

Go Green

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We're all going on our summer holidays!

We might even be taking the bus – just like Cliff Richard!

While the weather has not been very good lately it promises to improve during the summer months. If you are staying in the area during the holidays or are looking for something to do at the weekends why not consider leaving the car at home occasionally?

Anyone with children will know they love to take the train or bus and you won't have the stress of being stuck in a traffic jam. It's also a great way to try out the alternatives when you aren't in such a rush to get to your destination.

Remember that the true cost of driving is an average of 40 to 50 pence a mile and that doesn't include the cost of parking.

There are plenty of lovely places to visit and many of them can be reached by bus or train, art galleries, historic attractions,

shopping centres, the countryside, beaches, museums, gardens and more.

Amberley Museum, for example, is right next to a railway station.

Walking or cycling to your destination is another good way to reduce your carbon footprint. There are numerous places to walk in Hampshire and West Sussex and many of these are accessible by bus or train.

The next few pages give you some ideas for going green during the hols (they have a local bias but many will apply in principle wherever you go. A quick search on the internet will reveal similar deals across the country).



General information

Traveline 0871 200 22 33

www.nationalrail.co.uk

www.visitportsmouth.co.uk/

www.hants.gov.uk/discover/

www.visitsussex.org/

Have a great green summer!

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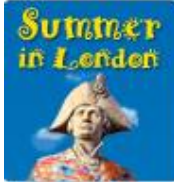
On the rails

with South West Trains



GroupSave does just what it says on the tin!

Up to 4 people can travel off peak for the price of 2!.



Combined travel and entry tickets to locations across the South West Trains area including London.



A varied selection of suggested walks by rail are shown on the SWT website

www.southwesttrains.co.uk

Toot! Toot!

Here comes the land train!

Hop on, hop off all day (10-7)

The land train will be taking shoppers, holiday makers and any one else who wants to take the trip between Gunwharf Quays, Old Portsmouth, the seafront (Blue Reef, Dday museum) and to the Southsea shopping area.

It's a fun way to get about without the pressure to find a car parking space or even use your car at all!

023 9282 1455.

IOW - the green island

The IOW is increasingly advertising itself as a sustainable destination. Find out more in the 'The Guide to a Greener Holiday on the IOW' which can be downloaded from www.greenislandtourism.org/GreenIslandDL06.pdf

Wightlink offer various tickets that combine ferry and/or bus and train travel to and on the Island. They are once again offering their popular 2 for 1 foot passenger (also with bike) and Biker Bargain tickets. You will need to download a coupon from their website at www.wightlink.co.uk

Ticket to Ryde

All inclusive bus travel and admission to attractions such as:-

- Isle of Wight Zoo
- Seaview Wildlife Encounter and Flamingo Park
- Osborne House

Choose from 3 different Triplelink tickets (Adult, Child and Family).

Going to a festival?

You could car share and save yourself some money and meet some new friends along the way. Register to share to the V festival, the Great Green Gathering and others at www.liftshare.org/linksfestival.asp

Travel the South Downs for £10!

The Downlander is an all inclusive Off Peak day travel ticket giving great value travel across the South Downs.

From only £10, travel to as many places in the South Downs in one day as you wish using train services provided by Southern and bus services from Brighton & Hove buses, Cuckmere Community Bus, Eastbourne buses and East Sussex County Council 'rider' buses. You can also get discounts on a number of great attractions.

Downlander tickets are sold exclusively online and cannot be bought at stations. They come in two types South Coast Downlander at £10 and All Network Downlander at £12.50. Visit www.southernrailway.com/main.php?page_id=281 for more information.

Summer fun by bus

2 great offers from Stagecoach.

Sat 21 July to Sun 2nd Sept

Child Day Rider Gold only £2 (normal price £5.30)

Adult Day Rider Gold ticket for £6.60 and up to 3 children (up to age 16) can travel for only 10 pence each!

www.stagecoachbus.com/south

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Bike hire

If you haven't got a bike but would like to try a spot of cycling this summer why not hire one? It is a good way to explore the local area and try out something different. It's also a great way to find out what it's like to cycle with children as you can usually hire child seats, tag alongs and trailers (without the need to spend money on equipment which might not suit your family).



A selection of local bike hire outlets in and around the Portsmouth area are shown below. Contact them directly for opening times and charges.

