



Targeting Transport

Fancy getting out into the great outdoors, rather than sitting in



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playing endless computer games? If you go out, think about *how* you get around!

- Every motor vehicle burns fuel which causes fumes. (Have you ever smelled them when a bus goes by? Yuk!) These fumes all contribute to air pollution.
- There are more than 20.5 million cars in the UK. This is due to double in the next few years. They would need a motorway 13 lanes wide in each direction, running from London to Edinburgh, just to park! (And we think the M25 is bad!)
- 15% of morning traffic is the school run!
- 25% of car journeys are less than one mile! (How lazy is that?!)
- Look around on the roads and see how many animals are killed every year. (Did you know that 50,000 badgers are killed on Britain's roads each year? That's the same as one person from *every* family in Britain being killed on the roads *every* year!)



So, what can you do?

- Avoid unnecessary car journeys – walk or cycle when you can, *safely*.
- Use a bus or train when you can't walk.
- Share lifts to school if you really can't walk. (Think how much fitter you'd be, if you walked more! And don't think you'd breathe in more fumes. Scientists have shown that inside the car is the worst place to be in traffic!)
- Combine necessary car journeys. Ask Mum to do the



shopping when she picks you up from school to save a journey later.

- Ask your council what they can do to make your roads safer and cleaner, and the air cleaner too!
- Organise a walk-to-school day.
- Make a poster to illustrate the problem, and ask your teacher to put it up in school.
- Have a car-free weekend.

Wildlife Watch is the junior branch of The Wildlife Trusts and the UK's leading environmental action club for kids. If you care about nature and the environment and want to explore your local wildlife – this is the club for YOU!

There are **150,000** Wildlife Watch members around the UK. Taking part in Wildlife Watch is an exciting way to explore your surroundings and get closer to the wildlife you share it with.