



CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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

CYCLING MATTERS!

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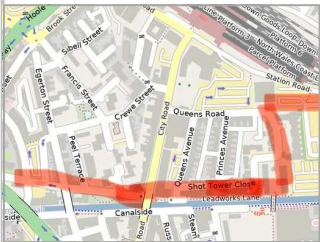
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Now for Something Completely Different for Chester Cycling Campaign!

There's a good, growing cycling community in Chester and the Campaign would like to help promote it. With this in mind we've changed the format of our meetings.

Now we hold our usual campaigning business and planning meeting every 2 months and on the alternate months we hold a social evening based around something fun like getting to know the lesser-known routes around Chester, or a talk on some aspect of cycling, with time for a drink and a chat.



August's social was a Snickets of Chester ride, where the popular Snickets of Chester routes on our Facebook site were brought to life on a cycle tour of them. These handy routes are a revelation to many people!

October's social (photo right) was a fantastically useful talk on how to deal with roadside incidents: one speaker covered what to do when someone is injured and the second gave a practical session to ensure we know how to deal with a puncture and how to use a chain tool.



December's social (Wednesday 3rd) will be "Cycle Touring Speed Dating" - not actual speed dating, just a quick dash through many peoples' favourite places to go riding! Come along for some ideas, or to share your own favourites. Join us at St Werburgh's Parish Centre at 7.30pm.



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Campaign Recycles Cycle Stands

The Campaign is working on getting redundant or rarely-used cycle stands repositioned to new locations where they are needed around Chester.



Two toast-rack style stands (photo left) donated by Waverton Primary School have now been installed on Boughton (replacing the old broken ones) and at Huntington's Jubilee Fields, where there was no provision - see photos right. The Campaign worked with Great Boughton Ward Councillor Elizabeth MacGlashan, and with Huntington Parish Council to re-site the racks.



Thanks to help from members of Civilised Cycling in Casual Attire, twenty individual stands were recovered (with permission from the owner) from a disused building on Charterhall Drive.

Some of these have been re-sited, but there are still some left, so if you know of somewhere in Chester which needs cycle stands, please let us know. Contact us via the webform on our website: <https://chestercyclecity.org/contact-us/>

We need cycle stands at every venue, so that people know they are welcome to arrive on a bike, trike, or whatever type of cycle!



Cycle Stands at the Countess Hospital



This very convenient, covered cycle rack is next to the entrance to the hospital near the blood tests area (What 3 Words ///tags.reds.damp NB: Google maps aerial view shows the new layout of this area, but Street View is currently still showing the old layout.)

A few months ago, a Campaign member reported that it was being blocked by parked cars. We got in touch with our contacts at the hospital, who put in regular checks of the area. The problem was rectified and it now much easier to access.



Glamorous Gals and Dapper Chaps Cycle Ride

On Sunday morning 21st September, 37 riders dressed in their Sunday best set off from the Town Hall Square on the Campaign's Glamorous Gals and Dapper Chaps Cycle Ride 2025.

This is the fourth year the ride has taken place, and like previous years an array of bow ties, waistcoats, dresses, long skirts, snazzy trousers and smart shoes were worn - it's a celebration of riding wearing your "going out" clothes, and shows that it's possible to ride wearing whatever you like!

Riders were on cycles of all shapes and sizes: there were two trikes, Dutch style bikes, a beautiful Pashley, a bike with a child seat carrying the youngest participant, sporty style bikes, hybrids and two penny farthings!

The route took in the Groves, the racecourse, the Cop, the city centre, the Charterhall Drive route to the station, Hoole and both sides of the canal. Most of the riders live in Chester, but some had come in from Wrexham and Liverpool specially to join the ride. We went on to socialise afterwards.

Look out for Glamorous Gals and Dapper Chaps in 2026 and come and join us!



Glamorous Gals and Dapper Chaps riders coming down Northgate Street to finish the ride at the Town Hall.

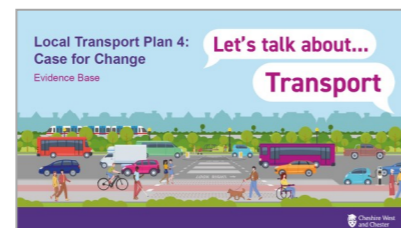


Recent Campaign Responses to Council Consultations

When the Council holds a public consultation on anything to do with transport, or anything which involves - or could involve - cycling, the Campaign submits a response representing the views of cyclists who cycle for transport around the city. Over the last few months, we have responded to:

Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4)

Main themes of our response: LTP4 has laudable aims, but includes few specific, measurable, steps. Road space should be released for cycle lanes. Speed limits should be 20mph on main roads throughout Chester.



Fountains Roundabout Trial Scheme

Main themes of our response: Switching off the traffic lights will make it more dangerous for cyclists (NB: the trial is now over, the lights are off, it is more unsafe). A Dutch roundabout is needed. We support the pedestrian crossing on St Oswald's Way.

Proposed School Streets Scheme at Guilden Sutton Primary School

Main themes of our response: We fully support the proposal. The School Streets scheme will make space around the school and improve child (and adult) safety, air quality and vehicle congestion. Children love to walk, wheel and cycle and our car-dominated society is too often actively preventing children from active travel!



We're on...



Chester Cycling Campaign now has an active **Instagram** Account.

The Campaign **website** is the "go to" place to find out about cycling matters in and around Chester: <https://www.chestercyclecity.org/>

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Follow our **Facebook** page "Chester Cycling Campaign" to get our updates and news.



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



Free Personal Trainer and Circuits Sessions for Campaign Members

Emily Jones, business owner at Chester-based Panthera Personal Training, is offering the following member benefits – hosted at Optimum Health, a private gym above Up and Running in the city centre:

- Free first Personal Trainer session for female members (usual cost is £40 per hour)
- Free first Strength and Conditioning Circuits class for all members
- Emily also hosts a weekly women's run club from Limewood Fields.



Emily is a Level 3 Qualified Personal Trainer and England Athletics Level 1 Run Coach. She frequently cycles around Chester as part of her triathlon training, a sport she has represented Team GB in at the World Triathlon Championships.

Emily says, "As a local cyclist through my triathlon training, I am a big advocate for the campaign and the work they do. I am excited to align Panthera Personal Training with the Campaign, to champion active lifestyles and a fitter, healthier Chester." See the Campaign website for how to book.

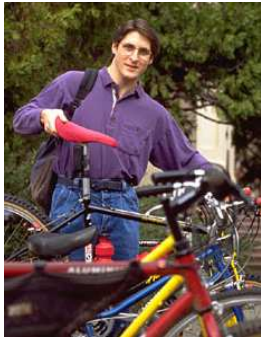
Yet another benefit of being a Campaign member!





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Cycling is cheap, clean, fast and healthy.

Chester Cycling Campaign works to make Chester a better, greener city, where cycling is a safe and attractive transport option. This includes:

- Developing a safe, convenient, efficient and accessible cycle network in and around Chester, with good cycle parking.
- Promoting cycling for short trips around Chester.
- Facilitating cycling for people of all ages, all abilities and all social and economic circumstances.
- Encouraging property developers to incorporate good cycling facilities.
- Reducing actual and perceived dangers faced by cyclists.
- Helping people exchange knowledge and



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!



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

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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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