## **Walking Back to our future**

On Friday the 28th June 2024. MAGOR (Magor Action Group on Rail) sponsored a Walk to School Day for Undy and Magor Church in Wales primary Schools.

With Magor & Undy Walkway Station being accepted as an alternative to the M4, as one of the five new stations on the mainline, MAGOR's focus has turned to ensuring that Magor & Undy Walkway Station be the first of the five new stations.

MAGOR has built a small campaign, mostly raised at May and Frost Fayres etc. MAGOR is keen to channel some of those funds back into the community.

Each pupil in both schools was given a ticket (the tickets have been designed by the pupils) to hand in if they walked to school on the 28th of June. For each ticket collected, MAGOR will pay 50 pence to the respective school as a contribution towards their much-needed PTFA and FOUPS funds. The MAGOR group also asked if any local businesses were willing to offer some match-funding. We know that every penny will be greatly appreciated by our fantastic schools.

All the arrangements for the day were organised by our brilliant members Ted Hand and Peter Wilson.

Our Chair Laurence Hando was delighted to be supported on the day by Rachel Jones from Magor with Undy Town Council, Sgt Stephen Hayward and PSCSO Kayla Phillips from Gwent Police, Tyrone Johnston and Ryan Last – Civil Enforcement Officers for Monmouthshire Council, Simon Rosen – Safe Routes to School and Travel Plan Officer for MCC and local councillors. We really enjoyed taking part in the respective School Assemblies and explaining the benefits of a Walkway Station and why walking to school when you can is a great start to the day.

MAGOR wants to thank both schools, the children and their carers most sincerely for the way in which they embraced the Walk to School Day. We hope this might help people think how they can increase their walking to school and reduce their car journeys on a more regular basis. We are really looking forward to seeing how much the schools have raised!

County Councillor Frances Taylor Magor West West End , Magor.