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TRUST SPEARHEADS WORKPLACE TRAVEL PLANS

Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) was among the first organisations in the region to be rewarded for committing to policies that encourage employees to adopt environmentally-friendly travel options.

The Workplace Travel Plan Awards, administered by Peterborough City Council's Travelchoice team in collaboration with the Cambridgeshire Travel for Work Partnership, awarded PECT for its commitment to developing a workplace travel plan.

"Workplace travel plans have very real benefits for employers," said Nicola Francis, Workplace Travel Plan Officer in the Travelchoice Team at Peterborough City Council.

"Staff who use sustainable travel options, such as walking, cycling and public transport improve their physical and mental health along with the health of their bank balances! They often become more productive at work and there is less pressure on company car parks."

PECT stepped up for its Workplan Travel Plan Award with other pioneering organisations in the city, including Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Norwich and Peterborough Building Society. PECT's award was collected by Chief Executive, Sarah Fowler, on behalf of the staff and Trustees of PECT. PECT provides a 'pool bike' for employees to use on business and offers cycle mileage rates for those using the bicycle for business use. PECT is now looking to provide secure cycle parking facilities for staff.

Sarah Fowler, said: "We are delighted that our commitment has been recognised. We have been committed to, and awarded for, improving the cycle ways in and around Peterborough, as evidenced by the creation by PECT of The Green Wheel. It is good to be awarded for our own business commitment to doing our bit for the environment in the office."

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Notes to Editor

1. **Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT)** is a charity set up following Peterborough's designation as a UK Environment City. PECT carries out research and implements practical projects to protect and improve the environment. Our mission at PECT is to lead and support the city in delivering growth and regeneration in a truly environmentally sustainable way. As a successful charity we work with a wide variety of stakeholders to make a difference for our environment – through innovation, enterprise and commitment to action on the ground. PECT has a strong track record of delivering projects of regional and national significance. It has a staff of 25 working on initiatives from green spaces to business environmental management to sustainable communities and lifestyles.
2. The **Peterborough Millennium Green Wheel** is a continuous network of cycleways, footpaths and bridleways that provide safe, continuous routes around the city, through picturesque stone villages, the Fens and the scenic Nene valley. Not only does the Green Wheel contribute to a sustainable transport system, it also celebrates over 3000 years of social, cultural and economic history through colourful interpretation boards and a series of sculptures. The £11 million project was 50% funded by the National Lottery through the Millennium Commission, matched by contributions from public and private businesses and voluntary organisation.

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