



## CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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

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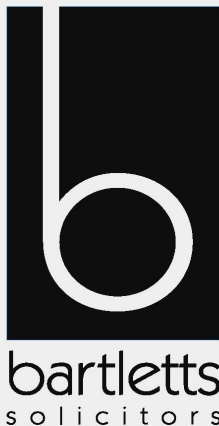
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# Council to Bring In 20mph Outside All Schools

Good news! On 20th February, Cheshire West and Chester Council voted unanimously to start working out how they will introduce 20mph around all schools in the borough which don't already have it.

By 2020, most schools had benefited from 20mph, leaving only 24 schools

across the borough which did not qualify for a 20mph limit under the rules applied at the time.

Sadly, the vote was precipitated by the recent tragic loss of an 11-year-old's life on the 40mph road outside the King's School in Chester, and the consequent superb campaigning work done by the Make Wrexham Road Safe Campaign group, helped by Chester Cycling Campaign members who are also members of 20's Plenty for Chester. Chester's two MPs, Aphra Brandreth and Sam Dixon, have been very involved and have worked together superbly to raise the issue at government level and with the Council.

This will make it safer for everyone: cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. The Campaign thanks all CW&C Councillors for prioritising the safety of our children.





# More Cycle Path Cleaning Up by Campaign Members



Hard at work. Note the several feet of overgrowth being removed.

On 19<sup>th</sup> February, volunteers from Chester Cycling Campaign worked with the Council's "Your Streets" team to clear back the mud and overgrown vegetation, revealing the original width of the path. What a difference! You can see from the photos that several feet of overgrowth on either side were removed.

Now cyclists and pedestrians have their space back again. A huge thank you to all the volunteers from the Campaign: Simon Tiplady, Simon Brown, Andy Ashton, Ken Thomas, Arnold Wilkes, Brian Walsh and Ian Slater, and Garrett and Hannah from CWAC Your Streets team.

Campaign Member Simon Tiplady has been pushing, over a very extended period of time, to get some clearance work done on the cycle path alongside the A51 in Littleton towards Vicars Cross, near the roundabout over the A55. ([W3W ///hedge.hogs.views](http://W3W:///hedge.hogs.views)).

This is a segregated shared-use path, which means it has a path for cyclists and an adjacent one for pedestrians, separated by a solid white line. Over the years, vegetation had grown in from the sides, narrowing it so that it was not longer possible to see the separate paths, and making it very difficult for both cyclists and pedestrians.



After - the full width revealed.



# Hooton Section of Wirral Way Re-opened

The Hooton section of the Wirral Way, frequently used by cyclists from Chester, has re-opened after improvements.

The improvements, which are on the stretch from Hooton to Heath Lane, include: a new entrance at Hooton; the replacement of Windle bridge at Cuckoo Lane, Neston; resurfacing, using recycled road materials, and widening the path from 1.2 metres up to 3 metres in some areas.



The new Windle bridge



The new Windle bridge from underneath

Carried out by the Council, the improvements formed part of the recent 50th Anniversary of the Wirral Country Park.



Resurfacing at Hadlow Road Station

The Wirral Way is shared by people walking, cycling and riding horses and a new Code of Conduct has been introduced across the whole route, to ensure that pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians can share the pathway safely.





# Get a Cycle Buddy!

Spring is here, a good time to get on your bike! Are you one of the many people who say they would like to cycle in and around Chester but are unsure about riding on your own, riding in traffic, which route to take, where to park your bike, etc. etc? Or maybe you'd like to get back on a bike after some time and need a bit of a confidence boost?

If so, Chester Cycle Buddies can help.

We match up an experienced volunteer cyclist with people who would like some support, and tailor the support to their needs.

It's free, and you don't have to be a member of Chester Cycling Campaign to use Cycle Buddies!

Joyce (pictured right) recently used Cycle Buddies to find out how to get into Chester city centre from her home in the outskirts, and where to park her bike once in the city centre. People are often surprised to learn how easy it can be to get around Chester by cycle (work, children's schools, shops, city centre, leisure, friends, etc).

Check out the [Chester Cycle Buddies Scheme](#) page on our website.



Joyce (left) and Cathey (right), her cycle buddy from the Campaign.

