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WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN NEWSLETTER FOR CARSHARE2CARDIFF.COM

CarShare2Cardiff is a fully bi-lingual Journey Share Scheme that has been designed to provide its members with a convenient and secure way to find a journey companion.

The scheme has been running since July 2004 and has steadily increased its size which means a better chance of finding a perfect match!

The scheme is run by Cardiff Council and is available to any organisation in the city.

Journey Sharing is something that nearly everyone can do at least once a week. It can help to save you money, improve your fitness if you use active transport (walking and cycling) and help relieve any parking pressure

that commuting can bring!

Did you give the 1 in 5 a try?



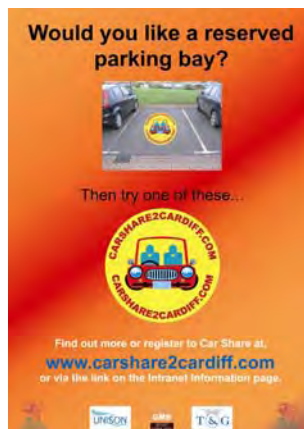
This year Cardiff Council encouraged its employees, members of CarShare2Cardiff organisations, and people working for city centre businesses to 'Try a 1 in 5'.

Everyone was invited to make a personal pledge to travel to work or college using sustainable transport (including car sharing) on at least one day in European Mobility Week. You can find out about the types of schemes that other cities offered by visiting the European Mobility Week Website.

We would love to find out how you got on! Please let us know how easy it was and what special arrangements you may have made to get involved. E-mail us on itwmc2007@cardiff.gov.uk to give us your personal story!

New Journey Share Poster

Look out for the new poster for journey sharing. Can you increase the size of your car share group?



UWIC News

The new term is underway at UWIC and students have started their courses. This year, in addition to promoting green travel with the UWIC Rider, the University has launched a student group on CarShare2Cardiff.com. Students who join the scheme and share their cars to college enjoy dedicated student car share spaces and have a special badge to display in their vehicles.



UWIC has recently welcomed a new member of staff to the Travel Plan Team.



Amy Evans the new Travel Plan Assistant, will be supporting the progress of the UWIC

Travel Plan and helping to administer and promote the CarShare2UWIC scheme.

EA News



Asiantaeth yr Amgylchedd Cymru
Environment Agency Wales

The Environment Agency Wales ran a sustainable travel information event during October to promote alternative modes of transport to their employees. With parking becoming more difficult to find at their St. Mellon's site the EAW would like to encourage their staff to travel to work more sustainably. PTI Cymru was there to offer Personalised Journey Plans to staff and Cardiff Bus will be able to advise on its services to the area and promote the Cardiff to Go Scheme. CarShare2Cardiff will also be promoted to employees by the organisation's sub-administrator. Car Sharing represents a very accessible alternative to travelling in a car as a single occupant, and with Hyder Consulting right next door the chances of finding a journey match are dramatically increased.

Cardiff Council News

Cardiff Council has had the second of its site specific Travel Plans approved and is continuing with work to implement measures identified in the County Hall Travel Plan. The Council has recently made a successful bid to the Sports Council for Wales for a grant to fund improvements to changing and showering facilities at County Hall.



Part of the grant was spent on providing pool bikes, equipment, a drying room for wet gear and activity leaflets for employees.

The major aims of the scheme are to improve the health and wellbeing of employees at County Hall and to increase the uptake of active transport modes. A further bid has been submitted for funding to provide matching facilities at City Hall in the near future. These facilities will also be available to people attending functions and conferences at City Hall.



The bids are supported by Sustrans. Grants through the Sports Council for Wales are available to other organisations.



Autumn Travel Blues?

The onset of autumn often brings about a change in our travel arrangements. Regular summer cyclists and walkers may not be so enthusiastic about being out in the cold and the darker evenings often prompt concerns about road and personal safety.

Remember that CarShare2Cardiff offers members the option, not only of sharing a journey by car, but can help those with problems parking at work to link up to share a taxi journey, or even catch the bus or train together! Just log onto your personal home page and tick the option to match journeys by these other modes.



Remember that there are plenty of really nice days to be out and about using

‘active transport’ modes, even during the winter!



Changing Travel Modes

Cardiff Council have found that one of the most important factors in helping people to change their travel modes is providing information about the alternatives.

Very often people are not sure about what is available to them and how to access the correct information.

Potential sustainable transport travellers are sometimes deterred from making a shift, even a once a week, because of fears about the practicalities of day to day arrangements.



The Council’s Policy Team have developed a leaflet that helps to answer those fears

and provide useful and practical advice on how to make that positive contribution to our local environment.

It complements the series of leaflets produced to support the Council’s Travel Planning Programme and its work to encourage the uptake of physical activity by Council employees.

St Mary’s Street

You may have noticed that St. Mary’s Street in the centre of Cardiff is now closed to private vehicles from 12 noon onwards.

The scheme has provided increased opportunities for cyclists to access and cross the centre of town without getting caught up in the congestion that was previously a feature in the city centre,

Traffic allowed access to the street through the daytime includes cyclists, taxis and scheduled bus services.



New Highway Code for Road Users! Are you a little rusty on your highway code? Perhaps you are new to cycling and walking? Refresh your knowledge and skills by reading the latest Highway Code. Available at

www.highwaycode.gov.uk



Did you know:

This is a picture of the first white line to be laid down in the UK. The line was laid down on a street in London as an experiment to manage congestion, which had become acute at this time.

USEFUL INFORMATION:

Road Safety Information:

www.roadsafety.cardiff.gov.uk

Travel Companies Direct:

Cardiff Bus: www.cardiffbus.com

Arriva Trains: www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk

National Rail Network: www.nationalrail.co.uk (tel. 08457 48 49 50)

Planning for Travel:

Traveline Cymru: www.traveline-cymru.org.uk

Other Sources:

BBC Travel Links:

www.bbc.co.uk/wales/southeast/travel

Information about writing Travel Plans:

Web: www.cardiff.gov.uk/travelplans - e-mail: travelplans@cardiff.gov.uk

Information about the Council's Transport Strategy: www.keepingcardiffmoving.co.uk

