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THERE are more than 200 estate agent businesses in Buckinghamshire.

Our wesbite getbucks analysed millions of rows of government business data to confirm what everyone suspected all along - estate agents are everywhere.

With house prices rocketing up and down the country and renters becoming increasingly more common it is a good time to get involved in the real estate industry.

Our analysis of records from Companies House reveals 240 businesses based in Buckinghamshire are classed as real estate agencies - 30.7 for every 100,000 people in the area.

South Bucks is a particular hotspot with 41 estate agencies at 59.8 for every 100,000 residents followed by Milton Keynes with 36.3 for every 100,000. Neighbouring Chiltern district has 21 estate agents - or 22.3 per 100,000 residents.

Aylesbury Vale is the place to head to in Buckinghamshire if you want the best possible chance of avoiding an estate agent. There are 40 estate agents businesses based in the local authority.

STARs shine brightly for sustainable school travel

Work promoting walking and cycling recognised with certificates

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FOURTEEN schools in Buckinghamshire were recognised this week for their work promoting walking and cycling to school.

The national Modeshift STAR entry-level bronze awards, sponsored by the Department for Transport, were presented at a one-day conference by Buckinghamshire County Council's deputy cabinet member for transport Paul Irwin on Monday.

This brings the number of schools across the county that have joined the campaign to 77, to promote active, safe and sustainable travel by families making the school journey.

Also honoured were three schools promoted from bronze to silver, two



Rewards: BCC's deputy cabinet member for transport Paul Irwin presented representatives from the schools with their certificates

silver holders that gained gold, and one - The Downley School - that jumped from bronze to gold in one year.

Bucks County Council's transport strategy officer Nicky Batkin said successful schools had shown strong evidence of

their commitment to encourage parents and pupils to actively use a safe sustainable way to get to and from school.

Modeshift STAR awards winners:

>> New bronze STAR awards:

- Bierton Church of England Combined School
- Cedar Park School, Hazlemere
- Chiltern Way Federation - Prestwood and Wendover
- Claytons Combined School, Bourne End
- East Claydon School
- Hughenden Primary School
- Lent Rise Combined School, Burnham
- Newtown Infant School and Nursery, Chesham
- St Joseph's Catholic Infant School, Aylesbury
- St Mary's CofE School
- St Michael's CofE Combined School, High Wycombe
- Stoke Poges School
- Thorpe House School and Senior School, Gerrards Cross
- William Harding Combined, Aylesbury

>> Schools progressing from bronze to silver:

- Gayhurst School, Chalfont St Peter
- Haddenham St Mary's CofE infant school
- St Louis RC Primary School, Aylesbury

>> Schools progressing from silver to gold:

- Broughton Junior School, Aylesbury
- Fulmer Infant School
- Stoke Mandeville Combined School

>> School progressing from bronze to gold:

- The Downley School, High Wycombe

She added: "It could be walking, cycling, scooting, car sharing or even parking and walking."

One school, she said, had even laid on cycle training and maintenance to encourage safe bike use, while another had started a Perfect Parking scheme to get parents and carers to park their cars

considerately.

Mr Irwin said: "These awards really do count for a great deal in helping children to understand the value to the community of walking or cycling to and from school."

I'm delighted to have been invited to present them."

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