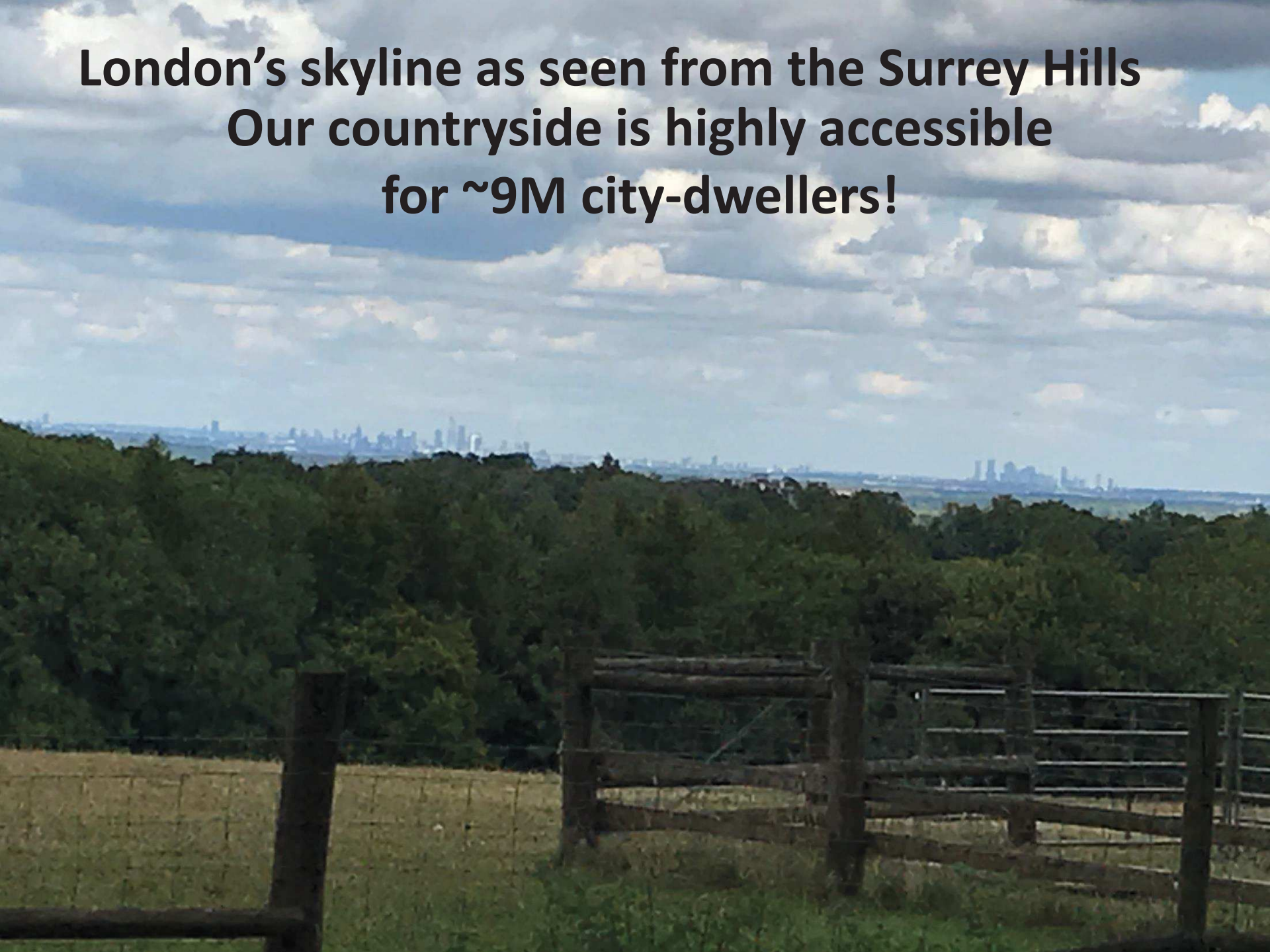
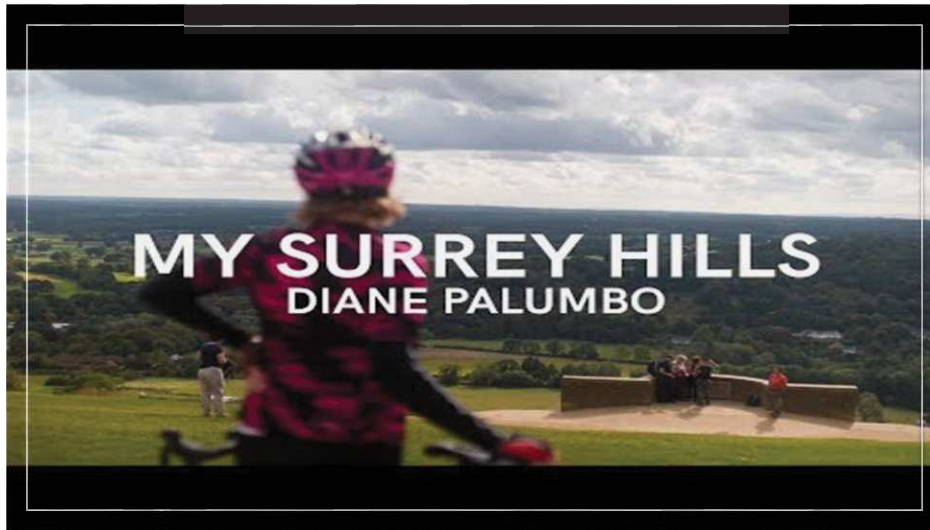


