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To: Okehampton Town Council; Tavistock Information; Bere Ferrers Parish Clerk; Hatherleigh Parish Clerk; Lifton Parish Clerk; Chagford Parish Council; Horrabridge Parish Clerk; Dartmoor Forest Parish Clerk; Buckland Monochorum Parish Council
Cc: Ralph Hitchman; Adam Williams; James Wright
Subject: Active Travel project update (WD)

Dear Town/Parish Council Clerk,

We are excited to now be in a position to provide you with more information about the cycling and walking project that is currently underway. We have appointed active travel consultants Phil Jones Associates together with Cycling UK to deliver this exciting piece of work, which is being funded from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This project is due to conclude at the end of this year.

The project has two halves that will come together to recommend a series of prioritised infrastructure measures and behaviour change initiatives in our main towns/larger villages (listed below for your information). The infrastructure side of the project is known as a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), this looks at existing circumstances and how things might beneficially change. It comprises a number of stages, as outlined below, throughout which we would like to work with you. These stages include:

1. Gathering data. The LCWIP is a data led project to map demand for future walking and cycling routes in our towns.
2. Identifying the main active travel routes between where people live and where they travel to
3. Auditing the main routes in each town and identifying barriers to active travel on these
4. Creating a prioritised list of interventions in each town to be supported if funding becomes available
5. Ensuring the outcomes of this project are integrated into Neighbourhood plans, Local Plans, Transport plans etc

There will be three main periods for engagement with Town/Parishes in this project as outlined below, as well as continuous engagement with yourselves and other stakeholders throughout. It should also be noted that as Devon County are the Highway Authority they will play a critical role in this project and the recommended outcomes.

When	Format	Purpose	Before the event please can you:
W/C 26 th Jun 23	Virtual meeting	PJA will introduce the project Discuss shared goals	Please come with knowledge of any policies/priorities which are likely with this project Timeline for projects that may interface with this work Local knowledge of known problem areas in your town/village

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End of summer 23	Virtual meeting, with follow up discussions	PJA to share emerging active travel routes PJA to outline possible infrastructure solutions Identify other stakeholders to engage Discuss public consultation Discuss behaviour change work	Local knowledge of relevant community groups to be engaged Think about good stories contributing to getting more people walking, in your area Details of any other public consultation or events happening Knowledge of any organisational/institutional barriers to moving the p
Sept/Oct 23	Virtual meeting, with follow up discussions	PJA to share confirmed active travel routes and list of interventions identified Discuss funding Identifying integration with other policies/priorities Identifying any obstacles	

On the behaviour change side of this work, Cycling UK will shortly release a public survey that will be followed by workshops and in-depth interviews. We will send a separate email on this side of the project so this email doesn't get any longer!

In you have any questions on this project in advance of your first engagement meeting, or you want to send any relevant information on your town please do get in touch.

Many thanks
Gemma

Identified settlements in West Devon within the LCWIP project:

Main towns	Okehampton Tavistock
Smaller towns and key villages	Bere Alston Hatherleigh Lifton
Local centres as defined by Dartmoor National Park local plan.	Chagford Horrabridge Princetown Yelverton

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