

# Park Primary Active Travel Team

## July 2022 Newsletter

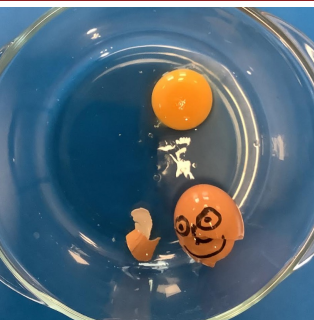
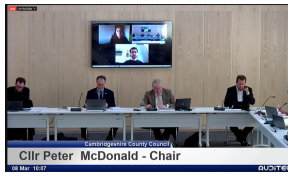


Welcome to the newsletter for the Active Travel team. A lot has been happening since our first newsletter back in January. Thank you all for the huge response to our petition which was taken to the council. We keep our eyes and ears open for news on the streets, but if you have a contribute any suggestions please do email [office@parkprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@parkprimary.co.uk) and to join our small team just email Jonathan Newman



### 20 mph School Zone Petition - UPDATE

We presented over 1000 signatures to the March Highways Committee – the largest petition they had received by far. While there was a positive reception, the ‘official’ response was disappointing – it simply restated the existing protocol that speed reductions would not be considered in places where people already drive too fast. There was one glimmer of hope – a Members Working Group is due to report at the July meeting looking into facilitating local communities to adopt lower (i.e. safer) speed limits. We continue to engage directly with the local council as well as the National 20s Plenty campaign and are working on making the whole journey to school as safe as possible.



### Cracking Demo – The Adventures of Egg Sheeran

We had a visit from Jon Morris, the Casualty Reduction Officer for Cambridgeshire who talked to all the children about Road Safety and the importance of wearing proper safety equipment when cycling or scooting. We were introduced to ‘Egg Sheeran’ who had two accidents the first one while he was wearing a helmet and the second one when he took his helmet off. The picture shows what the children saw with no helmet! We also learned about the importance of wearing a seatbelt while travelling in a car. We were really shocked to learn that a child can “weigh” the same as an elephant during a car crash!

### Green Travel Award

We have received our Green Level accreditation from Modeshift Stars for our school travel plan and we are on our way to Bronze. So far we have improved the pedestrian crossing with the latest technology automatically resulting in longer crossing times, installed an air quality monitoring device, ensured dropped curbs are in place, as well as supporting children and parents to travel sustainably and safely to and from school. We’ve held road safety days, bike to school promotions and had visitors give travel safety talks. We have involved both the School and Eco council in trying to support parents/carers to avoid bringing their cars to school.

### Histon & Impington Footpaths

Local councillor and school dad Tom made a walking tour of Histon & Impington’s footpaths to identify those annoying pinch points where an “Access Control” barrier impedes access to a shared cycle & footpath. Their placement seems to follow little logic suggesting they are outdated and should be generally removed to improve active travel. Take a look of his article and let us know your thoughts on this and other aspects of active travel around our village.

[tinyurl.com/5n7szbnm](https://tinyurl.com/5n7szbnm)

### Turning Circle & Parking

Despite repeated requests not to, more and more parents/carers seem to be using the Turning Circle on a daily basis. Being late for school is not an excuse for either using the turning circle. Exceeding the speed limit whilst on the school grounds is dangerous. We have a number of parents who do need to use this who are now struggling to find spaces. There are lots of places within five minutes walk, where parents and carers can park safely (see map opposite).



#### Key Focuses

- Narrow Lane resurfaced (*well 50% was*)
- Narrow Close Traffic parking pressure.
- Cottenham Road parking restrictions.