**London's skyline as seen from the Surrey Hills  
Our countryside is highly accessible  
for ~9M city-dwellers!**



# That's no secret – The 2012 Olympics and subsequent Prudential RideLondon events have left us a cycling legacy!



[https://youtu.be/yizm5R\\_ifys](https://youtu.be/yizm5R_ifys)

## About the Hurtwood

The name 'Hurtwood' is given to over 2000 acres of privately owned Surrey Common land, to which the public have access on foot, horse and bike.



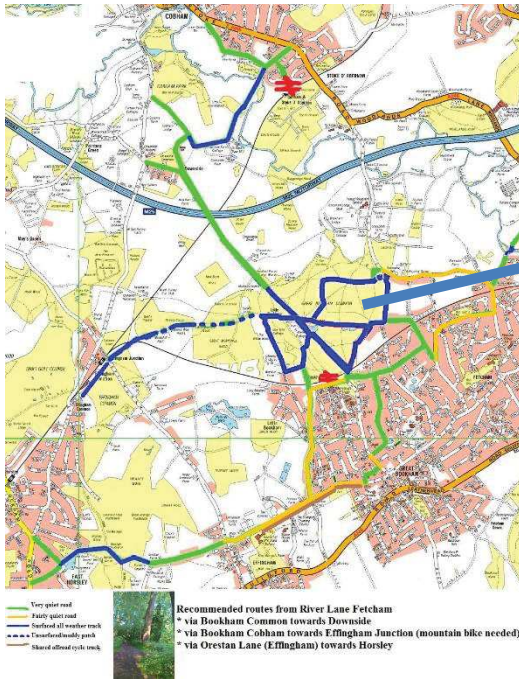
**Mole Valley has absorbed ever-increasing demands without the investment in cycling infrastructure that Londoners enjoy.  
Everyone will benefit from redressing this balance.**

- **It's no fun for the day-trippers whose cars cruise repeatedly around the Box Hill circuit** because there is nowhere to stop when its limited parking areas are full.
- **Safety concerns:** intermingling **high volumes of cars, cyclists** and even **e-scooters** on narrow, twisting, rural roads is a serious problem.
- **Polesden Lacey House welcomes ~360K visitors annually**, but virtually all of them arrive by car, not bike, **and they drive though Great Bookham village without stopping** to support our historic High Street and its businesses.
- **Ideas** to make our area even more accessible to visitors **need to be thought through to minimise the impact** that those requests will have **on local residents**.
  - For example, a new **“Strategic Greenway”** being planned **between Hampton Court and Leith Hill**, but it contains unrealistic proposals including:
    - **“filtered permeability”** along a route that serves an industrial estate
    - **crossing over our busy A246 outside our village at an unrestricted section**
    - **closing off rural roads** (eg Chapel Lane, Bookham Road, etc) **to motorised** traffic when they **are vital links between our communities**.

