

MISCELLANEOUS

The Village Plan Steering Group received two further requests/suggestions:

1. **The NHS Wiltshire Health Promotion Service.** They wrote on 11 Jun 2004 and requested that we put the promotion of Mental Health in our community high on our list of priorities. They suggested two key areas to be focussed on:
 - Helping people to keep healthy by ensuring that local people can live in a good physical, economic and social environment.
 - Supporting people who have mental health problems. What is helpful? Although everyone with a mental health problem is different, there is general consensus that the presence of the following can make all the difference to quality of life:
 - Acceptance and a sense of belonging
 - Emotional support
 - Security and safety.
2. **Cycling Proficiency (Jan Banks – 21 Jun 04).**

Peter b currently involved in teaching cycling proficiency at the school to year 6 pupils. These children will leave school next month and will then get the bus to school. Meanwhile children in years 3, 4 & 5 travel to CM school by bike but have no training.

I have pursued this through the Governors but Wiltshire County Council will not support it. County view is that children below this age should not be cycling unsupervised. I think that they should get real and look around. The village is full of children around 7/8 on bikes during the week and at weekends. If the full cycling proficiency course is not possible then some basic bike handling skills and some road safety instruction would be a good idea. What happened to bollards in the playground?

Although County won't help it is open for a village organisation to take this up. I think it would fit with the Village travel plan – we do want less pupils being driven to school but it does need someone to drive it.

Are there others like Peter with time during the week who could help run an after school or weekend course?