



## TRAVEL PLAN SUMMARY 2009

### Travel Plans, what are they and why are they important?

Travel Plans provide a framework for managing access to individual sites or developments; through supporting and promoting sustainable modes of travel such as walking, cycling and using public transport. Travel plans encourage employees to think about their need to travel and how they travel. Contributing to a reduction in traffic congestion, widening opportunities for accessibility, reducing pollution and improving the health and well being of individuals, are what travel plans are trying to achieve.

The Council's Travel Plan has been reviewed annually and the Action Plan and the targets contained within it have been assessed and appraised, to ensure its continued effectiveness. Since the first survey, a travel survey has been carried out every year (with the exception of 2002).

The measures aimed at reducing sole car occupancy trips, both for work and whilst at work, have made a positive contribution towards reducing the impact of the Council upon the environment of Test Valley.

### Test Valley Borough Council an employer:

The Council is a major employer and has approximately 390 employees based on the 2 main sites, Beech Hurst in Andover and Duttons Road in Romsey. There are other locations where a further 280 staff are located within the Borough. The Travel Plan covers all locations and all staff members.

### Objectives of the Council's Travel Plan:

- To reduce the number of sole car occupancy trips taken by staff on their journey to and from work and during the course of the day.
- To reduce the need for staff to travel during the course of their working day.
- To raise awareness of the alternatives to the car and provide information and support on sustainable modes of travel.
- To reduce congestion and improve air quality within the local environment.
- To encourage the use and investment in sustainable, goods, services and practices where applicable and appropriate.

## Promotion includes:

Council staff receive a themed monthly travel plan bulletin. It contains information to assist them in making decisions about travel to and from work. Travel plan information is included on the Council's web site.

The setting of a car share database, car share spaces and an allowance for sharers.

Increased security for bikes at Duttons Road, provision of cycle lockers, cycle allowance and an assisted cycle purchase scheme. Improvements to the shower facilities at Beech Hurst.

Promotion of national sustainable travel events, including organised cycle rides.



## Monitoring of the Travel Plan

Monitoring of the Travel Plan is carried out by the Planning Policy and Transport Service. An annual survey of staff takes place in May of each year to assess whether the targets have been achieved.

**TRAVEL PLAN TP** March Travel Message

**Spring into Life**

**Get active, try cycling or *Marching* to work once a week.**  
**Feel the benefits!!!**

Now spring is on its way, why not leave the car behind once a week and opt for something healthier? and get fitter for summer. Try making your journey to work an opportunity get your heart pumping and burn the calories.

Both cycling and walking are easy, cheap ways of travelling and staying fit - a great combination! Getting started is the most difficult part, so here is some useful links:-

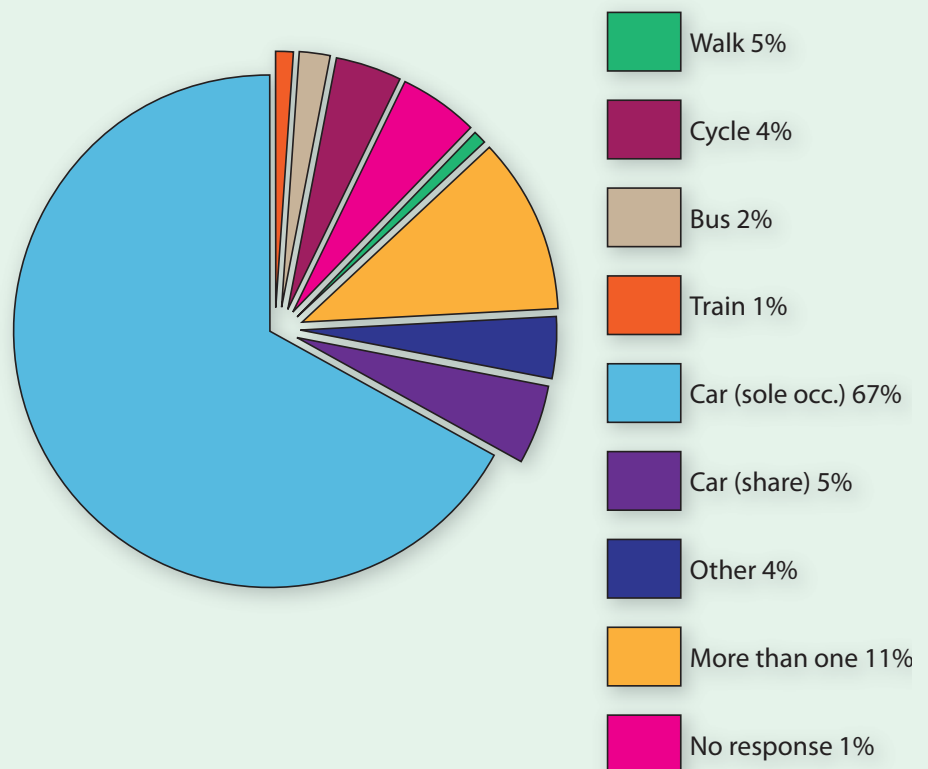
[Cyclescheme](#) - tax-free bikes c/o the Government's Cycle to Work initiative.

[National Cycle Training Helpline](#) - Learning to cycle properly can increase your confidence and safety.

Monthly travel message for March 2009

## Results:

The travel survey undertaken in 2008 is illustrated below.



In 2001 76% of staff drove themselves to work and in 2008 this figure had fallen to 67%.

