



CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Working to Create a Cycle Friendly City.....

CYCLING MATTERS!



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Canal Towpath Closed Yet Again!



Chester cyclists are dismayed that the canal towpath route through the city from Northgate Locks to Cow Lane Bridge has been closed once again and we don't know when it will re-open.

This useful route has closed several times over recent years, due to problems with the city wall, which is the issue again. The towpath operators, The Canal & Rivers Trust, posted a notice on their website in November saying "As part of an inspection of the

Roman walls, an area of particularly loose material has been identified above the rock face at the back of the towpath. As a precautionary measure it is therefore necessary to close the towpath. Boat traffic should not be affected. Third party contractors will be removing vegetation and carrying out a survey of the city walls above the towpath. Access will be by abseiling. We will update this notice next week once we have had the opportunity to fully understand the scale of the problem." Chester Cycling Campaign notes that no update has yet been posted! If you'd like to check for updates, look here: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/notice/11928/towpath-closure-between-northgate-bridge-123g-and-king-charles-tower>

The closure notices on the barriers at either end show a diversion route, but as it goes along the City Walls, it is clearly not designed for cyclists! An alternative route keeping to the same side of the canal is: after Northgate locks, leave the towpath & pass through the city wall to Pemberton Road, along King Street, right into Northgate Street, left through Abbey Square, through The Kaleyards & re-join the towpath after Cow Lane Bridge. This route includes footpaths, so a bike will have to be pushed on those sections.

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Cycling is healthy, cheap, fast, and clean. It could be a key part of solving our transport problems and ensuring the prosperity of Chester. Chester Cycling Campaign is working towards a better, greener city by making cycling a safe and attractive transport option.

The Campaign supports the work of 20's Plenty, a national organisation formed to campaign for the implementation of 20 mph as the default speed limit on residential roads in the UK.

We are also campaigning for:

- 100 km of cycle routes around the city
- safe routes to schools
- better city centre access
- two-way cycle flows on one-way streets
- free carriage of bikes on trains
- better bike parking facilities



Chester Cycling Campaign Website: www.chestercyclecity.org

Chester Cycling Campaign Email: enquiries@chestercyclecity.org

How you can help:

- Join the Campaign using the form overleaf
- Take part in our campaign initiatives
- Send us ideas for improving cycling facilities
- Make a donation
- Spread the word!



Join the Chester Cycling Campaign!

Join online via our website or fill in the form below and send to us

Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
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If you are happy to receive our newsletters and be notified of Campaign activities by E-mail, thus conserving Campaign funds, please tick here: ☐

Individual Membership	£5.00
Under 16 / Student / Unwaged / Senior	£3.00
Family / Household Membership	£10.00
Life Membership	£50.00

Annual membership is valid until the end of September during the year of joining - join after April 1st and your membership is valid until the end of September in the following year!!

I enclose an additional donation of £

I agree to this information being placed on electronic database for Campaign purposes only.

Signed: Date:

Please send completed form and cheque (Payable to Chester Cycling Campaign) to:

Chester Cycling Campaign Membership Secretary
1, Kings Crescent West, Chester CH3 5TQ



Danger on the Boardwalk



At a recent meeting we had a visitor who related their sad experience on the boardwalk at Crane Bank Wharf (pictured) which joins the shared use riverside path that runs around Chester Racecourse, skirts the stables at the Racecourse and runs to the rear of apartments that line the River Dee at Crane Bank.

Despite being an experienced cyclist he sustained a nasty fall whilst cycling on the boardwalk which resulted in painful injuries. The surface of the boardwalk has become slippery with algae and is treacherous to cycle in wet/damp weather.

