

PRESS RELEASE - Footsteps to Copenhagen



Cornwall's march to Copenhagen We are on the way!

The Cathedral event on 9th kicked us off and now...

- We are marching through some of the towns of Cornwall.
- Cyclists will take Cornwall's Declaration from place to place from Penzance to Saltash and then to London and Copenhagen.
- Everyone's invited to join in and hand out declarations, join in the march and help to raise the profile further of getting our message across:

We the people of Cornwall want the Government to negotiate hard at the Copenhagen to cut carbon emissions and help stabilise our climate.

COPENHAGEN MARCHES

Please find details of the dates, times and events taking place in full overleaf

People are being encouraged to sign the Cornish Declaration in support of the movement. Truro Cathedral has been offering the chance to sign up to carbon cutting pledges.

Large-scale marches and cycle rallies will take place across Cornwall. Road closures will be in operation during the walking rallies, motorists are asked to take extra caution around cycle routes.














NOTES TO EDITOR







"Footsteps to Copenhagen" is an initiative set up by a range of local organisations including Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Cornwall WI, Cornwall Transition movement, Event Cornwall, Coast, and Truro Cathedral. The initiative aims to raise awareness of climate change in the lead up to the United Nations talks taking place in Copenhagen in December. One of the key elements is the promotion of the "Cornish Declaration" which sets out the intentions of Cornwall residents and visitors to lead sustainable lives and urges the Government to be instrumental in reaching a deal at Copenhagen which will keep global temperature rise to below the critical 2°C. Members of the public are also being encouraged to sign up to the Initiative's top ten pledges about personal actions they can take to mitigate climate change.

Declarations and pledges signed by people throughout Cornwall will be collected and carried by a relay of cyclists starting in Penzance on October 24 October and arriving in Saltash on Saturday 31 October. The cyclists will be visiting key villages and towns along the way where they will gather up declarations and pledges collected from the public and organisations by local event organisers

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Saturday 24 October: Penzance - Helston		March Info: 07967 824493
	12.00 Walkers assemble at Causewayhead 13.00 arrive Penlee Park	
	<i>Cyclists depart Penlee Park 13.30, finish at Helston at 17.30.</i>	
Sunday 25 October: Helston to Falmouth		March Info: 07967 824493
	11.00-12.00 Walkers assemble at Coronation Park, Helston 12.00 Set off Coinagehall Street to the Guildhall, music from Bagas Crowd and others. At the Guildhall the cyclists will be given refreshments and the Helston signatures to the Declaration will be handed to them by the Mayor. 13.00 The march will then leave the Guildhall to proceed along Meneague Street and Trengrouse Way to Clodgy lane and finally to Tesco's car park where we will disperse. *All welcome, as is fancy dress and a suitable placard supporting climate change mitigation or signing a binding, fair and effective agreement at Copenhagen in Dec.	
	<i>At the Guildhall the cyclists will be given refreshments and the Helston signatures. Cyclists depart Tesco car park at 13.00+, arrive Falmouth 16.30.</i>	
Monday 26 October: Falmouth to Truro		March Info: 07967 824493
	2:30 walkers start from Tremough 3:00pm centre of Penryn then walking along North Parade into Falmouth. 3:30 entertainment starts on The Moor Falmouth 4:00 refreshments in Art Gallery 4:15 leave The Moor to walk through Falmouth main streets to Events Sq/entertainmts 4:30 walkers leave to walk around Pendennis Point to Gylly Beach Café/Beach. 5:00 entertainment starts at Gylly Beach. Walkers will arrive between 5:15 and 6:00. Walkers can join and leave the walk at any time.	
Tuesday 27 October: Truro to the Roseland		March Info: 07967 824493
	<i>Cyclists depart Falmouth 10.30, arrive Hendra Park, Truro 13.30.</i>	
	12.30 The event will start at Hendra Park, with activities and refreshments 14.00 The procession will then leave Hendra making its way to Lemon Quay a 14.30 Lemon Quay speakers including the Mayor of Truro and Cornwall Councillor Julian German, portfolio holder for Environment and Waste.	
	<i>Cyclists collect pledges and depart Truro 15.00, arrive Feock 16.00.</i>	
Wednesday 28 October: St Austell to Bodmin		March Info: 07967 824493
	<i>Cyclists depart Philleigh 09.00, arrive St Austell Town Centre 13.00 to collect pledges, continue to Bodmin arriving at Bodmin Station 17.00.</i>	
	13.00 Gathering (static display) in Fore St, St Austell 16.00 – 16.30 Welcoming Party outside the Shire Hall in Bodmin approx.	
Thursday 29 October: Liskeard to Saltash		March Info: 07967 824493
	<i>Cyclists collect pledges 12.00 noon, depart Liskeard 13.00, arrive Saltash 17.00.</i>	
	12.00 Gathering (static display) in in High St, Liskeard	
Saturday 31 October: Saltash to Plymouth		March Info: 07967 824493
	12.45 Walkers assemble at Fore Street, Saltash, cross Tamar Bridge and arrive Plymouth side 13.30.	

