



Press Release

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Leaving the car at home....

Reducing their carbon footprint and supporting the city's environment credentials is the name of the game for board members of the Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP). Following a recent meeting, individuals pledged their commitment to increase their use of sustainable transport and more importantly, to cut harmful carbon emissions.

The board have committed to replace 450 car journeys by March 2009 (saving over a tonne of CO₂!) and will be using the bike, the bus and even conducting "virtual meetings" in an attempt to reduce their carbon footprints. Marco Cereste, Vice-chair of the Greater Peterborough Partnership, reminds us "the environment and our environmental work in the city is very important, we have made great strides in promoting and delivering sustainable transport here in Peterborough and the commitment from the Greater Peterborough Partnership is a great way to demonstrate that".

The GPP board, which includes high level representation from organisations across the city oversees the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy, the long term vision for Peterborough including the aspiration of Creating the UK's Environment Capital. Trevor Gibson, Director of Environment Capital at Opportunity Peterborough recognises the importance of environment performance and the fact that it can also save you money, "With spiralling fuel costs and the importance of cutting our reliance on carbon emitting fossil fuels the support and commitment of the Greater Peterborough Partnership sets a great precedent. I hope that their example will inspire others to do the same."

If you feel inspired and want to find out more about how you can access sustainable transport please visit – www.travelchoice.org.uk.

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Notes to editors:

- The Greater Peterborough Partnership is Peterborough's local strategic partnership. It brings representatives from the public, private, faith, community and voluntary sector together to work collectively towards the vision and priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
- The GPP is not an organisation. It does not deliver any of the projects or services that will deliver the improved outcomes we aim for. GPP's role is to facilitate joined up work and to ensure that the work of the individual partners is targeted at the priorities collectively agreed.
- GPP oversees commissioning of services and projects to help deliver the aims of the Sustainable Community Strategy, having an important leadership and performance management role, although all the partner organisations retain their own responsibility and governance arrangements.
- For information on GPP please go to www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk.

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