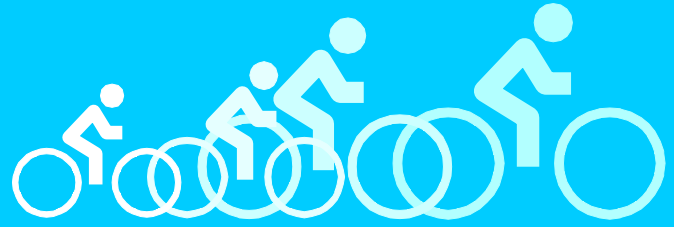


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Bike Week is a Roaring Success

This is the first year that the Cycle Forum has organised a series of events in National Bike Week. In previous years Wakefield Council has been involved in some events but since the Healthy Transport Team was abandoned over two years ago Bike Week had passed unnoticed in the District.

Two rides were organised from Pontefract and Wakefield. They were well attended and very enjoyable and we saw some new faces, even one who came all the way from Leeds. Everyone had a good evening out. Our assistance at B&Q on Tuesday for their Bike Week event has given us some 'corporate' contacts and the employee who organised the event came to Nostell to tell us how delighted she was with our input and how 6 employees were now cycling to work as a result.

The big days at Anglers Country Park and Nostell Priory and Parkland were outstanding. Hundreds of people enjoyed the challenge of the obstacle course and at Nostell in particular the guided rides were very popular. This was helped by the purchase of 6 new bikes courtesy of a grant from Wakefield NHS which were loaned out to people attending the event without their own bike.

The team relay race proved a popular event with 8 teams entering. Appropriately perhaps the race was won by the team from Highways who beat Don's Cycles into second place. A team of Wakefield Councillors made it to the final but mechanical failure spoiled their chances. We even had a ladies team from the National Trust and although they were last in their heat they performed with sedate dignity as befits the image of the National Trust.

The success of the week's events was partly due to the weather but it would not have happened without the really good group of volunteers, 15 in total, who helped out. We could of course do with more. So a big thanks is due to everyone who helped in Bike Week.

A very special thank you goes to Graham West for the time he puts in transporting all the gear and for his cheery disposition.

A very very special thanks goes to David Keighley. He is the foundation of nearly everything we do.

Finally, we nearly doubled our membership in the course of the week.

Great stuff and more reasons to

Get cycling and keep smiling



