Further reading

- The Highway Code
  - www.highwaycode.gov.uk
- Scottish Road Safety Campaign - “Safer Horse riding on the Road”
  - www.src.org.uk
- British Horse Society Riding and Road Safety manual
  - www.bhs.org.uk
- Scottish Outdoor Access Code
  - www.outdooraccess-scotland.com

Useful addresses

Renfrewshire Council
Department of Planning and Transport
Renfrewshire Council HQ
Cotton Street
Paisley PA1 1LL
www.renfrewshire.gov.uk

British Horse Society
Stoneleigh Deer Park
Kenilworth
Warwickshire
CV8 2X2
www.bhsscotland.org.uk

Sustrans Scotland
16a Randolph Crescent
Edinburgh
EH3 7TT
www.sustrans.org.uk

CYCLISTS

- Be courteous to other road users - it costs nothing and goes a long way!
- Be visible - wear light, bright or reflective clothing.
- Ensure your bike is road worthy.
- Know the Highway Code.
- Fit lights and use them in poor visibility.
- Ride in single file on narrow roads and no more than two abreast elsewhere.
- Cycle in to the left.
- Give clear hand signals.
- Warn others of your presence by saying hello and using your bell to warn pedestrians.
- Avoid using bell to warn horse riders of your presence. Speak quite loudly the horse will then recognise that you are a human on a bike!
- Slow down and be prepared to stop to let horses pass you.
- Respect land management activities such as hedge or verge cutting, animal herding or tractors on the road.
Renfrewshire has an extensive network of quieter country roads that make good routes by motorised vehicles, for walkers, horse riders and cyclists to enjoy our countryside as well as being used by motorised vehicles. Everyone - vehicle drivers, pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists and land managers can act responsibly to ensure that these routes are safer for everyone to use.

This leaflet highlights the ways that YOU can make using these routes safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

ON COUNTRY ROADS

PEDESTRIANS

• Be courteous to other road users - it costs nothing and goes a long way!
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• Watch out for the approach of other road users from front or rear.
• Use the verge to allow other road users to pass.
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MOTORISED VEHICLE DRIVERS

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• Give other road users plenty of room.
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• Drive nowhere near the back of a horse!
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TRAVELLING SAFELY TOGETHER

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• If you are on a young horse tuck in behind a more experienced horse.
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• Know the highway code.
• Give clear and accurate hand signals.
• Ride with both hands on reins unless signalling or taking care of your horse.
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