

Chris Wood

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

Community Rail Partnerships Manager

Community Rail Norfolk *August 2010 – Present, Norwich*

Managing the Bittern Line and Wherry Lines Community Rail Partnerships, developing and implementing their joint Action Plan, producing promotional material, and being a catalyst for improvements. Company Secretary.

Relief Visitor Services Assistant

Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service *June 2011 – Present*

Front-of-house work at the Great Yarmouth museums.

Self-employed as Transplan *July 2009 – Present, Norwich*

Transport consultancy and writing: Green Access Audits for countryside attractions, production of a guide to the Bittern and Wherry Lines and a scoping report for a renewed Chilterns Rambler bus.

Transport Planner

Norfolk County Council *February – November 2010 (Maternity Leave Cover), Norwich*

Work in the Transport Strategy Team on the Local Transport Plan, climate change adaptation, Great Yarmouth, air quality; enhancing the team's competence by field audits, research and communication.

Transport Partnership Officer

Widen the Choice Rural Transport Partnership *2002 – July 2009, Norwich*

Regional partnership of The National Trust, RSPB and Natural England, making it easier for people to explore the countryside by means other than the car: Green Access Audits, partnerships to improve walking, cycling and public transport, promotional material, work with heritage, wildlife and tourist attractions. I wrote, designed and produced the good practice guide, *Green Access for Countryside Recreation*, available from www.transplan.org.

Self-employed as Transplan *1994 – 2002, Norwich*

Transport consultancy and technical writing: sustainable access and bus networks. Projects in Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. Swedish-English translation.

Environment and Planning Researcher

CILT: The Centre for Independent Transport Research in London *1993 – 2002, London*

Research on sustainable transport, environment & planning, light rail, accessible bus stops, bus fuels, traffic reduction. Workshop facilitation. Webmaster (www.cilt.dial.pipex.com). Volunteer supervision.

Research Fellow

Bartlett School of Planning, University College London *1993 – 1994, London*

Collating data from travel studies to compare differing towns and cities for transport energy use.

Consultant

Steer Davies Gleave *1992 – 1993, London*

Survey work for various public transport studies.

Senior Environmental Transport Planner

TEST (Transport & Environment Studies) *1992, London*

Research on 'trip degeneration' (reducing travel needs through planning and provision of alternative options). The Director died and I was employed to assist the executors in tying up contracts.

Planning Assistant

Länstrafiken (Örebro County Passenger Transport Authority) 1991 – 1992, Örebro, Sweden
Multilingual research on commuting patterns and biogas bus operation.

Placement

Stadsbyggnadskontoret i Örebro (Örebro Borough Planning Office) 1990, Örebro, Sweden
Analysis of travel diaries, traffic behaviour and parking studies.

Co-ordinator

Norfolk Friends of the Earth 1987 – 1988, Norwich
Day-to-day management of the local branch of the environmental group: office, media and volunteers.

Education

Polytechnic of Central London (now University of Westminster) 1988 – 1989, London

M.Sc. Transport Planning and Management – Distinction

University of East Anglia 1983 – 1987, Norwich

B.Sc. Environmental Sciences – Upper Second-class Honours

P.G.C.E. Geography – Merit

Associations & Voluntary Work

Volunteer for the Curator of Decorative Arts at Norwich Castle Museum January 2011 – Present
Collections management: locating items, object handling and cataloguing on the MODES database.

Norwich InterFaith Link 2001 – Present

Currently Co-Chair and Programme Secretary. Previously Chair for a year and Vice-Chair for two.

Bittern and Wherry Lines Community Rail Partnerships 2003 – 2010

Secretary of WLCRP, 2008 – 2010. Leading guided walks and promotional work.

East of England Sustainable Transport and Rural Access Forum 2006 – 2009

One of the founder members, as officer for Widen the Choice. Chair for one year.

Norfolk Constabulary and Police Authority Independent Advisory Group 2005 – 2006

'Critical friend' group on diversity issues. Member for its inaugural year.

Friends of Library Wood 1999 – 2000

Founder member and Joint Co-ordinator. Member of other green-space 'friends' groups in Norwich.

Light Rail Transit Association Member of the UK Development Group for a number of years in the 1990s, Development Officer for one.

Awards

- Third place in two categories in the Community Rail Awards 2008 for Widen the Choice's Yare Valley / Lakenheath Sunday Rail Gateways to the Countryside project.
- Transport Practitioners' Meeting 2008: 'Best Paper Demonstrating Sustainable Transport Solutions'.

Skills & Professional Development

- Working towards the Associateship of the Museums Association.
- Short courses in museum skills: conservation housekeeping, Integrated Pest Management, environmental monitoring and the SHARE East of England 'Understanding Museums' course.
- Short courses in media skills, project management and negotiation skills.
- Storytelling and guided walks.
- Fluent Swedish; technical reading knowledge of Danish and Norwegian.
- Computers: MS Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook & Access, Adobe InDesign, Illustrator & Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Serif DrawPlus, PagePlus & PhotoPlus, MODES, HTML.