcome Deputy Yvonne Burford and Barry Brehaut who answered questions and clarified issues in their Minority Report.

Our cards & calendars

With Christmas approaching please help us by purchasing our new 2015 calendar and our "Guernsey in the Snow" pack of 8 assorted Christmas cards. Our packs of five cards (which include sketch maps) make good stocking fillers. Everything is £5 and they can be purchased directly from Pat or from main card outlets.

The OSA Recruitment Pop Up Shop

Living Streets has been offered the use of the Pop Up Shop in Smith Street during Road Safety Week (17th November).

We hope to be working alongside the Environment Department and the Police to give advice to islanders and highlight road safety issues. We will also be selling our merchandise (cards, calendars and Christmas cards).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cities where people can walk earn more money

A thorough study by Smart Growth America examined the monetary value of pedestrians in urban areas and discovered that areas that are the most friendly to walking generate the most money. The most walkable major cities in the US had GDP's 38% higher than those deemed least walkable. (Kevin Matthews www.care2.com 23.6.14.)

Rain or shine, walk to school

At an obesity summit in Kent, Mike O'Brien of Medway council said parents should be forced to park cars at least half a mile from schools so that they and their children could get some exercise. He has called for the school run to be banned (Daily Telegraph 7.6.14.)

Safety and Mobility for All

An educational game has been designed to heighten the awareness of children ages seven to twelve to road safety and sustainable mobility. It is designed to be played at home with the family as well as in the classroom or in extracurricular activities as part of educational programmes on the themes of road safety and environmental protection. (RoadSafe 8.7.14.)

Pavement Parking Private Members Bill

Lobbying from Living Streets UK has resulted in the first reading in the UK Parliament of the Pavement Parking Private Members Bill having been selected by MP Martin Howard. What it means is that this important issue is now on the agenda. (Living Streets 8.7.14.)

Industries unite to call for action on active transport

A collaboration of leading professional bodies in the health, transport, architecture, engineering and environment industries has called on political support to make walking and cycling the go to option for short journeys in the UK. The Active Transport for Healthy Living collaboration has issued a Case for Action which argues that Britain is facing an "inactivity crisis" costing society an estimated "£10 billion a year in associated health costs.

(edieEnergy 24.6.14.)