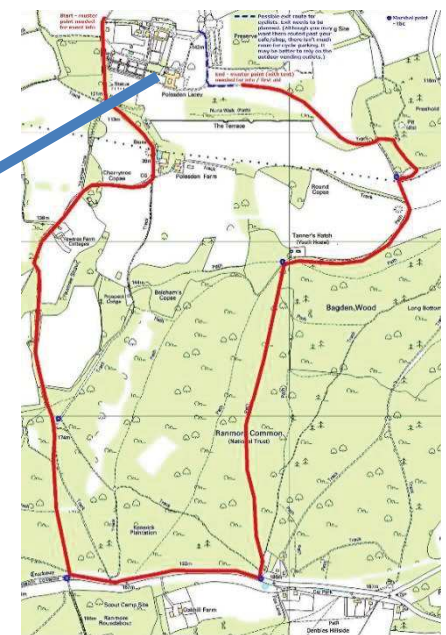
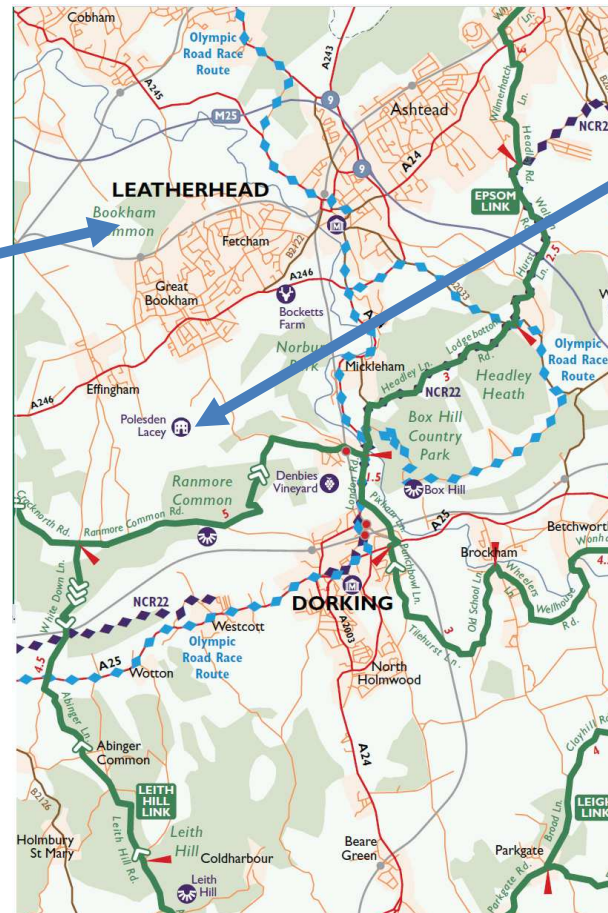


# By revisiting Bookham's “Celebrate Cycling” 2012 legacy events, Surrey CC has an opportunity to drive significant modal shift *locally* and further afield

As host to the 2012 Olympic Cycle Road Race, The National Trust offered schools near Box Hill the use of its land so that local families could celebrate cycling off public roads.



The **Bookham Common Family Trails** event was planned so that even the youngest children and their families could celebrate cycling.

