

Tackling the School Run 2007 – 2008: Project Overview

In 2007 School Travel Co-ordinators and independent organisations were invited to bid for funding to deliver projects that would encourage more children to travel actively on the school journey.

Sustrans asked for bids for four types of project:

- **Links to Schools projects:** The construction of short traffic free paths linking schools to housing or enhancing local networks. Bids for feasibility studies and simple measures like opening up walls and fences for example were also accepted.
- **On – site infrastructure projects:** Generally involving the installation at schools of cycle and scooter storage, we also accepted bids for waiting shelters and locker installations at schools.
- **Soft measures projects:** A diverse range of projects was funded under this title ranging from event organisation, resource purchases for incentives, theatre shows, promotional activities and awards.
- **Small grants fund:** Sustrans also invited bids for smaller projects directly from schools.

Sustrans projects

Funding from the Tackling the School Run fund was also used to support specific projects led by Sustrans aimed at encouraging active travel on the school journey.

Partnership Involvement

Funding was awarded to 30 local authorities and 5 independent organisations. In total 182 projects were delivered between April 2007 and April 2008. Sustrans Scotland also delivered projects directly (some in partnership) these projects are reported on separately to the Scottish Government.

Monitoring

Route user surveys were conducted at seven proposed links to school project sites and with cordon counts being conducted at a further four sites. To supplement the data from the route user surveys and cordon counts cycle counters were also installed at four sites. This will give data showing both the short and long term impact of the links to schools projects. The data collected so far is reported under monitoring.

Funding

Sustrans received **£4,327,013.00**. The expenditure per project is listed below.

Project type	Expenditure (£)	%
Soft measures	405,183.88	10%
Links to schools	2,086,780.27	51%
On-site infrastructure	1,159,297.15	29%
Small grants fund	43,500	1%
Sustrans projects	206,719	5%
Travelsmart – follow up monitoring	74,000	2%
Links to schools monitoring (spent within 2007-08)	82,814	2%

Project types shown with respective percentage of the total funding received

