



Elsewhere in the UK



Glasgow has introduced a low-emission zone in an attempt to get rid of the most polluting buses. It will restrict other vehicles from 2020. Owners of heavy polluting vehicles will be charged fines if they drive in parts of Leeds next year, and other cities, including Aberdeen, Manchester and Newcastle, will restrict certain vehicles from driving in the city in the hope that more people use public transport or bikes.

PEDAL POWER

Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, has one of the lowest rates of car ownership in Europe and is thought to have more bicycles than people.

Events and activities will be held across the capital.

London to have traffic-free day

On 22 September, the streets of central London will be empty of traffic as the capital joins other cities around the world for a car-free day. The event was announced by London mayor Sadiq Khan, who wants people to enjoy the traffic-free streets.

The event will be London's biggest ever car-free day, with 12.3 miles of road near Tower Bridge, London Bridge and the City of London closed to cars and other vehicles. London's first car-free day was held last year, but they've taken place in other cities around the world for years. Khan hopes

it will encourage more people to cycle, walk or use public transport more regularly, which would reduce air pollution across the city.



Roads around Tower Bridge will be closed.

Air pollution is one of the biggest health challenges in the capital. More than two million people, including 400,000 children, live in areas where the levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) are so high that they are against the law. NO₂ is a gas that has no colour or smell, and it is produced by vehicle engines burning fuel. In large quantities it is bad for people's health and damages the environment. More than 50% of London's air

pollution is caused by vehicles, especially ones with diesel engines, and the level of NO₂ is not falling as quickly as expected. A survey by Transport for London (the organisation responsible for the city's transport system) found that nearly half of Londoners did not realise vehicles were the main cause of air pollution.

Boroughs across the city will be taking part in the event. There will be activities on the streets, including BMX rides, skate ramps, live music, street entertainers, guided walks and arts and crafts marquees. Special children's events will include treasure hunts, a storytelling stage and a themed school sports day. "I encourage as many Londoners as possible to join in the fun and see the city from a different perspective," said Khan.



WORD OF THE WEEK

RECYCLE

Did you know that the word recycle is related to the bicycle? Both are connected to the wheel, invented in around 4000BC. Wheel comes from the ancient word *kwel*, which means to turn. This gradually developed into the Greek word *kuklos* (circle). It is from here that we have the bicycle (two wheels), and recycling, which means going round and round in circles.

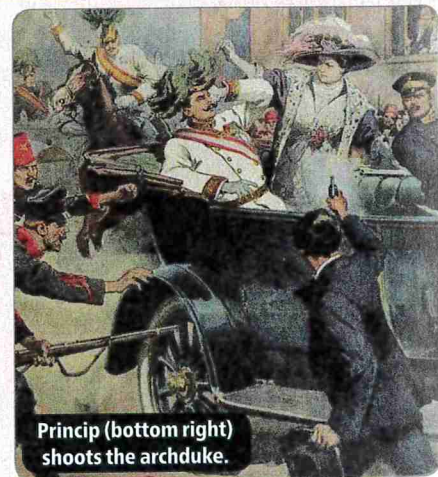


THE WEEK IN HISTORY

28 June 1914

Archduke Franz Ferdinand is assassinated

On 28 June 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand was shot dead in Sarajevo, in Bosnia. This started a chain of events that led to the First World War. The archduke was heir (next in line to be ruler) of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, which ruled several countries at the time. He was shot by a Serbian called Gavrilo Princip. Princip belonged to a group that wanted to end Austro-Hungarian rule in the region. The Austro-Hungarian Empire blamed Serbia for the attack and declared war on the country. This pulled other countries into the fight, which lasted more than four years.



Princip (bottom right) shoots the archduke.