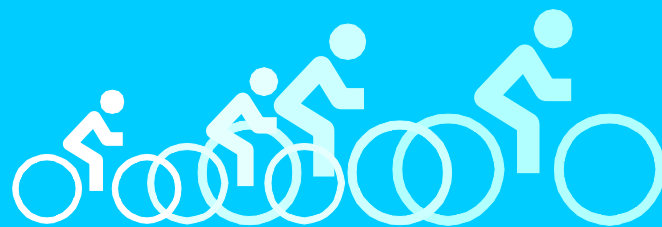


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Crossing the new bridge at Stanley Ferry



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John Harvey Ride Saturday 25th May

We still miss his smiling face and all the hard work he put into Wakefield District Cycle Forum, but we will go on celebrating his life. Do join the celebrations:

Saturday 25th May
10 am
Queens Mill
Castleford

Basic Bike Maintenance Class Angles Country Park 10 till 4 Sunday 19th May

To book a place on this class please email info@cyclings-wakefield.org.uk

Bike Doctor drop in sessions



Bike Doctor drop-in sessions continue on the third Sunday of the month (no session in May). The coming sessions are:

Sunday 23rd June, Anglers Country Park, 11 am till 1 pm

Sunday 21st July, Anglers Country Park, 11 am till 1 pm

Booking is not required for these sessions.

Basic Bike Maintenance Class

The first bike maintenance class of 2019 was another success with 10 pupils enjoying the instruction from our Bike Doctor team. The first class run by CityConnect will be in May followed by a further class in August. Details below:

Sunday 19th May, Anglers, 10 am till 4 pm

Sunday 18th August, Nostell, 10 am till 4 pm

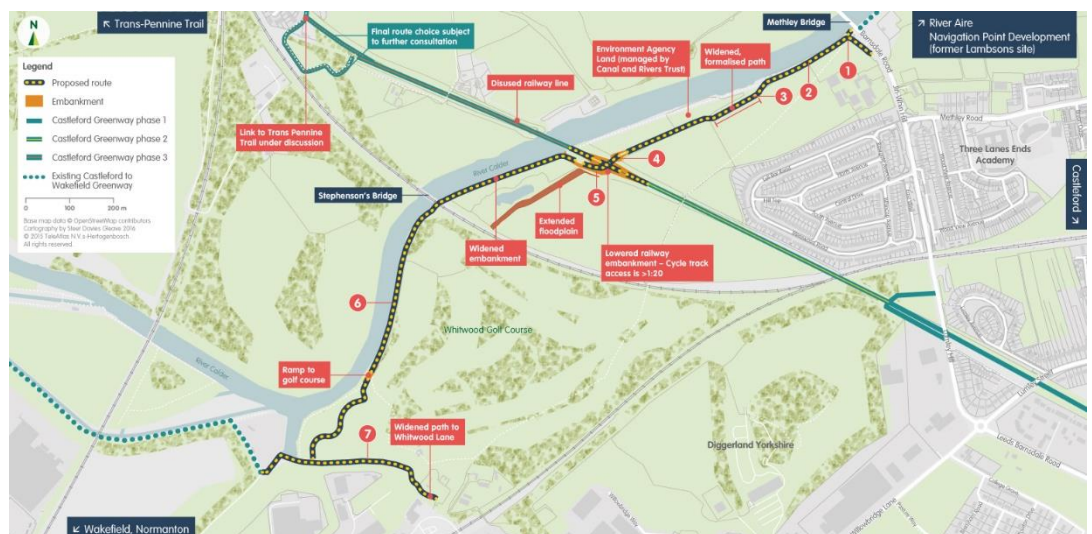
Booking is essential for these courses. Please email your requests to attend to:

info@cycling-wakefield.org.uk

Castleford Greenway Extensions

It is now over a year since the new section of the Castleford to Wakefield Greenway opened. This was phase one of a project which will see cycle paths linking Castleford with Wakefield, Methley and the TPT at Methley and on into Leeds.

In February Phase two of the project got underway with the clearing of trees from the Castleford Greenway to the riverside. The next stage will be the construction of the path and the installation of a new bridge over the Castleford/Leeds live railway line. Work has now begun on this and we are told that this phase will be complete by September. When this happens and combined with the new bridleway at Glass Houghton (see separate article), we will have a network of traffic-free cycle paths linking Pontefract, Castleford, Methley and Wakefield.



Consultation has opened for the next phase of the project which will link this latest phase with the Trans Pennine Trail at Methley. There will be a drop-in session at Methley Cricket Club on 8th May from 4.15 till 7 pm or you can go on line by using the link below:

https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/casgreenway?utm_source=Sustrans&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=10435519_April%20news%202019&utm_content=Yorks_consultation&dm_i=6EB,67O3J,SC2FE,OHSRY,1



Workgroup Report: Improving the Trans Pennine Trail

Our Workgroup has spent the first few months of this year on the TPT around Walton to return the Trail to its former glory. Cutting back on overgrown vegetation has opened up the Trail considerably and it is now more airy and open to the sun (when it decides to appear). The Trail has also 'grown in' over the years so scrapping away weed growth has exposed the original width. It is now twice as wide and much more able to cope with passing traffic.

