



BIKE POLITE!

Cycling has grown by 80% in Dorset since 2003 as people cycle to work, to school, to get fit or just to get out of the house and enjoy themselves. More cyclists mean that there is greater chance of conflict with other road users. However, if everyone is considerate, then there is plenty of space for all. Set a good example to other road users and keep yourself and them safe by following the Bike Polite Code:

- **Shared Paths** – slow down, ring bell or say “excuse me” and say thanks when passing
- **Footways** – pavements are for pedestrians. Never cycle on a busy pavement, it is against the Highway Code, selfish and may put other road users at risk of injury
- **Traffic Lights** – cyclists are traffic too, so stop at red lights. Failing to stop at red lights is against the Highway Code and may put you and other road users at risk of injury
- **After Dark** – use front and rear lights and reflective or light clothing after dark so you can be seen

GET ACTIVE!

More than half of all adults are overweight or obese. Inactive or unfit people also have a much higher risk of dying from Coronary Heart Disease, Strokes, Cancer and Type II Diabetes. Being physically active dramatically reduces the chance of contracting these diseases.

The Government’s Chief Medical Officer recommends people do half an hour of moderate exercise five days a week and walking and cycling instead of driving are great ways to achieve this. Just half an hour cycling a day reduces the risk of heart disease, stroke and lung disease.

WHY WALK OR CYCLE?

- Makes you feel good and keeps you fit
- Gives you more energy
- Reduce stress and helps you sleep better
- Keeps your heart ‘strong’ and reduces blood pressure
- Helps to manage your weight
- Saves money – no need to worry about rising fuel costs
- Reliable journey time, avoids traffic jams
- Zero carbon emissions – do your bit to fight climate change

WHY ARE WALKING & CYCLING THE PERFECT ACTIVITIES FOR HEALTH?

- Almost everyone can do it
- You can do it anywhere and any time
- It’s a chance to make new friends
- It’s free and you don’t need special equipment to walk
- Modern bicycles are comfortable and good value – or pick up a cheap second hand one from your local bike shop

WALKING TIPS

- Wear a good pair of comfortable shoes
- Take water with you
- Be seen – walk towards oncoming traffic if you have to step into the road
- Use this map to plan your route
- Take care when crossing roads
- Be considerate to other path users such as cyclists and horse riders

CYCLING TIPS

- Follow the Highway Code (see the Bike Polite! section)
- Wear a cycle helmet (make sure it is fitted correctly)
- Keep your bike well maintained with a regular service by a professional. Fit a bell, check brakes, tyres and steering
- Be visible, wear reflective clothing
- Use this map to plan your route, avoid difficult junctions or high speed roads
- On road, position yourself where you are visible, maintain a gap from the kerb or parked cars and use clear signals
- Undertake refresher cycle training if you do not feel confident on your bike
- Avoid theft by always locking your bike

BUS ROUTES

At the time of print, the area is served by the following bus routes and frequencies:

- Hourly service – 31, 40, 45
- 3 or more daily (Mon-Fri) – X53, 47, 73
- 2 or less daily (Mon-Fri) – 210, 253
- Certain days of the week only – 42, 76, 213

Please note that this is only a guide and you should check timetable information before travelling.

The latest timetables and fare information can be found online at www.traveline.info or call 0871 200 22 33 and www.transportdirect.info

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to provide any feedback or suggestions

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Please report defects with footways, cycle tracks and roads such as potholes, lighting, overhanging vegetation, obstructions, flooding, etc to Dorset Direct on 01305 221020 or online at www.dorsetforyou.com (search “report highway defects”).

Problems with Rights of Way can be reported online at: <http://maps.dorsetforyou.com/countryside/reportproblem/>

For general issues about walking and cycling please contact the Travel Choice Team at travelchoice@dorsetcc.gov.uk or call 01305 228228



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