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Sustainable Travel Between Newbury and Thatcham

At the instigation of Sue Everett of the Thatcham Vision, Newbury Town Council has created a working party to investigate ways of improving the traffic infrastructure between Newbury and Thatcham. There are lots of Newbury residents who regularly travel to Thatcham and vice versa and sometimes their experience isn't the best.

The working party is pleased to see the recent investment in cycle ways along the A4 and in the longer term would like to see the canal towpath improved to the east of Newbury, towards Thatcham, in the same way as it has been improved to the west.

The recent improvement in bus services is also applauded. Newbury buses are making significant investments to encourage those who can to use the bus. The working party believe that this is an option for lots more people, but who simply aren't fully aware of it.

Tuesday 9 June 2009 is national lift share day. On just one web site, www.liftshare.com, there are 481 registered users in the Newbury / Thatcham area. There are lots of other car sharing / lift sharing sites too.

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All the above is encouraging. Cllr David Allen, the chairman of the working party says “The first output of the working party is to encourage cyclists, bus users and car sharers to maximise the opportunities that these facilities create. As time progresses, the working party hopes to work more closely with Thatcham Vision, Thatcham Town Council, West Berkshire Council, Newbury buses and other relevant parties to improve the situation still further”.

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