Cosham CCA

55 High St, Cosham, PO6 3AX
023 9237 8658

Hayling Island CCA

The Crescent Kiosk, Beachlands,
Hayling Seafront,
07749 818222
www.cca-ltd.net

Staunton Country Park

Bike hire and cycle trails.
Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9
5HB 023 9245 3405
www3.hants.gov.uk/Hampshire-countryside/staunton/staunton-active/staunton-cycling.htm

Meon Valley Cycle Hire

Located near Titchfield Abbey
www.meonvalley-cyclehire.co.uk/
07778 410532
enquiries@tagf.co.uk

Looking for somewhere to cycle?

You could take a ride along the seafront or try the Hayling Billy coastal route. Browse the HCC website which lists **cycle routes in Hampshire** (including the Hayling Billy route above).

www3.hants.gov.uk/cycling/cycling-route-finder.htm

All good bookshops and libraries stock cycling guides for the UK.

Try the **Sustrans** website for details of the National Cycle Network www.sustrans.org.uk.

This includes a section of Sustrans Route 2 along the Farlington marshes south of the A27.

The 'Time Ticket'

First has got together with three of Portsmouth's best attractions to offer you a superb, value for money 'Time Ticket'. Now you can buy just one ticket giving you unlimited bus travel for a whole day as well as entry into one of the places listed below.

All you have to do is tell the driver what attraction you want to go to and ask for either a FirstDay Portsmouth or FirstDay Hampshire ticket, depending on the area you are in. It really is that easy!!! Tickets are for Blue Reef Aquarium, D Day Museum and the Historic Dockyard.

www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/south-east/hampshire/fares/firstspecial.s.php?show=2

Gosport Ferry combined ticket

Available from the driver of any First bus in Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth and Waterlooville, and gives unlimited travel on all First services in Hampshire, and a return journey between Gosport and Portsmouth on the Gosport Ferry. Think of all the attractions you could visit on either side of the water – Gunwharf Quays, the Historic Dockyard, Submarine Museum to name a few!

www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/south-east/hampshire/fares/firstspecial.s.php?show=3

Calculator to help save the planet



An official calculator to help people in Britain work out how much they are contributing to global warming was launched by Defra recently. It looks at all areas to work out how much carbon you are producing at home and when travelling. You can compare your results to the UK average and get advice about how to reduce energy use and emissions.

Go to
www.direct.gov.uk/en/Environmentandgreenerliving/actonco2/DG_067197

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Cycle day Sunday 15 July

10:30 am to 4 pm

**The Dell, South Parade,
Southsea**

After the first successful Cycle Day PCC are holding another. Come along on the day for:

- Dr Bike check
- Cycle security marking
- Cycle training for adults / family groups
- Cycling equipment (clothing, locks, lights)

For more information call Andy Wells 023 9283 4590

NEW! Regular monthly bike rides

Meeting second Wednesday of the month

Guildhall Square at 5pm

Rides will be between 5 - 7 miles in length around Portsmouth

Contact: Iain Steane - 023 9283 4796

E-mail -

iain.steane@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

NEW! Updated public transport map available

The latest version of the public transport route map is available on the PCC website at www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/592.html

Or at various locations including the Civic Office.

Car driving tips to lighten the load

If you are going to be driving this summer consider the following tips that will help reduce your carbon footprint.

Top boxes and rear carriers will both increase the amount of fuel used. Once you have reached your destination consider removing them.

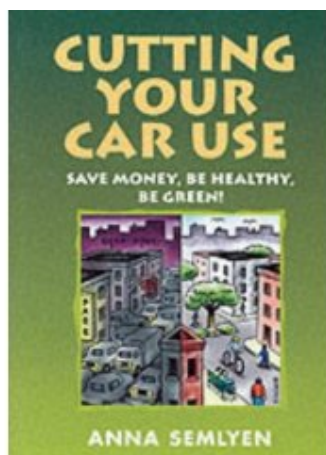
Air conditioning also increases fuel used. Try to use the air con. only when you really need it.

Make sure that the tyres are at the correct pressure.

Get the car serviced so that it runs more efficiently.

More tips like these can be found at www.dft.gov.uk/ActOnCO2

Free book!



If you would like a free copy of the excellent 'Cutting Your Car Use' book contact Amanda Morris (details at the bottom of the page).

