

2008 saw Sustrans making real progress in tackling the capital's transport challenges and helping more Londoners travel in ways that benefit their health and the environment.

Through our Greenways sector leadership role in south west London, we oversaw the delivery of new walking and cycling routes, and upgrades to existing ones, which are improving travel options and access to green spaces for people in the area.

Four major Greenways network studies across the capital, which we undertook with our partners at TfL and the boroughs, identified routes that will encourage more people to take up cycling for the first time, or cycle or walk for more of their journeys.

We helped more children than ever get a healthy, active start to their day through our expanding Bike It programme. With the UK's first Primary Care Trust funded Bike It officer joining us in September, we started to build an important new partnership with the health sector in London.

With the change of Mayor in London in May, 2008 was a busy year engaging with London-wide policy changes and development. We continue to be forward-looking and make the case for big solutions as well as local ones, and in September we published detailed proposals for London's first dedicated walking and cycling bridge over the Thames, connecting Canary Wharf to Rotherhithe.

In London during 2008 Sustrans...

- published the first review for **Greenways for the Olympics And London (GOAL)**, aiming to improve the lives of all who live in or visit London by creating a safe and attractive environment for walking and cycling
- developed or upgraded **3 km** of routes in **south west London** and identified Greenway networks in **16** London boroughs
- expanded the **Bike It** scheme in London schools by appointing a **fifth officer**, funded by Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust
- gave three communities in Hackney and Islington the chance to **re-design their own streets** and make them more people friendly as part of the DIY Streets project
- announced the latest stage in its proposals for **London's first major purpose-built walking and cycling bridge** over the Thames.

The proposed new walking and cycling bridge across the Thames at Canary Wharf could be hosting **over 2.5 million crossings** each year by 2020 (1 million pedestrian trips and 1.6 million cycling trips).

We consulted over **1,000** local groups and individuals as part of our Greenways network area studies across London, to ensure that new routes will meet local needs and priorities.



In London, the number of pupils at Bike It schools cycling every day has trebled from **2% to 6%** of school journeys whilst the number of pupils cycling at least once a week increased from **13% to 21%**.

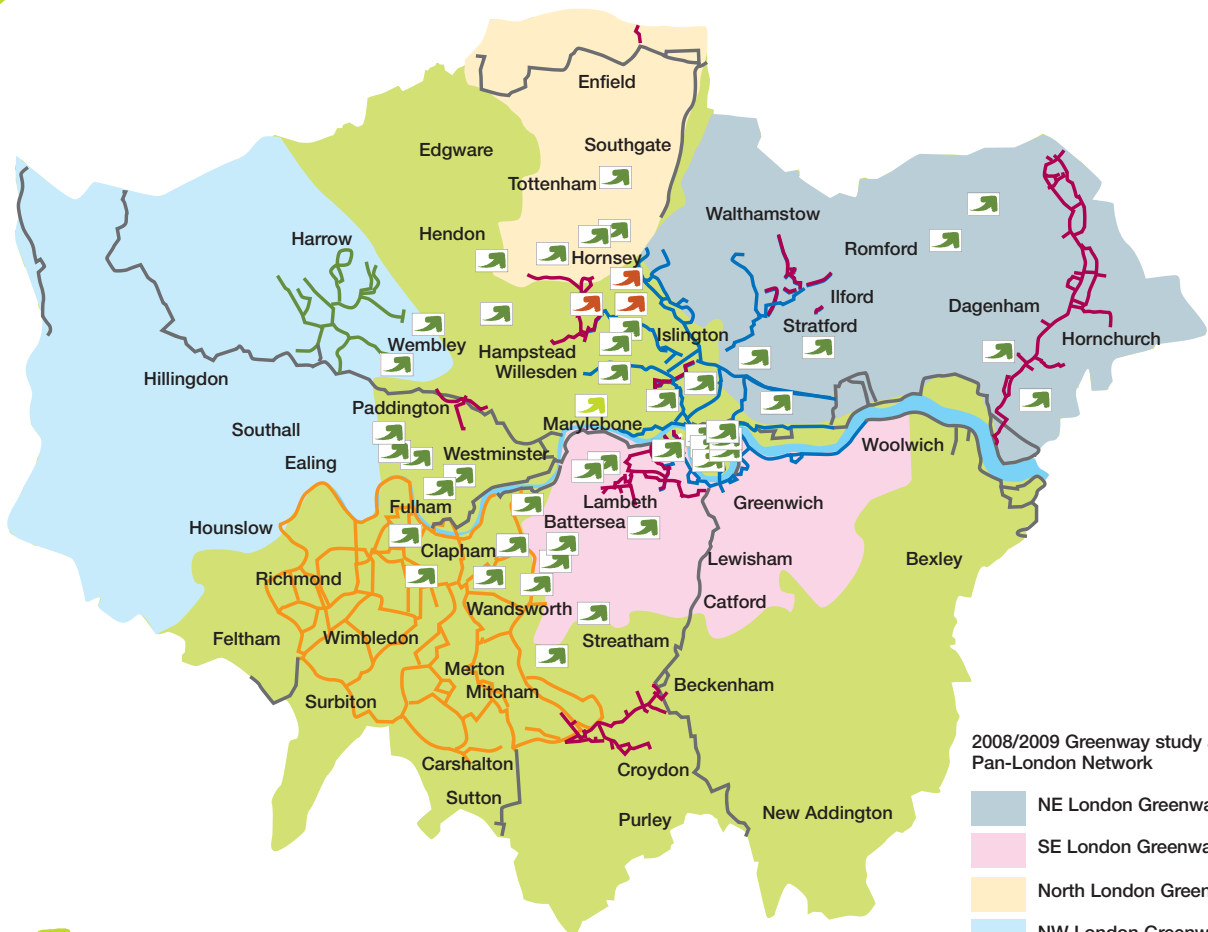


Edith Neville Primary School rose to the travel challenge of its inner city location near Kings Cross Station. At the start of the project only one third of pupils owned a bike, the school had no secure cycle storage, most pupils were unable to store a bike safely at home, and few pupils cycled to school.





Since then, Bike It and Transport for London (TfL) joined together to fund secure cycle storage and Bike It officer Marina worked hard to present cycling as a realistic transport

option. She supported a teaching assistant who now plans to train as a cycle training instructor and now runs two cycle clubs before and after school. Along with the aid of 25 pool bikes purchased by the school's governing body, many of the school's pupils are now cycling for the first time.


Benefits: In the first year of Bike It, cycling at Edith Neville **trebled to 13%** cycling everyday. In the next academic year cycling has continued at this level.




2008/2009 Greenway study areas for Pan-London Network

-  NE London Greenways study area
-  SE London Greenways study area
-  North London Greenways study area
-  NW London Greenways study area

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 **Bike It schools**
On average, the number of children cycling to school every day at Bike It schools is 10%. This compares with the national average of just 2%.

 **DIY Streets**
DIY Streets helps residents to re-design their own streets affordably, putting people at their heart and making them safer and more attractive places to live.

 **Connect2 schemes**
Connect2 is the BIG Lottery funded walking and cycling project that is transforming local travel in communities across the UK.

Greenways for the Olympics And London (GOAL) - Olympic routes

GOAL aims to improve the lives of all who live in or visit London by creating a safe and attractive environment for walking and cycling.

-  National Cycle Route
-  Olympic Park Routes
-  South West Greenways
-  Wembley Networks

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