

After -worker spring ride

with Hackney Cyclists and Tower Hamlets Wheelers

When? Wednesday March 24th

Meet? 6pm ON the Green Bridge, Mile End Road (Tower Hamlets) or 6.30pm outside Hackney City Farm, Hackney Road (Hackney Cyclists)

Event? This will be a 3-4 mile social ride at a gentle pace.

We start by looking at the junctions of Goldsmith Row, Hackney Road and Colombia Road to see how this could be improved for cyclists, continue for 3-4 scenic miles taking in sights in both boroughs until we reach the roundabout in Victoria Park Road where we will lay flowers for Shivon Watson. Shivon died whilst cycling from her flat in Bow to work at the Fairbridge charity in central Hackney on Wednesday 10th March.

Finish at the Royal Inn on the Park, Lauriston Road, at 9:00 pm.

<http://www.hackney-cyclists.org.uk/>

<http://www.towerhamletswheelers.org.uk/>

Cyclists and Large Vehicles

Shivon was killed when caught between roadside railings and a left-turning skip truck, (belonging to GBN). She is the third cyclist to be killed in London this year by a large vehicle. The day before Muhammad Haris Ahmed was killed in Weston Street, Southwark by a tipper lorry servicing the Shard construction project. He was a 4th-year Kings College medical student who lived in Bethnal Green and was on his way to Guy's Hospital. That lorry belongs to one of the UK's largest waste-management transport companies, which also has a major contract servicing the Crossrail construction project. On 9th February 2010 David Vilaseca, professor of Spanish literature at Royal Holloway College, University of London, was killed near Tower Bridge (Southwark), by a left-turning skip lorry.

The London Cycling Campaign (LCC) has been working hard on a number of initiatives to increase the safety of cyclists (and pedestrians) in relation to such vehicles on London's roads. Details can be found here <http://www.lcc.org.uk/>