Take a Walk

In Portsmouth

If you are planning to holiday at home and have some free time here's your opportunity to join in one of the Portsmouth Led Walks. These are regular walks which take place at a variety of times (eg early, morning, evening) and various locations (Hilsea Lines, Baffins Pond, Pier to Pier).

www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/5877.html

The rest of Hampshire

A selection of walks (short, longer and guided) are featured on the HCC website at www3.hants.gov.uk/walking

Many of them can be downloaded.

Denmead charity cycle ride

Sunday 22 July, from 11am

In support of the charity 'Help a local child'.

Starting from the Harvest Home Public House, Denmead at approx 11am.

Three routes, 10 miles, 20 miles and 30 miles.

Open to any age and ability, and is definitely **not** a race. Have fun and raise money. After the cycling there will be a Hog Roast, BBQ, cream teas, raffle, auction and several entertainers. Registration/sponsorship forms are available from Jackie or Craig at the Harvest Home tel 02392 255086. Further information Mike Thwaites tel 02392 353961 email miket@m-tecs.co.uk.

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PCC cycling incentives!

Excellent cycle mileage rate – PCC staff can claim **32 pence** a mile to use their own bikes for business journeys. This compares extremely well with the car mileage rate payment and you will be getting fit, enjoying the journey as well as reducing your carbon footprint.

Pool bikes – there are 9 pool bikes at the civic offices which you can use for free to get to meetings or make other work trips. Hop on a bike and go. Show your id card to the security guard, and collect the key first and off you go!

Bike Loan

Interest free loan of between £200 to £1000 to buy a bike and equipment such as jacket, helmet, lock, panniers, even child seat or trailer. Repayable over either 12 or 24 months. Contact your HR Team for a form of find more information on Intranlink.

MORE! Cycle security marking

Hampshire Constabulary are offering more FREE cycle security marking on the following dates and locations.

ASDA Fratton Fri 20 July

Guildhall Mon 6 August

Get your bike security marked and it will make it easier to return the bike to you if is ever stolen.

BIG Green Commuter Challenge results



RBA have won the Commuter Challenge for the 4th year!

They won in the small organisation category with just over 15 miles per person employed making them the overall winners. Other local competitors may be pleased to hear that they intend to step down next year to give someone else a chance.

Overall 982 people from 32 organisations saved a massive:

18,378 miles

7222 kg of emissions

Winners in the medium and large organisation categories of the Challenge are:

Medium - Gunwharf Quays Management Team

Large – Havant Borough Council.

The day was very wet and windy so imagine what could be achieved on a sunny day!

Will your organisation be a winner in 2008? If you would like to take part next year contact Amanda Morris (details below) to find out more.



Cyclist training for children

is available to Portsmouth City residents during the summer holidays at Newbridge Junior School and Court Lane Junior School.

Two 5 day courses are to be run at each location at a cost of £15 per child. Course dates are 13th-17th August or 20-24th August and the times are: Newbridge 0900-1100 Monday - Friday, and Court Lane 1330-1530 Monday - Friday.

Training takes place in the playground to start with, and then when all skills and manoeuvres are complete we move out onto a road environment. There is a written highway code test along with a practical on road test to ensure pupils are confident about the skills they have learnt.

Please contact the Road Safety Team on 023 9268 8262 or e-mail roadsafety@portsmouthcc.gov.uk to register your interest and for an enrolment form and further information to be sent to you.

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Another successful Bike2Work day

All 1600 Vroom t-shirts were given out before Bike2Work day and the weather turned out to be quite nice on the day after the threat of rain!

The following are a selection of photos showing some of the people that cycled to work on the day. Meridian TV came along to film us in the Guildhall Square too!



Top: Queuing for Dr Bike, cycle security marking

Middle: Portsmouth College, Landport Housing Office, CJ Tools

Bottom: PCC

The police launched their **accredited cycle security marking scheme** on Bike2Work day. You can now pop down to one of two local bike shops (Cycle world and Velocity both located in North End) to get your bike marked or do it when you buy a new bike.

FOE Underneath Trees bike ride was fantastic – a great bunch of people taking a ride out to discover the trees of Portsmouth. Did you know there are Ginkgo Biloba trees in Portsmouth? Don't miss future rides from FOE.

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