

Sustrans School Travel Case Study
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Strathyre Primary School

Title of project: Strathyre Traffic Campaign

Local Authority: Stirlingshire

Partners: Stirlingshire Council

Key Features: Walking, Cycling, Curriculum, Pupil Involvement, Community Involvement, Infrastructural Changes

Summary:

In August 2007 the **P4-7 children on Strathyre Primary School embarked on a traffic/safe routes to school campaign** as part of their Health programme. They were investigating dangers of the environment and strategies for keeping themselves safe.

The children decided collectively to tackle the very real danger of traffic passing through their village at speed. The lack of an adequate pavement in the village was also discussed and it was decided that in order to keep themselves safe this problem should be tackled as well.

Initiative:

The children drew up a set of aims which included:

- Investigating the speed and volume of traffic passing through the village
- Exploring the possibility of an alternative route to school using an old existing railway track.

In order to gather the views of all families and local villagers, **the children devised a questionnaire** which was distributed to all stakeholders.

The children carried out various traffic surveys, monitoring the speed, volume, types of traffic and times of high usage over a period of time

All this information was sorted, collated and presented in a PowerPoint presentation in October 2007.

SNP MSP Mr Bruce Crawford, Mr Ian Binning, School Travel Co-ordinator, representatives from the Schools Partnership and parents, watched the presentation and engaged in a lively debate.

Mr Crawford suggested inviting the MSP for Transport Mr Stewart Stevenson along for a further meeting to discuss the issues and this took place on February 25th 2008.

Outcomes:

- Mr Withers, site engineer to carry out an initial inspection of pavements. He will then carry out further traffic surveys at different times of the week/year to ascertain whether Strathyre warrants a pedestrian crossing.
- **Flashing 30 mile an hour speed signs** to be installed at either end of the village.
- **20 mile an hour flashing signs** to be installed and used at peak times during the day.
- The school will be consulted and the views of staff, parents, children and local villagers will be taken into consideration throughout the process.

Costs and Funding: n/a

Problems and solutions: n/a

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