



**CHESTER AND NORTH WALES
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- Ø **Chester is a Cycling Demonstration Town.** Yes - It's official! Transport Secretary Ruth Kelly last week announced a further 11 Cycling Demonstration Towns (CDTs) across England of which Chester is one. Bristol will be the UK's first cycling city. The 11 towns have succeeded in winning a share of the record £100m investment package to pioneer innovative ways to increase cycling in their areas. Applicants were chosen from a shortlist of 19 local authorities, out of an original 74 bids. Cheshire County Council and Chester City Council made a joint bid for money from the CDTs Project supported by City MP Christine Russell. The bid was backed by businesses, community groups and sports clubs. Proposals include improving cycling infrastructure such as dedicated cycle lanes, increasing bike parking provision and cycle training and promoting the benefits of cycling. The further 11 CDTs will build on the work of the existing six CDTs appointed in 2005, which have seen significant increases in cycling levels. You can read *Ruth Kelly's Press Release* and see the article published in the *Chester Chronicle* (June 20, p10) under 'News' on the Chester & North Wales Website (www.ChesterAndNorthWalesCTC.org.uk).
- Ø **New Rides.** A '5 Miles to Fabulous' event took place on 7th June round Chester. This is a CTC national initiative, aimed at encouraging ladies to come for short rides on their bikes in a ladies-only group. As a result of this event, Sue Booth intends to run regular Saturday morning rides, probably monthly. The next one will be on 12th July - meeting at Kingsway café in Kingsway, Chester. If anyone is interested in joining Sue, or knows someone who would like to ride but is unsure of their ability or is nervous of riding in a group, please phone Sue Booth on 07702 933 834 or email her (development@ChesterAndNorthWalesCTC.org.uk). More information about '5 Miles to Fabulous' can be found on the DA Website.
- Ø **Other New Rides.** Chester Easy Riders meet on Thursdays. More details on our website. www.ChesterAndNorthWalesCTC.org.uk
- Ø **New Cycle-friendly Café.** Plas Power Adventure cafe is open 10-2 Thursday and Friday 10-6 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday. For large events/groups, alternate opening could be arranged. As cyclists themselves the management understands that timing isn't always perfect. In conjunction to the cafe opening times light refreshments may be purchased during climbing wall opening times 5-10 weekday evenings. For details of our location visit the 'contact us' page on our website where there is a map and directions. Telephone Ian Walton on 01978 754 747 or through the Plas Power Adventure website (www.plaspoweradventure.co.uk/contact.html).
- Ø **Chester and North Wales CTC website.** Take a look at the Chester and North Wales website for news and recent updates. www.ChesterAndNorthWalesCTC.org.uk.
- Ø **Members Contact List.** If you wish to continue on our contact list, don't forget to notify the Secretary on secretary@ChesterAndNorthWalesCTC.org.uk. if you change your email address.

Glennys Hammond (Veronica is on holiday)

The Link copy deadline dates for 2008 are

31st August and 30th November