Comments from local event organisers –	
Sunday 25 October: Helston to Falmouth	
	John Marshall from Transition Helston and District said that the Copenhagen Conference is the last real chance to save this world from the ravages of climate change. Our children’s lives will be different anyway but it is up to us to make sure that their lives are possible. We can all start by signing the Cornish declaration and then move on to making and keeping the sort of pledge suggested by the “Footsteps” campaign. This in turn will lead into us being able to meet the “Save 10% by the end of 2010” target suggested by “Age of Stupid” and others.
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	"I personally welcome this opportunity to publicly celebrate low carbon living, seeing the coming global changes from a positive, practical viewpoint. Walking together with music and friends along the beautiful coastline, reminding us all to make sensible decisions for the planet and our children's future". Lorely Lloyd. 01326 317587
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	Sarah Wetherill, one of the event organisers, says “We want people to join in with their own ideas on low carbon ways of getting around, whether it’s a bicycle, unicycle, tricycle or skateboard! Or people can simply come on foot perhaps with their Wellington boots to avoid the rising tide! It would be great if people came with their own personal message – perhaps their own carbon cutting pledge or a message to the negotiators at Copenhagen. The UN talks are probably our last chance to get a global deal to avoid runaway climate change. We want people who are concerned about the future of their children and the future of Cornwall to join us on 27 October in Truro so we can deliver an overwhelming message to the negotiators at Copenhagen.” Lyndsay Southcombe, Transition Truro, “The support of the people of Truro and its surroundings is vital to the success of this campaign, not only in signing the pledges but, also, in joining us in the procession and sharing their ideas about low carbon ways of getting around. It is imperative that politicians go to Copenhagen in December with a clear message from us that they must agree robust targets on carbon emissions to combat the very real threat of climate change. "Footsteps to Copenhagen" will ensure that Cornwall's voice is heard at the UN Conference.”
Comments from FOOTSTEPS PLANNING GROUP MEMBERS–	
	Truro Cathedral’s Canon Philip Lambert said: “Climate change is real. We want our message to reach Westminster that Cornwall is calling for commitment to halting global temperature increases.
	Footsteps Co-ordinator Luci Scholes described the urgency for action on climate change: “The IPCC (scientists from 400 countries, have agreed ‘this’ climate change is linked to human activity -more than 90% chance, so WE need to accept it and do something about it – that means everyone.”
Bracket s yours/ my ref, don’t need to use!	Footsteps Co-ordinator Luci Scholes said: “We know we will have increased warming (<i>@ 0.02 °per decade IPCC</i>) This doesn’t mean better holidays I’m afraid, it means heat waves and heavy precipitation events will become more <i>frequent (More than 90% chance of hot extremes IPCC)</i> . For Cornwall and relying on tourism for the economy, everyone needs to take action now, to secure the future locally and our loved landscape – easy carbon cutting exercises can be found www.trurocathedral.org.uk under Hot TOPICS”.
	Claire Eason-Bassett, director at Event Cornwall, said: “This is a huge opportunity to make a statement to the county, Government and the rest of the world. “We’ll be co-ordinating each march and cycle rally to ensure participants stay safe whilst getting their message across.”

