

project profile

Safe Routes to School

introduction

The Safe Routes to School scheme is a national programme, taking a whole school approach to transport, safety and health, extending lessons out of the classroom in a flexible way .

The aim of the project is to support a shift from school related journeys, by private cars, towards walking, cycling and public transport, by increasing the independence and road sense of pupils and contributing to a greater perception of personal safety by both pupils, parents and the wider community.

As well as focusing on improvements to the physical infrastructure of our roads, the scheme has additional long-term health benefits as it encourages walking and cycling to school.



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During 2003 Groundwork Thames Valley has supported 8 schools in Hillingdon, helping them work through the national Safe Routes programme. Groundwork provides each school with practical help and guidance throughout the scheme.

Groundwork is funded through the LB of Hillingdon and is linked to Healthy Schools and Healthy Hillingdon.

services provided

Groundwork helps by:

- Tailoring the scheme to the individual need of the school, bringing in the resources and contacts to run a SRTS scheme in the school. Helping schools obtain funding for capital improvements.
- Organising events for the schools and local residents such as mapping exercises to plot danger hot spots, 'walk to school' days, and safety workshops, raising awareness of road safety.
- Facilitating activities such as as a walking school bus, and actively involving staff, parents and pupils in practical solutions to congestion problems .
- Groundwork has produced a resource pack available to all schools in the borough.



quote

"Belmont School has seen an increase in traffic problems over the years as concerns over safety inhibit pupils from walking or cycling to school," comments Dave Elmer, Teacher at Belmont School and Chair of the school's Safe & Healthy Routes Steering Group.

"This project has provided a fantastic opportunity to address these issues and work with the whole community. Helping us to find solutions to enable our children to walk & cycle to school in a safe and confident manner."



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about groundwork

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