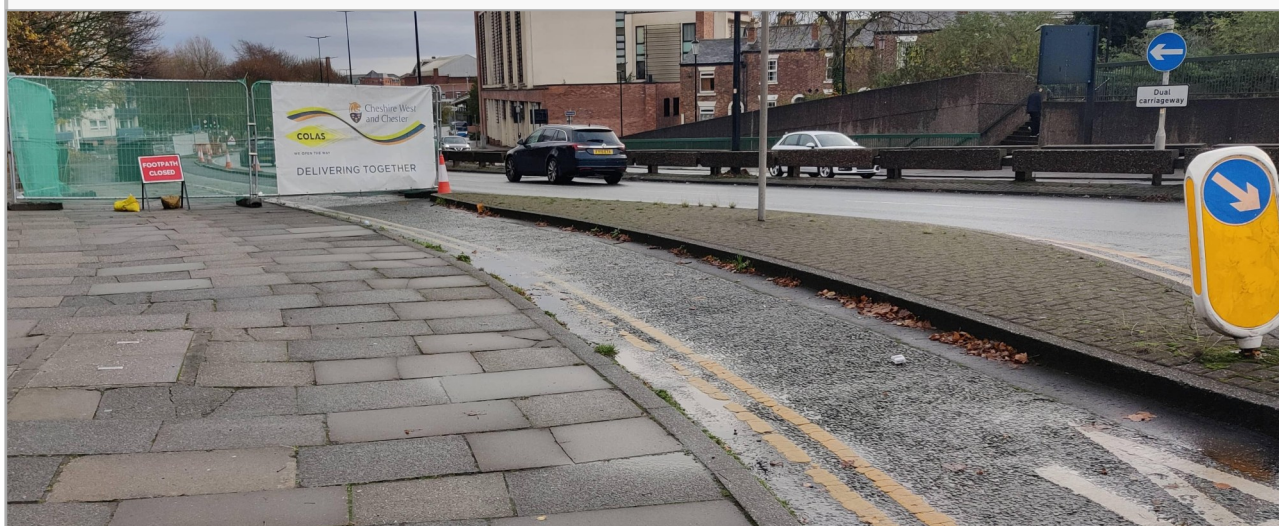


# St Anne Street Junction News

Work resumed after Christmas on this important junction.

It is where St Anne Street meets Saint Oswalds Way (the ring road) and is part of the Pink cycle route which goes from the city centre to Upton.

It is one of the major crossing points for cyclists wanting to cross the ring road. Ring roads were fashionable in the 1960s and whilst they help move vehicles, they form a barrier to pedestrians and cyclists, restricting crossing points into the city centre.



Before Christmas, the cycle lane between Victoria Road and St Anne Street had been widened, so that people using various types of mobility aids, or cycling in opposite directions, can now pass comfortably.

Segregated crossing facilities around the full junction will be installed, including a new signal crossing facility to enable a direct crossing to the Chester Bus Interchange.

The works will be ongoing until mid April.

The new layout scheme was designed by the Council and is funded from bids by the Council to Active Travel England and the Emerging Pressures government fund.



# Campaign Takes Consultations Seriously

Our work towards making Chester a more cycle friendly city involves representing the views of Chester cyclists to the people who make decisions about our roads, pavements and cycle paths. These decisions are all-important, resulting in whether (or not!) you have a safe, pleasant and attractive route to cycle from your home to wherever you want to go in Chester.

We monitor the governments' and our local council's websites for consultations involving cycling or active travel, and always respond. We encourage the government and the council to seize opportunities for improvement and point out that people want to cycle, they just need it to be made easy.



Image from the Council's Hawthorn Road / Poplar Place Traffic Management plan in Lache

Recently, we have responded to consultations on:

- the Council's Design Code,
- the Council's Climate Emergency Response Plan,
- the Council's Hawthorn Road / Poplar Place Traffic Management plan in Lache,
- The Council's St Anne St junction improvements.

If, like us, you want Chester to be a more cycle friendly city, please join us! See our [website](#) or use [this form](#).





# Snickets of Chester

Campaign member Andy Ashton has started a series of posts on the Campaign's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts, showing handy snickets for cyclists getting around Chester.

A snicket is a cut through you can take on a bike which joins two places which are far apart by car. There are quite a few in Chester, but not many people know about them!

A favourite snicket in Chester is Crawfords walk in Hoole, just after the one way railway bridge on Westminster Road. It goes between Lightfoot Street (which is just off the Hoole branch of the Scarlet cycle route which runs from the city centre) and Hamilton Street and bypasses the busy Westminster road. Ding your bell at the jink in the Hamilton Street end!



The Lightfoot Street end  
of Crawford's Walk



The Hamilton Street end  
of Crawford's Walk

Look out for more posts on snickets of Chester - coming soon!



# Free Bike Safety Check when You Join The Campaign!

It's spring! Have you got a bike which you haven't ridden for a while? Do you keep thinking you would like to get out on it, but it needs checking over? Maybe you're not sure whether it's



roadworthy and would like it checked out - but you've got a busy life and never find the time?

Chester Cycling Campaign can help you!

One of the benefits of joining the Campaign is that you can have a free bike safety check, including puncture repairs, brake adjustments, and derailleur gear adjustments.

And Bren Bikes, a Corporate member of the Campaign, is offering a Cycle Health Check completely free of charge! Normal price is £25. Details of both are on our [membership page](#).

Join us, get your bike checked out and you'll be all set for cycling! You can join online, using the link above to our membership page. Or print off and post [the form on page 11](#)





## Join the Chester Cycling Campaign!

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Post Code</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

If you are happy to receive your Campaign bulletins by e-mail and to be notified of Campaign activities by email, please tick here: ☐

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Membership | <b>£10.00</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Unwaged\Student       | <b>£5.00</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Membership     | <b>£15.00</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Corporate Membership  | <b>£25.00</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Life Membership       | <b>£100.00</b> |

Membership is valid until end of September during year of joining. Join after April 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be valid until the end of September in the following year!

How did you hear about the Chester Cycling Campaign?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chester Cycling Campaign website<br><input type="checkbox"/> Friend<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cycling Matters Newsletter<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other – state: | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Event<br><input type="checkbox"/> Local Press<br><input type="checkbox"/> Social Network |
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I enclose an additional donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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