



## Going green

All too often 'environmental' charities and organisations seem to have a bit of a blind spot when it comes to transport. Not so Environ, a broad-based charity doing all sorts of pro-environmental projects in Leicester and the East Midlands. One of these initiatives is providing a 'Green Doctor' to visit households and install energy-efficiency measures such as insulation, draught-proofing and low-energy bulbs.

At least for UK Bike Week (June 14th to 22nd), the Doctor, Tim Hudson, swapped his usual van for a tandem, and with his assistant Matt Scull attended all of his appointments by pedal power, towing a trailer to carry the tools.

Tim, a keen cyclist, said: "I felt I must do my bit to support Bike Week because I am constantly encouraging people to be environmentally friendly. Cycling not only helps to reduce pollution, but it is also an excellent way to exercise and improve your health."

Amongst the charity's other cycling initiatives is the Leicester Bike Park, which now provides secure parking for more than 13,000 bikes a year. It's thought that availability of secure cycle storage is a significant factor encouraging more people to cycle to work.

**Environ:** Tel 0116 2220222 or see [www.environ.org.uk](http://www.environ.org.uk)

## Take the Snaik



This dinky version is for children from ages around two to six, and the seat height can be adjusted from 30 to 50cm. It's on sale for 250 Euros including German sales tax, and it can be ordered online at the SNAIX website: [www.snaix.com](http://www.snaix.com). Or contact SNAIX on: Tel +49 711 256 9723 Fax +49 711 257 9145.

This neat little child's exercise device is distributed by the people behind what used to be called the SNIKE, and is now the SNAIX – a sort of pivot-in-the-middle bicycle. The demands this geometry makes on balance and co-ordination mean that the marketing of the machine seems to now be focussing on its potential health and rehabilitation applications.

## Gearing up for Battle Mountain

Once again, as we go to press teams from around the world are gearing up for attempts to be the world's fastest bike at the high, flat and dead straight track at Battle Mountain, Nevada, USA. The event runs from the 15th to 20th September.

Last year, Canadian Sam Whittingham propelled his Varna speedbike to a record 81mph over the 200m flying sprint course. He'll be back again, hoping for more favourable weather conditions to help set an improved time.

Amongst the other entries this year is a team from Slovenia, with a possibly unique vehicle in which the rider sits backwards – feet towards the rear. A 'simple optical system' is used to pilot the vehicle. Slovenian national track-cycling record holder Matjaz Leskovar will pilot the 'Satequs Eivie' machine.

Watch for updates on [www.velovision.co.uk](http://www.velovision.co.uk), and a report next issue. See also the event website at [www.wisil.recumbents.com](http://www.wisil.recumbents.com)



**The Slovenian Satequs Eivie vehicle: the rider faces backwards allowing, they believe, a better aerodynamic profile**