

TRANSACTION

A sustainable future *for* Warwick District

PEACE FESTIVAL 2001

ACTION 21 RECYCLING GROUPS SUCCESS



Action 21's recycling group, in collaboration with the community initiatives team and Warwick District Council waste management, successfully co-ordinated the recycling and disposal of litter, at this years Leamington Peace Festival.

A large number of volunteers turned out, on shifts, to collect litter and ensure it was put in the appropriate bins.

Waste recycling included all cans and all colours of glass. Billycan the company who provided the can recycling banks were extremely pleased with the amount collected and hope that we can expand on this next year.

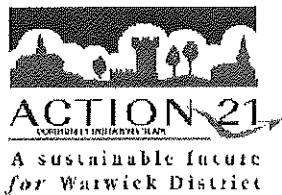
The recycling received a very positive response and it is hoped that it will be continued next year. We would like to send our thanks to all those who helped throughout the two days. If anyone is interested in getting involved with the recycling group please contact Chris Philpott on telephone number 01926 771702.



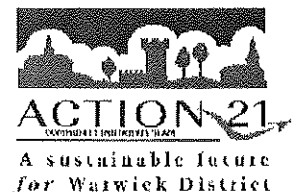
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GREEN TRANSPORT



WEEK



9th - 17th June 2001

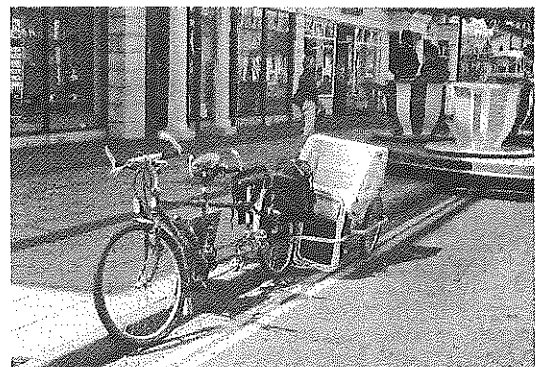
To promote and celebrate green transport week ACTION 21 Transport Group held a Sustainable Transport Event on The Parade, Leamington Spa on Sunday 10th June 2001.

People were able to come along and enjoy a day in town, where the roads were quiet and the sun shone , to a limited extent!



Along side a craft market Action 21 had stalls with plenty of information on how to travel more environmentally friendly. As the Don't Choke Britain campaign says " Run, Skip, Jump, Stroll, Bus, Swim, Skate, Jog, Climb, Cycle, Train, Scoot, BREATHE"

A word-search competition was held for children. The lucky winner got 2 free tickets to the Apollo cinema in Leamington Spa.



Groups who were involved alongside Action 21 included Leamington Pedestrian Association, Cycleways, WCC (Countryside Recreation), and Fleet Autogas. THANK YOU to all those involved.

Catherine Bower, Community Initiatives Team

MAKING COMMON GROUND WITH LOCAL BUSINESS

As the newest member of the Management Group, for the Chamber of Trade, I'd like to illustrate briefly how local businesses have a lot of natural common ground with Action 21.

Business and industry have not always been the most sympathetic to the obvious sustainability issues like environmental pollution. I can't pretend that local business people cheered when the Climate Change Levy was introduced this year and put all our energy bills up overnight. It is hard keeping a small business afloat at the moment and over 300 businesses in central Leamington are independents.

However, there is much positive common ground between the Chamber of Trade and Action 21. For example, our overriding current concern is the vitality of our town centre, for obvious reasons. The growth of the retail parks, and the new shopping malls in places like Solihull and Banbury, could deal a real blow to the town centre and we are all keen to fight back) by making the town centre as accessible and attractive a place as we can. We too want better public transport. We too want an environment that serves pedestrians, cyclists and motorists well. Our Car Parking Committee has brought together all sorts of local groups, including the Leamington Pedestrian Association, to look for a more sustainable solution to Leamingtons traffic management problems. We are not just looking for more spaces, but for strategies that will prevent cars from circling the town centre while they look for parking, or fuming away in gridlock. And we hope that by achieving such a broad consensus we can get the local authorities to listen to our suggestions.

We look forward to doing our best for Leamington with Action 21.

*Lois Sparling
Chamber of Trade/ Action 21*



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR, RACHEL BERGER



Over these past few months Action 21 and myself have been busy attending and taking part in a number of initiatives.

Action 21 has been contributing to the Community Plan – on the Transport, Environment and Community theme groups. It is likely that Warwick DC will invite Action 21 to help implement part of its programme, relating to sustainable use of resources. This would be a valuable and meaningful role for Action 21 which was set up to promote sustainable development in the District.

I was invited to make a presentation to the Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee in May. This gave me an opportunity to say how Action 21 was progressing, and to say how important continued Council support would be in the coming years, even if we obtain some additional funding. I have been asked to return in September.

Finally, I am aware that Action 21 has not recently held any events bringing everyone together, since I took over as Chair just over a year ago. There are two main reasons for that; firstly, a great deal of time has been taken up with developing good working relationships with Alan and Catherine and Michael Hunt, the Strategic Director responsible for Action 21 and discussing the future shape of Action 21. Secondly, there has been a flurry of Council initiatives seeking input from Action 21: the District's Community Plan, and the Waste Local Plan and Local Transport Plan from the County Council, all involving time from the small band of active volunteers.

Rachel Berger

NOTICES

FIND A HOME FOR YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONE!

Ever wondered what to do with your unwanted mobile phone? Well, now you can donate it from anywhere in the UK to Oxfam. Not only are you doing your bit for the environment, but each phone donated earns Oxfam money. Check out our mobile phone recycling scheme on our website and make sure you tell your friends!

On average, each donated handset is worth £5 to Oxfam - but some are worth much more. Donating a Nokia 5110 for example, could enable Oxfam to provide a staggering 24 school desks for children in Kenya. <http://oxfam.org.uk/mobile/index.html>



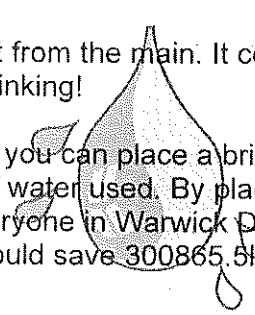
July is Going for Greens WATER Month

We are asking you to do your bit for conserving one of the worlds most precious resources, and all it involves is a brick and your toilet!!

On average a toilet uses 9.83litres of water per flush (human drinking needs add up to only 6 litres a day), in an average household this can add up to approximately 4550litres a year. That is the equivalent of enough water to fill 2676 kettles - just think how many cups of tea that is!!



Water used to flush your toilet is purified drinking water direct from the main. It costs a huge amount of money to produce and it is never used for drinking!



To help try and reduce the amount of water that people use through toilet flushing you can place a brick or bottle in the cistern of the toilet. This displaces water, thus reducing the amount of water used. By placing a brick or 1l bottle in your cistern you could save approx. 460l of water a year. If everyone in Warwick District Council did this (assuming each person represents one average household) we could save 300865.5l of water a year!! Go on, it only takes a minute!

WE NEED YOU!

After a successful visioning day (see article on page 3 (insert)), Action 21 is looking for new volunteers to become Directors of the Action 21 Company and help run it through the Management Committee.

If you have a particular skill that you feel would be beneficial to Action 21 and some free time we would like to hear from you. The new Management Committee would particularly benefit from skilled people in finance, communication, promotion, minute taking, and general management.

Action 21 would be looking for people who could commit approximately 10hours a month to the organisation, however this is not set. Even if you only have a couple of hours a month to offer please still contact us.

To find out more please contact:

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