

CRITICAL Mass

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What's the protest about? It's not a protest - it's a celebration of cycling! That said, we hope we might provoke some thought about:

- people need better options to leave their cars at home
- people need better public transport
- a need for better provision for cyclists and pedestrians
- cyclists have an equal right to use the public roads
- we need to reduce local pollution and carbon emissions
- we need to reduce society's dependency on fossil fuels
- cycling is fun!

Why are you blocking traffic? We're sorry if we delayed you - our purpose isn't to annoy motorists! Most of us ride our bikes for transportation every day. Imagine how much worse the usual congestion would be if we all drove cars instead! Cyclists don't block traffic, cyclists *are* traffic!

Why cycle? Bikes are the fastest way to get around Bristol. They increase your fitness and help reduce traffic congestion and CO₂ emissions. If a car is essential for you, consider www.citycarclub.co.uk or a lift share scheme: www.2carshare.com. Better still, try cycling!

Can I join in? Of course! We meet on the last Friday of each month, at 5.30pm at the fountains near the Hippodrome. We set off at 6pm, the route chosen by those present. Costumes and decorations are always very welcome! See <http://criticalmass.wikia.com/wiki/Bristol> for more info, or check out the Facebook group 'Critical Mass Bristol'.

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