



Reading San Francisco Libre Association



The Reading San Francisco Libre Association

The RSFLA helps maintain links between Reading and San Francisco Libre, its twin town in Nicaragua.

Following Hurricane Mitch, the association has been involved in fundraising for emergency relief and rehabilitation. It is also encouraging Reading-based organisations and individuals to provide expertise and practical long-term development assistance.

It encourages schools, churches, businesses and other organisations to develop links between the two communities, with scope for development assistance and exchange visits.

Development assistance can be channeled through the Reading San Francisco Libre Trust (Registered charity number 1006736).



The RSFLA 'Bicycle Project'

The distances between the outlying communities in the municipality of San Francisco Libre, and the school in the town of SFL, means that many children must catch the bus into school, or walk long distances (perhaps 10 km). As buses in the area are very infrequent, children often find themselves unable to return home after lessons. Some end up staying with relatives, or other families.

The mayor of San Francisco Libre thinks that bicycles could be an answer to this problem. In a pilot scheme, the mayor's office lent out a few cycles to children, giving them the opportunity to buy them on hire purchase. The initial trial proved very popular, and some students from outlying villages have started to cycle to and from school every day (see photo). More students wish to benefit from this scheme and the Mayor of San Francisco Libre asked whether Reading could assist with this project.



Cycling for San Francisco Libre!

**RSFLA Cycle Ride
Sunday 6 June 2004**

Please sponsor for San Francisco Libre!



RSFLA Cycle Ride
Sponsorship Form for Reading San Francisco Libre Trust

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