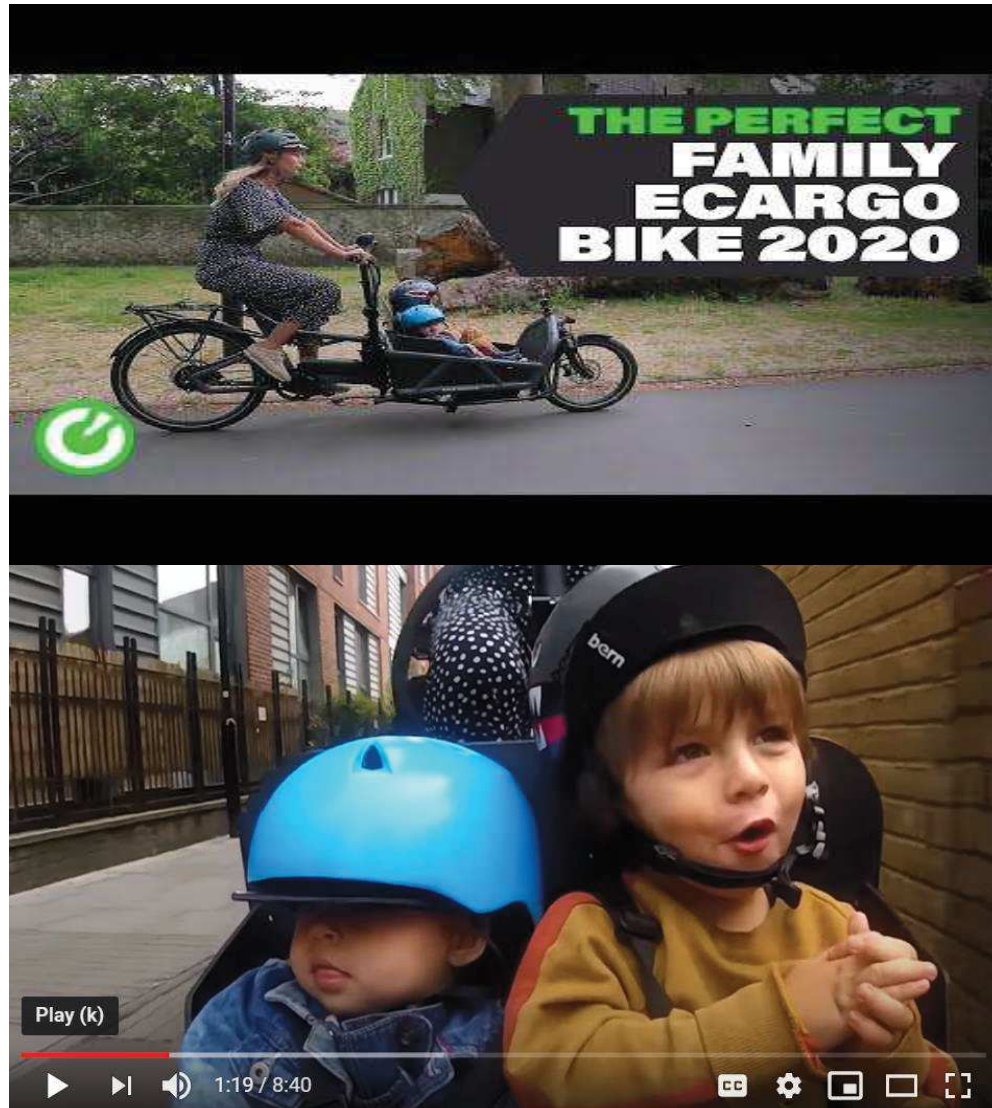


The **Polesden Lacey event** was planned so that older children and their families could try a “hill challenge” on private carriageways.

# Enjoying our glorious countryside and views by bike, not car. Who knows?

**It's a habit that our visitors may take home with them!**

<https://youtu.be/0di0ilHrC5U>



Our alternative “Strategic Greenway” proposals would

- make a significant contribution to project objectives
- do so by adding infrastructure that also serves our villages’ needs, and **WITHOUT** shutting local roads like Chapel Lane

A Bookham-based e-cargo bike hire / rickshaw service would incentivise visitors to

- travel sustainably for their last few miles picking up bikes from locations like the M25 services or Bookham Station, and not on the Estate
- support our communities by routing bikes via our historic High Street



# Versatile, all-terrain e-cargo bikes on show around our villages - who knows?

It's a habit that our residents might take up!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBa8-zHlrLo&t=320s>



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9FZgU\\_WbrU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9FZgU_WbrU)

When combined with Bookham's "Safer Cycling Routes to Schools" project, our proposal to remove two-way traffic from the two key routes that serve our High Street, The Grange Centre (learning-disabled charity) and all of our schools, **we aim to:**

- **remove school run cars from our "school streets"**, making the daily school run much safer for families who travel by sustainable means.
- **Change** the way that residents **"pop to our shops"**
- **Work with businesses that serve our residents' needs**, to ensure that the "last miles" of their deliveries are made by Bookham's cooperative e-cargo bike service.



# “Celebrate Cycling” family trails: Held annually 2012 - 2016

## “Celebrating Cycling”

Family Cycle trails around  
Bookham Common



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012, 10am-3pm

Please arrive by bike – access via the Tunnel car park,  
The Glade, Downside & (if dry) Effingham Junction

Infant trail around the ponds

Longer trail around the common

For more information please contact



Samsung will donate £1 to charity  
for each mile cycled. Download  
the free Samsung Hope Relay app  
and register for your own  
[www.samsung.co.uk/bikeweek](http://www.samsung.co.uk/bikeweek)



[www.facebook.com/CelebrateCyclingBookham](http://www.facebook.com/CelebrateCyclingBookham)

## “Celebrate Cycling” now

Help us by pre-registering your family via your child's school or pre-school:

- you'll have everything you need in advance
- we'll know how many children to expect.

All children must be accompanied by an adult! Please remind your children that **walkers and horse-riders have priority** over cyclists on the Common, so they must slow down and give way.

