



# The TfW Commuter

the newsletter for the Cambridgeshire commuter

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## Scrap Cars for Charity



The **Arthur Rank Hospice Charity** is unwittingly helping the TfW aim of reducing the numbers of cars on the road by turning unwanted vehicles into hard cash!

Arthur Rank has teamed up with 'Give a Car' to enable people to support the hospice in a new way. If you have a car that has failed its MOT or whose tax is running out and you're just wondering how you can get rid of it, simply visit [www.giveacar.co.uk](http://www.giveacar.co.uk), enter your details and specify that you would like your donation to benefit Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

Your vehicle will be collected within a week, and if it is scrapped, a donation of around £80 will be made to the Hospice. But if it still has some fight left in it and is sold at a salvage auction, it could even generate several

thousand of pounds for the charity.

So do please pass this round your friends and family - **TfW News** has a potential readership of over **65,000 commuters** - so there must be several unwanted cars out there! Let's see what we can do for Arthur Rank Hospice.



**Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce** is a long-standing member of the Travel for Work Partnership Steering Group. And every year the Chamber adopts a Charity and this year it is the wonderful **Arthur Rank Hospice**.

## Dark Days Happy Cycling!

The clocks go back and it gets darker! But that doesn't mean you have to stop walking and cycling. Apparently, there's no such thing as the wrong weather just *the wrong clothes!*

TfW encourages all pedestrians, runners and cyclists to wear reflective clothing and/or 'Sam Browne belts'. Modern cycle lights are amazingly effective - bright, lightweight and use little energy.

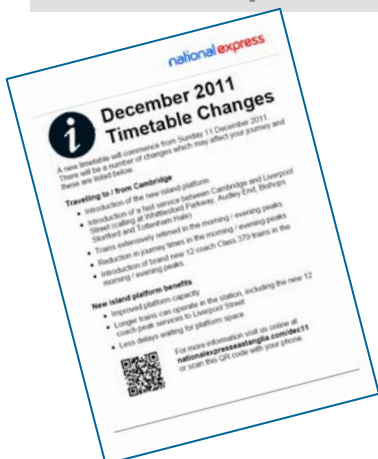
It is a legal requirement for cycles to have lights. It is not so well known that pulsing lights are also legal, and very effective. Only use lights on jackets/helmets/rucksacks **in addition** to bike lights.

Simon Haydn, Bikeability Project Officer for the County Council, adds: "All lights should be fitted to the bike, and although helmet or head torches are useful, they can be potentially blinding for other road users. And ensure your bike reflectors are clean and clearly visible."



If you work for a TfW employer you are entitled to **discounts at many local cycle shops** see our poster at our website <http://www.tfw.org.uk/Discounts.php#CycleShops> for more information.

## National Express Train Timetable Changes from 11th December



There will be a new National Express East Anglia Train Timetable in operation from 11th December 2011. Please find details of this new timetable at [www.nationalexpresseastanglia.com/dec11](http://www.nationalexpresseastanglia.com/dec11)

Please download an A4 poster from our website (<http://www.tfw.org.uk/news.php#Cambridgestation>) which details the benefits of the timetable as well as the benefits of the two additional platforms which will also be in use at Cambridge Railway Station from 11th December 2011.

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### Busway Service Improvements



The Busway has been a resounding success - so much so that there have been now two new timetables since launch to help cope with demand

The most recent changes from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October changes include:

- **Two new 'A' route morning services** for Huntingdon residents which go DIRECT from Huntingdon bus station to the start of the Busway at St Ives - **knocking 10 minutes off** the usual trip. These direct services leave at 07.10am and 07.40am
- In the evening the DIRECT services from Cambridge to Huntingdon leave Drummer St bus station at 17.25 and 17.45 (the 1745 service will be a double decker)
- Whippet have also **added a C route bus** leaving Huntingdon at 8.30am which will call into the Science Park

These changes will provide extra capacity at a crucial time of the day.

The changes also now provide a service to the Science Park from Huntingdon, removing the need for passengers to change from a 'B' service to an 'A' service at St Ives park and ride.

For all timetable changes see <http://www.thebusway.info/routes-and-times.aspx>

The laying of the black-top surface and the raising of the Busway maintenance track along side the Busway between Swavesey and St Ives is nearing completion. The County Council are hopeful that the track will re-open by the planned date at the end of November.

### Cycle/Walk/Bridleway to St Ives

This completion will see a wonderfully surfaced track link St Ives and Cambridge putting the two towns in reach of each other by bicycle and for the more energetic—walking and running!

We'd be delighted to hear your good-news stories of commuters who will regularly cycle along the Busway to encourage others to do the same.

Please email Travel for Work on [info@tfw.org.uk](mailto:info@tfw.org.uk). A Travel for Work Parker Pen awaits your stories.



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