

# SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOLS IN PENKRIDGE

Penkridge Middle School



St. Michael's CE (A) First School



Princefield First School



Marshbrook First School



Wolgarston High School



# Improvements made in Penkridge as a result of the Safer Routes to School scheme, a 3 year project which began in July 2003



A449 at Stone Cross – a new Puffin crossing makes it much safer and easier to cross this very busy road, whilst keeping on street parking nearby.



Crossing Wolgarston Way has been made easier and safer by upgrading the zebra crossing to a Puffin.

The new footpath from the Market Place to Bellbrook provides a safer route for pedestrians.

Parking restrictions make access to Bellbrook easier for drivers and the new regulation for 'No Right Turn' at the bottom improves safety at the junction.



Pedestrians crossing Wolgarston Way can now do so more safely by using the new pedestrian refuge.



Cycle storage has been installed at all of the first schools to encourage children to cycle to school instead of travelling by car.

Parents can cycle to school with their child and can then leave the child's bike securely in the new storage area.

The new mini roundabout at the junction of Teddesley Road and Marsh Lane slows traffic entering the village here and makes it easier to exit Marsh Lane at busy times.



New road markings on Teddesley Road warn drivers of the new roundabout and slow traffic down near to Penkridge Middle School.



*"The bike shelters are good because they are easily accessible and the roof stops your bike from getting wet. The bar also allows you to lock your bike round the frame instead of the front wheel."*  
A year 7 pupil



*"The bike shelters provide sheltered, safe and secure storage. They are situated in a location that makes them visible from the main school and where the children do not have to cross the car park as happened before. They are a huge improvement."*  
Richard West, Deputy Head Teacher, Penkridge Middle School

## Other improvements:

New signs and road markings have been installed at a "village gateway" on the Cannock Road near to Wolgarston High School to remind drivers of the change in speed limit. A new gate and pedestrian entrance has been installed at Princefield First School. This will improve safety for children and parents entering school.

Children in Penkridge also undergo regular road safety training provided by the County Council's area Road Safety Officer.

# HOW YOU CAN HELP THE SAFER ROUTES SCHEME IN PENKRIDGE:

- Walk or cycle to school more often.
- If you live too far away to walk try to car share or use the bus.
- Find a safe route to school and use it.
- Use safe crossing places whenever possible.
- Children, remember the road safety training, which you've been given at school.
- Drivers, please park well away from school gates and keep within speed limits.
- Parents, please help your child learn how to cross the road safely.

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