On this latest phase of the project we were joined by Open Country (<http://www.opencountry.org.uk/>) for two workdays.

Open Country is the Yorkshire charity who enable people with disabilities to access the countryside, mainly through a fun and varied activities programme. On Tuesdays, their 'Wild about Wakefield' project runs nature and access tasks in the local community, with adults with learning disabilities. With minibus provision and volunteer assistance, they go out every week 'greening' their local community.

In March 2019, Open Country helped the Wakefield District Cycle Forum workgroup make a short, accessible path on to the TPT in Walton. They added a new, more accessible path to help cyclists, walkers and other TPT users to get into Walton more easily. The tasks involved cutting back, wall building, path laying and finishing it off with a rockery herb garden.



Zika one of our newest members said "I loved today, it was brilliant! I want to see people using this path for the first time. We all did a great job and it looks so good."

Our workgroup will be out doing their bit for cyclists in the district every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Sessions are usually in the morning from 10 till 12.30 and if you would like to help email us at info@cycling-wakefield.org.uk



Holiday Wednesday Returns

The first Holiday Wednesday of 2019 will take place during the Spring Holiday week.

Holiday Wednesday – Nostell

Wednesday 29th May, 11 am till 3 pm

If you are free why not come along and help. Email info@cycling-wakefield.org.uk



Adult Cycle Training

Cityconnect is funded by the West Yorkshire Combined Authorities and works to help adults get back on their bikes and build their cycling confidence.

Whether you're looking to build your confidence, maintain your bike or master your commute, we have a course for you.

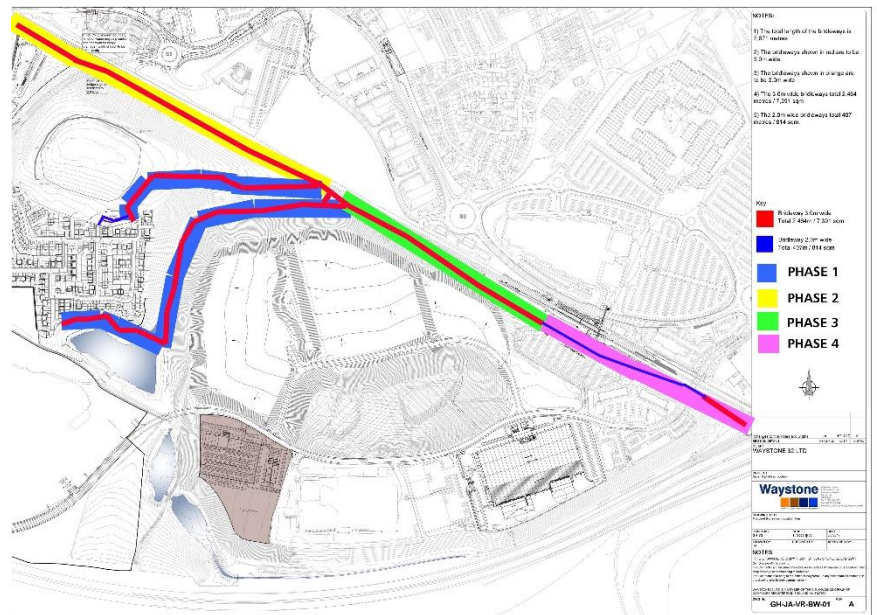
Free cycle training and maintenance courses, for anyone 16+, from beginner too advanced including route planning and journey accompaniment, FREE of charge. Participants can take advantage of up to 3 cycling sessions per level. Training takes place at one of the City Connect Cycle Hubs located across West Yorkshire, including Thornes Park in Wakefield. Typically, sessions running from Monday to Saturday, 1000 – 1200, 1230 – 1430 and 1500 – 1700. Bespoke times can be early mornings or late evenings.

Our sessions are typically run in 2-hour blocks, usually with ratios of 1 instructor to 4 participants with cycle training and 1 to 7 with maintenance sessions. Bespoke and 1:1 sessions available on request. People in receipt of certain benefits may be eligible for a free bike.

More information - <https://cyclecityconnect.co.uk/cycle-training/> or phone 01274 753 556

New Glass Houghton Bridleway

As you will know from this and previous newsletter there are lots of exciting new cycle infrastructure projects happening in and around Castleford. We report elsewhere of the extensions to the Castleford Greenway which will take it north to Methley and which will link in with the riverside route to Castleford town centre and Wakefield. At the other end of the Greenway the developer involved with the Glass Houghton site, Waystone, is installing new brideways which will see links into the new housing estate at the north-west of the site and a link to the cycle path round Pontefract Racecourse.



The latest news from Waystone is:

“We have now completed Phase 1 of the new bridleway, and I have just asked (the council) for a Creation Agreement to bring it into public use.

The other 3 phases are in progress and should be complete by the middle of the summer.”

