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## P R E S S      R E L E A S E

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### **Golden Bell and Chocolate Chain 2000 Award Winners**

Cambridge Cycling Campaign has announced the results of its Golden Bell and Chocolate Chain awards for the Cambridge Festival of Cycling. The awards were prepared to give cyclists a chance to say what they liked most and least about cycling in Cambridge, with a serious message but presented in a friendly way.

Three Golden Bells for positive measures for cyclists were awarded:

- Keeping the Downing Street contraflow cycle lane clear (Cambridge City Council Planning Department) – for effective enforcement, by ensuring that the cycle lane is kept free of delivery vehicles after 7:30am in front of the Rat and Parrot pub. The problems caused by parked vehicles were a theme in many of the nominations, and this award recognises the efforts of one organisation to reduce the scale of the problem.
- The developers of the entrance to Cambridge Retail Park, Newmarket Road (Cambridge City Council Engineering Services, Mowlem and May Gurney) – for ensuring the safety of cyclists when the road was narrowed, by laying temporary sleepers.

- Grange Road Traffic Calming (Cambridgeshire County Council) – for listening to the concerns of cyclists in the recently revised traffic-calming proposals.

Chocolate Chains for the not-so-good were awarded to:

- WAGN Railway - for discouraging cycling by banning cycles on peak-hour trains into Cambridge instead of providing safe carriage for bikes, and also for the supply of misleading and contradictory information to cyclists affected by the ban.
- Maid's Causeway (Cambridgeshire County Council) – for doing absolutely nothing to reduce the conflict between cyclists and motor vehicles at the existing buildouts on this road, for creating conflict by narrowing the carriageway and introducing new central islands, and for putting in short lengths of pointless cycle lanes that not only encourage cyclists to ride in the wrong position on the road, but invite them to ride into the back of a row of parked.
- Hobson Street Contraflow cycle route (Cambridgeshire County Council) – for doing nothing to reduce the problems caused on this street by width restrictions, and parked vehicles, leaving southbound cyclists on this vital cycle route vulnerable to oncoming traffic.

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Cambridge Cycling Campaign was formed in 1995 and now has 675 members.

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