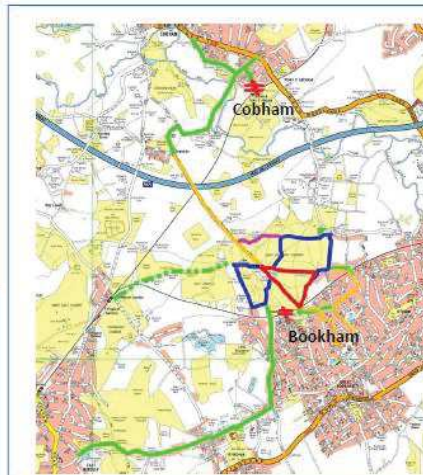
It's a bit like orienteering on a bike and we set up several trails:

- **Shorter trail** - relatively flat track and suitable for novice riders / those on bikes with stabilisers but not for scooters.
- **Longer trail** - suitable for more able cyclists, those in child seats on the parent's bikes or tag bikes. It is a more challenging route with some "hills". The track can be muddy in places particularly if it's been raining recently!
- **Optional extensions along quiet residential roads**
- **A mountain bike trail** for VERY ABLE CYCLISTS.

Start anywhere on the trails between 10am – 3pm. Follow the markers anticlockwise, stamping your collecting cards at each check point. Participating schools / playschools will exchange completed collecting cards for a certificate.

Don't forget to visit us tunnel car park on you way around (R) to let us know what you think.

Most importantly - HAVE FUN!



Parking limited - please arrive by train &/or bike

- quiet approaches are light green (dotted route = mountain bike only).
- The best stations are Bookham & Cobham.

Be prepared – there are no toilets on the common!

[www.facebook.com/CelebrateCyclingBookham](http://www.facebook.com/CelebrateCyclingBookham)



This is a Parent/guardian-led activity : participation acknowledges your agreement of the entry conditions.





# Some "Celebrate Cycling" family trails memories



**Big Foryou**

for completing the "Celebrate  
Cycling" trails on a uni-cycle!



## "Celebrate Cycling"

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014, 10am-3pm

In 2014

Did you enjoy today?

Not  
scored



Overall

Grand Total	4	1	5	66	76

Comments included:

"Awesome event. Thoroughly enjoyed it," "Fab day thanks", "Great fun", "Many Thanks for organising the event so well. The children loved it", "Brilliant fun! :)", "It was great", "We loved it", "A fun day", "Fab - thank you so much". "Should we run again next year? – Absolutely! Thank you very much :)"

Bike  
week

[www.facebook.com/CelebrateCyclingBookham](http://www.facebook.com/CelebrateCyclingBookham)  
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## "Celebrate Cycling"

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 10am-3pm

Celebrate Cycling 2015

Did you enjoy today?

Not  
scored



Overall

Grand Total	3	1	3	13	72	92

Comments included:

"Excellent event. Really well organised 😊" "Great - really enjoyed it." "Great to discover new tracks. Just the right length" "Definitely run next year. It's Awesome!" "It was good." "It was fantastic" "Thanks 😊" "Great thank-you" "Thought this is a great event. Thank-you" "Fun! In the rain!"

Bike  
week

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# Celebrate Cycling's Polesden Lacey "Hill Challenge"

