



## Press Release

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# NEWBURY - BEATING THE BOUNDS BY BIKE



More than 60 cyclists of all ages joined the Mayor of Newbury and her family and enjoyed a beautiful afternoon on Sunday 29 April 2007, "beating the bounds" of Newbury by bike.

The event, which was organised jointly by Newbury Town Council and West Berkshire SPOKES carried on the tradition of marking the parish boundary, in particular to the younger members of the parish, but for the education of everyone.

Graham Hunt, as both Chief Executive Officer of Newbury Town Council and Membership Secretary of West Berkshire SPOKES led the ride. "It was an amazing event, with an excellent turnout in perfect conditions. We kept as close to the boundary as we could, on roads and cycle paths. I was particularly impressed with the responsible riding by everyone as we negotiated the traffic at certain points along the circular route."

The event started and finished at The Starting Gate pub, which is on the Parish Boundary and covered around 11 miles. As everyone enjoyed their refreshments at the end, there were many requests to the Mayor for this to become an annual event.

Both Newbury Town Council and West Berkshire SPOKES hope that the ride provided further training in responsible cycling and encouraged more people to use their bicycles more often. West Berkshire SPOKES claim that cycling is often the quickest transport alternative, while also being relatively cheap, less impacting on the environment, good for your health and above all, lots of fun!

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Other photographs available on request.

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