Peterborough community action

From Wikipedia:Peterborough

Peterborough (listen) is a cathedral city and unitary authority area in Cambridgeshire, England, with a population of 202,110 in 2017. Originally part of Northamptonshire, it became part of Cambridgeshire from 1974. The city is 76 mi (122 km) north of London, on the River Nene which flows into the North Sea 30 mi (48 km) to the north-east. The railway station is an important stop on the East Coast Main Line between London and Edinburgh.

In 2020 planning permission was granted for a new university, ARU Peterborough, which will be based on Bishops Road, a five minute walk from the City Centre. It will be an employment focused university run by Anglia Ruskin University with four faculties: Business, Innovation and Entrepreneurship; Creative and Digital Arts and Sciences; Agriculture, Environment and Sustainability; Health and Education. The new university is expected to take its first cohort of approximately 2,000 students by 2022, rising to 12,500 by 2028. ARU Peterborough is not expected to receive its degree awarding powers before 2030 when a review will take place to determine its future as part of Anglia Ruskin University or whether it should become its own entity. W

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Sustainable transport activism

From Wikipedia:Green Wheel § Peterborough Green Wheel

The Peterborough Millennium Green Wheel is an 80 kilometres (50 mi) network of cycleways, footpaths and bridleways. Designed as part of a sustainable transport system for the city, it was created as part of a Millennium project around Peterborough, England.

The name Green Wheel alludes to the circular nature of the major part of the path, which encircles Peterborough, with cycle route "spokes" leading from this perimeter, which passes through several peripheral settlements around Peterborough, into the city centre, allowing easy transport around the network, much of which required no new construction, instead using or improving already existing cycle routes or roads. The only major new construction for the project was that of a curved cycle bridge over the River Nene near Whittlesey, from where the path can be accessed northwards towards Flag Fen, into the city centre or southwards towards the Ortons. The network is fully signposted. As well as this, three circular pipe tunnels were constructed near Etton village in order to allow the Green Wheel route to pass underneath the A15.

The project also encourages recreational use and has created a sculpture trail, which provides functional, landscape artworks along the Green Wheel route and a ‘Living Landmarks’ project involving the local community in the creation of local landscape features such as mini woodlands, ponds and hedgerows.

The project cost £11 million and was 50% funded by the National Lottery through the Millennium Commission and has also been the winner of many awards including a RIBA award for Architecture in 2003.

Resources

Networks and sustainability initiatives

- Peterborough Environment City Trust

In 1994, Peterborough was designated one of four environment cities in the UK and began working to become the country's acknowledged environment capital. Peterborough Environment City Trust, an independent charity, was set up at the same time to work towards this goal, delivering projects promoting healthier and sustainable living in the city. The council and regional development agency have taken advice on regeneration issues from a number of internationally recognised experts, including Benjamin Barber (formerly an adviser to President Bill Clinton), Jan Gustav Strandenaes (United Nations adviser on environmental issues) and Patama Roorakwit (a Thai "community architect").

Community resources

- The Green Backyard
News and comment

2015

The Green Backyard celebrates after receiving £12,500 for new solar power system for Peterborough site, October 26 [1]

Thousands of pounds on offer in new Peterborough recycling scheme, October 22 [2]

2014

Lessons from Peterborough: how to get, use and present a city's data, June 17 [3]

2010

Do unto others: on the appropriation of citizen empowerment, Kevin Harris, [4] March 19

Events

2016

August 13 Peterborough Environment City Trust Green Festival [6]

2015

September 19 - 20 Harvest Festival www.metalculture.com [7]

External links

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