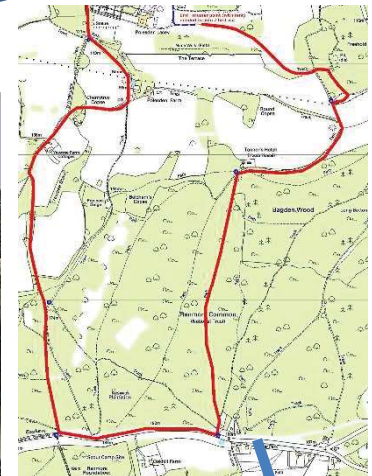
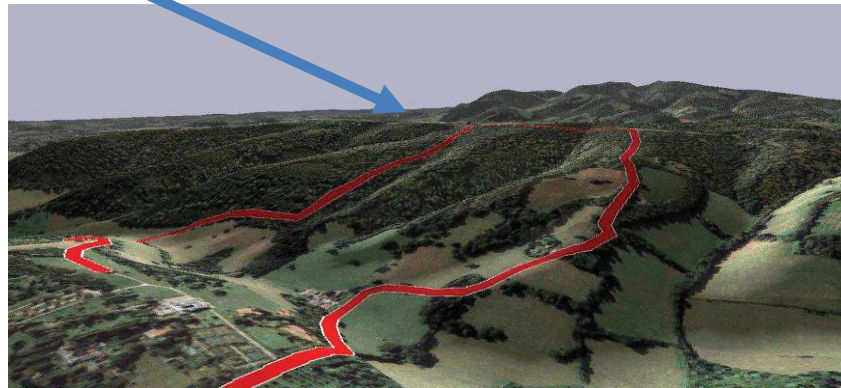
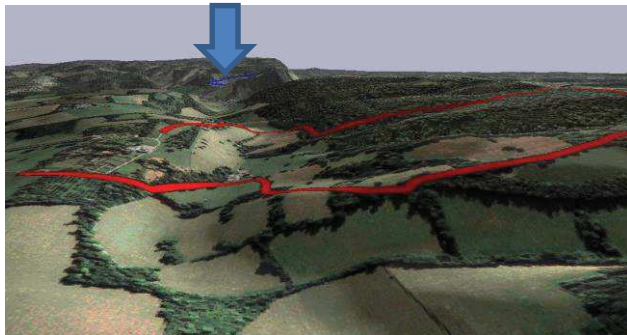
The Celebrate Cycling event organiser worked Polesden Lacey's Estates Manager and Surrey County Council on a parallel event to give older children and their families a "hill challenge".

The envisaged route offered a **cycle-friendly surfaced circuit with an inspirational view of the 2012 route** half way. It used **former carriage routes**, such as the one from Bagden Lodge, and **other surfaced tracks** but, unfortunately, one section (Tanners Hatch) needed re-licencing, & the lead time proved too challenging!



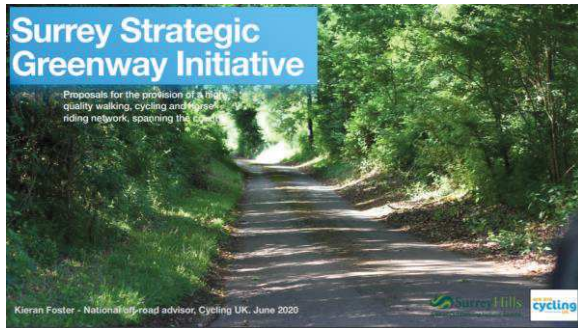
Vista from viewing  
point looking  
towards Leith Hill

The planned route  
in the context of Box Hill,  
with its Zig-Zags identified.





# Surrey's Strategic Greenway Initiative: Components from Bookham's alternative & more direct route.



<https://mk0surreyhillsnif4k.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Item-4-Annex-Surrey-Strategic-Greenways.pdf>

## Oxshott to Bookham

- Would require upgrade of existing footpath through Knowle park
- Then continues along bridleways and minor road that could be closed to public use past Cobham Services
- Further work could provide traffic free connection to Cobham



## Bookham to Box Hill

- Minor roads in residential area could connect to Polesden Lacey. Link route needs filtered permeability
- Then via Chapel Lane (existing proposals for this to be made traffic free) to Westhumble - thereby connecting directly to North Downs Way and Box Hill
- significant benefit to local walkers, cyclists & horse riders



Bookham Common's Tunnel Car Park: a short cycle track over the railway tunnel would make London-bound platform fully accessible to cyclists and disabled travelers.

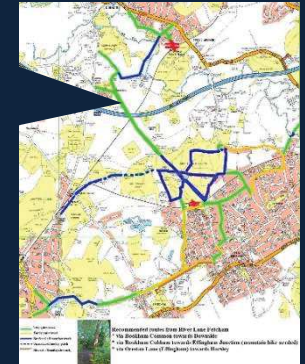


Great Bookham Conservation area.

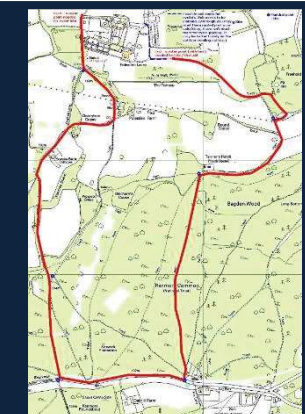
<https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/sites/default/files/home/building-planning/conservation/greatbookhamconservationareaappraisalandmanagementplan-june2011.pdf>



M25 Services are next to "Bookham Road".



All terrain tracks already link Bookham to the M25 service station. No need for cars to come closer.



Polesden Lacey's "Hill Challenge".