

11. LEARN

The Countywide LEARN programme is a successful package for delivering Safer Routes To School (SRTS) projects. The SRTS programme takes around two years to complete at each school, with the first year seeing the development of ideas and soft measures, physical measures are implemented in the second year.

What was delivered in 2000/01?

Scheme	Status
Safer Routes To School - 12 new projects started in schools in Hemel Hempstead, Stevenage and rural Hertfordshire.	Development of ideas and soft measures
London Colney SRTS – zebra and pelican crossing	Implemented
Rickmansworth (St Peters, St Johns and Shepherds schools) - Cycle shelters, traffic calming improvements, 20mph zone, new access, walking buses	Implemented
Letchworth (Fearnhill Secondary, Wilbury JMI and Icknield Infants) - Consultation on proposals for schemes - Traffic calming and cycling facilities - Improvements to bus stop at Fearnhill Secondary	Consultation summer 2000. Implemented winter 2000.
Welwyn Garden City (Applecroft JMI) - Consultation on proposals for schemes - New parking restrictions and minor traffic calming - Walking bus, programme of cycle training, School Travel Plan established	Consultation April 2000. Implemented winter 2000.
Watford (Watford Girls School) - Consultation on proposals for schemes - Construction work on a 20 mph zone outside the school - New pedestrian crossing - School set up a Bus User group	Consultation autumn 2000. Construction work 2001.
Garston, Watford (Francis Coombe school) - Joint safety and SRTS scheme	Implemented Spring 2001
Pilot schemes – Vehicle Actuated Signs on speed problem sites near schools	Development and Implementation
Promotion of SRTS to all schools in Hertfordshire - Walk to School Week - Walking Buses established by schools not in LEARN programme - Number of schools developed Travel Plans independently - Walking Bus and SRTS websites set up	Implemented

Financial details for the above schemes can be found in the Finance Forms in the technical document accompanying this report.

New Links and Initiatives

- As part of the Walk to School Week initiative a link was made with a school in California for International Walk to School Week.
- Bus friendly 'H' humps as part of Letchworth SRTS.
- Joint working with University College of London on a research project looking at children's health and fitness and the journey to school.
- Involvement with the Regional SRTS group.
- Links with LTP area plans (especially South West Hertfordshire).
- Links with NHS Health Promotion, and Community Planning in Buntingford.
- A DETR funded three year school travel plan co-ordinator.

The Programme for 2001/02

Scheme	£'000s
Completion of 2000/01 schemes	55
Hemel Hempstead (Hemel Hempstead Secondary, South Hill Junior, Heath Lane nursery) continued implementation of SRTS	147
Stevenage (Thomas Alleyne, Barclay, Letchmore Road infants, Almond Hill Junior) continued implementation of SRTS	250
Welwyn Garden City (Stanborough Lakeside Special School, Applecroft JMI) - Finish project at Applecroft school including post contract elements, scheme construction for Lemsford Lane traffic calming and complete School Forum process	100
STRAP (St Helens, Wheathampstead Primary, St Johns Primary - Design Development and consultation	60
South West Herts (Abbots Langley JMI, Bromet JMI, Leavesdon Green JMI) Design Work for crossing improvements	42
Development of a hybrid Puffin Crossing	15
Advanced Preparation works - 5 new schools, projects at 11 LEARN schools	268
Assistance with UCL Research Project	10
TOTAL	947

Funding Sources

Funding for LEARN projects in 2000/01 was covered by £350,000 of LTP money and £318,000 of County Council funding. Elements of the Letchworth scheme were partly funded by the Howard Cottage Housing Association and North Hertfordshire District Council (£80,000).

For 2001/02 in addition to the £660,000 of LTP funding there will also be £170,000 of County Council revenue funding (additional revenue is also raised from resource pack sales), and £117,000 from other sources.