

CAMDEN NAMED TRANSPORT BOROUGH OF THE YEAR

The London Transport Awards are given to those making people making a real difference to transport across London. Camden Council received the top award, Transport Borough of the Year, sponsored by TfL, at the London Transport Awards ceremony earlier this month. This prestigious award was presented to the Council's officers and Councillor Chris Knight, Executive Member for Environment in recognition of Camden's achievements in 2009/10. The borough was singled out for special praise from the judges for demonstrating strong leadership and solid progress in many areas, including its role in developing innovative projects such as car clubs and zero emission vehicle trials and for achieving dramatic growth in cycling and walking. The award also reflected the Council's efforts at making Camden's streets more attractive such as at Camden High Street, Great Queen Street, Great Russell Street and Fitzroy Square. Councillor Chris Knight, Executive Member for Environment, Camden Council said: "This award is a great honour for the Council and reflects all of the efforts that have been made by staff to make our streets more attractive, safer and to encourage walking and cycling. Camden has led the way in London for many years and we will continue to improve and build on our success in the future."

The Award for public transport operator of the year went to London Underground for the third year running whilst the award for most improved transport borough award went to Enfield. Joe Weiss, Transportation & Projects Director, City of London was also honoured for his lifetime contribution to local transport in London. Most improved transport borough Enfield was recognised for progress across a number of areas - it now has the lowest casualty figures for over 40 years and is on track to meet or exceed all casualty reduction targets by end of 2010. Enfield has reduced car journeys to school by almost 12% since 2005 - one of the largest modal shifts away from the car in London. It is also the second best performing London borough in terms of parking appeals and has reduced CO2 emissions from its own fleet of vehicles by a range of initiatives.

The Most Influential Transport Achievement was awarded to Sutton Council for their Smarter Travel strategy which has dramatically changed the way people in the borough travel achieving a 50% increase in cycling, a 19% reduction in number of pupils travelling to school by car, a 13% increase in bus use, a percentage point modal shift away from car use, and a 17% reduction in on-street cycle theft.

The London Transport Awards, in association with Transport Times magazine, were judged by Transport Times publisher Professor David Begg, Chair of the Judging panel and publisher of Transport Times; Janet Cooke, Chief Executive, London Travel Watch; Nick Lester, Director of Transport, Environment and Planning, London Councils and Elsie Owusu OBE, Principal of Elsie Owusu architects and partner of Fielden & Mawson. Peter Hendy OBE, Transport Commissioner for London said: "Every day, TfL staff, our contractors, London's boroughs and our other partners are working hard to meet the challenges. I strongly support these Awards and their role in marking the many achievements and the ongoing commitment of the transport industry to keeping this great city moving."

DAN SNOW GETS ON HIS BIKE FOR SEAFARERS

'Empire of the Seas' presenter Dan Snow recently launched registration for the 'Flying Angel Ride', a new cycling event in aid of the Mission to Seafarers. History boffin Dan hopes to join the Isle of Wight bike ride in aid of the Mission, the charity founded in 1856 which now offers welfare services to seafarers in 230 ports across the globe. "The Mission to Seafarers does wonderful work around the world supporting the men and women of the Merchant Fleet. As a nation, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to seafarers as they bring us most of our food, clothes and fuel that we need. I am delighted to support the Flying Angel Ride in October and hope that many people will take part to support this very worthy cause," says TV historian Dan, a keen cyclist, sailor, and former rowing Blue whose recent BBC series 'Empire of the Seas' traced Britain's history as a great maritime power.

The Mission to Seafarers began in Victorian Bristol when Britannia truly ruled the waves and most sailors hailed from the British Isles. Today, shipping is international with many seafarers drawn from poor and developing countries, and the modern Mission works on welfare issues within a globalised industry which delivers over 90% of our food, clothes, cars and household products but whose workers too often face isolation, bullying, piracy, increased storm dangers as a result of climate change, and even abandonment in faraway ports by unscrupulous bosses. Named after the Mission to Seafarers' historic logo, the Flying Angel Ride will take to the road on Sunday October 3, from opposite The Royal Yacht Squadron in West Cowes and will follow a 70-mile course around the island's rugged coastline. "As Britain is an island, every one of us relies on seafarers for the stuff of our everyday life. With 2010 designated the UN's International Year of the Seafarer, we hope this event will attract those who love the coast and the sea, those with relatives working on ships who really understand what being a professional seafarer means, and those of us who are simply grateful to all those invisible crews who keep our lives going, day in and day out," says event organiser Stuart Bell.

For details of how to register as an entrant for the ride - £25 for adults, £5 for under-18s - contact Stuart Bell on 020 7246 2919 or email stuart.bell@missiontoseafarers.org



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Transport for London
Taxi and Private Hire



Late Night Marshalled Taxi Rank

From Saturday 6 March 2010 the Cranbourn Street taxi rank, near Leicester Square, will no longer be marshalled. Instead, the taxi rank in Haymarket, near Tiger Tiger, will be marshalled between the hours of 22:00 to 03:00 on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The normal taxi rank regulations will apply and the taxi rank will operate on a first passenger, first taxi basis with no sharing, fixed fares or directional arrangements.

The late night marshalled taxi ranks support the Safer Travel at Night campaign which aims to reduce cab-related sexual assaults and the use of illegal cabs. Transport for London (TfL) is working with the local police to tackle the illegal touting in Haymarket, the West End and other parts of London.

Taxi drivers are reminded that the front of the taxi rank is outside Nero. Drivers must move to the front of the rank and should not stop further back to wait for a fare.

The Tiger Tiger nightclub in Haymarket is currently licensed by TfL as a licensed private hire operator trading centre meaning that private hire and minicab bookings can legally be taken from inside the premises.

The full list of late night marshalled taxi rank schemes is below and drivers are encouraged to use these schemes.

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