

CYCLING AT THE NEWLY BUILT UNITY COLLEGE

Northamptonshire County Council

Unity College has 1200 pupils aged from 11 to 18, around 100 – 120 pupils cycle to school and many pupils walk to school. As part of Safe Routes to School (SRtS) speed humps were put in outside the school and a toucan crossing was installed. Plans are in place to put in lighting for the nearby “race course route” and some road markings.

The college used to be Trinity School which has now been demolished, there were no bike sheds at Trinity. Pupils used to lock their bikes to the railings, this prompted them to make better provision for cycle parking in the new college. Additionally, they provide plenty of lockers inside the school for pupils to store their books, sports gear, cycle helmets etc.



On site administration of cycling is time consuming to set up. They have tags (with a number and name on them) for each cycle enabling them to identify non roadworthy bikes. They then inform students that they will be carrying out a bike check. They have two bike sheds, one is locked and the other is left unlocked. The security situation is “not great”, some bikes have been tampered with and some incidence of attempted theft has occurred despite CCTV.

They have a School Travel Plan. No cycle training is currently provided.

The catchment area has changed and the college is now oversubscribed. It is a faith school and this has increased demand. 20% of places are reserved for Church of England pupils.

Peer assessment of this initiative (November 2005)

- ⚡** New build school (Unity College) plenty of lockers inside the school for pupils to store their books, sports gear, cycle helmets etc.
- ⚡** Cycle storage at school
- ⚡** Partnership working – Barclaycard, schools, CTC, Oakley’s Bike Shop, PCT

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