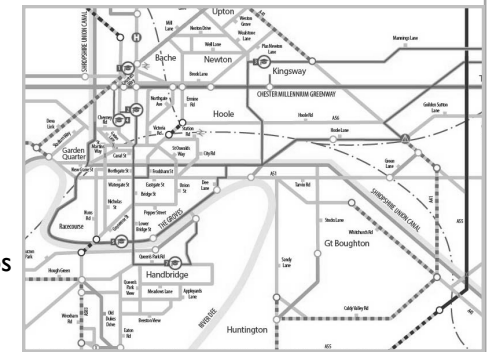
If any members are cycling there we urge you to take extra care - there are warning signs, but the campaign feels that the boardwalk surfacing should be treated to improve grip and minimise skidding.

If any members should be unfortunate enough to sustain a fall there we would urge them to plot the incident on the CWaC highways reporting website <https://maps.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cwac/faultreporting/> so that the danger can be logged. This can then be a prelude to further action if a number of falls are recorded there.



Chester Cycle Network “Tube Map” Published

The University of Chester and the Chester Cycling Campaign have together produced a colourful graphical ‘tube map’ depicting routes for cyclists between key destinations in the city and beyond. Based on the design style of the famous London Underground map, cycle tube maps serve a similar purpose in giving cyclists a quick overview of the local cycle network.



Cycle tube maps are also a useful lobbying tool as the maps illustrate easily to local decision-makers where a desired network of infrastructure would be best placed and what the current quality of the network is. As shortcomings in the local network are readily visible on the maps, they can aid the planning of new cycle infrastructure.

The Chester Cycle Network Tube Map shows off-road, quiet and segregated cycle routes in and around the city. University of Chester students will find it particularly useful in planning journeys between University sites, including Thornton Science Park, Kingsway and the main Parkgate campus.

There are broadly four types of routes detailed on the map: traffic free, segregated cycle paths, cycle routes on road and those for experienced cyclists only. Each type of route is colour coded for easy identification. The map is available as a free PDF from:

<http://www.chestercyclecity.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Chester%20Cycle%20Network%20Tube%20Map.pdf>

Printed copies of the map are also available to students at the University of Chester.

We hope you find this map useful. If you have any suggestions or feedback please send to: greenchester@chester.ac.uk



Information about Hoole/Boughton Route to Station



There is a very useful route between the station & Westminster Road, frequented by cyclists & pedestrians living in Hoole & Boughton. From Westminster Road, it starts down the road to Lloyds Bank. The road name is not marked, but on a map is shown as Charterhall Drive.

Note that there are notices at the entrance saying “Private property”. As this is not a public right of way,

please remember that using the route is at your own risk and of course please be courteous to the security staff who are often by the barriers (the barriers are for vehicles, there is a cycle path painted on the road but the barriers do not cross it.)

The route crosses land used by Lloyds Bank and other businesses, passes the new One City Place office block and enters the station through the Carriage Shed (or alongside it if there’s an event on!) On the right is an entrance to the station which is very close to some cycle racks - ideal if you already have your rail ticket.



Keep in touch

We aim to encourage more people to travel around the local area using one of the most environmentally benign modes of transport it is possible to use.

WWW

The Campaign website is the “go to” place to find out about cycling matters in and around Chester: www.chestercycling.org



Our **Facebook** page “Chester Cycling Campaign” often shares great ideas and good news about cycling - follow us to get our updates and news.

Twitter - Follow our twitter feed and contribute to the discussions! [@Chester_Cycling](https://twitter.com/Chester_Cycling) is our twitter feed!

YAHOO!

We have a **cycling discussion group** - “Cyclomania” hosted by Yahoo which provides a lively discussion forum for things cycling in the Chester/North Wales area - ask to be a “subscriber” at:

cyclomania-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



Family Cycle rides planned

One of the Campaign objectives agreed at the recent Annual General Meeting, was to organise a series of family friendly cycle rides during the spring and summer.

This was prompted by a request for help from Carol, a member who attended a recent Campaign meeting.

She was interested in organising one or two family cycle rides that she and her 9 year old daughter would enjoy and that other children with their families would also be interested to join.

If you are interested in taking part when they are organised or could help Carol make the rides happen, please email: enquiries@chestercyclecity.org

