

## Introduction

**Dudley MBC is committed to promoting cycling, not just for leisure, but also as an alternative, healthier form of transport.**

This commitment includes:

- Identifying key strategic and local cycle routes, serving residential areas, industrial estates, schools and shopping centres
- Provision of cycle parking
- Infrastructure to assist cyclists where appropriate and practicable (for example toucan crossing, advanced stop lines)
- Signing of cycle routes
- Delivering cycle training for all ages

This map is part of a series being developed to show key strategic routes between centres, and the local network feeding into them. An overview map of the Borough entitled "Cycling in Dudley" is also available, from local libraries.



## Hints and Tips for an enjoyable journey

- Plan your route carefully. Use this map and others in the same series, to find the safest route.
- When using canal towpaths, remember you need a free permit, available from British Waterways.
- Ensure your bike is safe for you to ride
- Carry lights and use them when it is dark and when visibility is poor in the daytime.
- Make sure your tyres are inflated to the correct pressure. This makes cycling easier, and reduces the risk of punctures.
- Wear light, bright clothing (fluorescent is ideal) and add reflective clothing for after dark.
- Carry tools and a puncture repair kit
- Never cycle on the pavement unless signs clearly show it is allowed.
- Follow the Highway Code – it has a special section for cyclists.
- Wear a cycle helmet to minimise the risk of head injuries.
- On marked shared routes, keep to the side marked with a cycle symbol.
- Be considerate. Always slow down to pass pedestrians and other cyclists. Don't try to squeeze past.
- Be especially cautious at blind spots such as junctions, bends, and entrances.
- Fit a bell to warn pedestrians or call out a friendly "hello" – but don't forget that some people have impaired hearing or sight.

## Useful contacts

### Cycle Routes and Cycle Training Road Safety and Travel Awareness

01384 815432  
rsafety.due@dudley.gov.uk

### Cyclists Touring Club

CTC is Britain's largest cyclist organisation, with around 70,000 members. It provides advice and assistance on technical, legal, insurance and campaigning matters, as well as touring.  
0870 873 0060  
cycling@ctc.org.uk

### CTC Dudley Section

Graham Fones  
01902 898388

### CTC Stourbridge Section

Tony Green  
01384 832342

### Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club

Richard Robotham  
0121 503 0704  
Martin Bridgewood  
01952 502674  
www.halesowencycling.net

### Stourbridge Cycling Club

Stourbridge Cycling Club was formed in 1964. It has about 150 members and caters for all levels of cycling including leisure, touring, road racing, time trials, and mountain bike riding.

Chris Jeavons  
01384 839197  
www.stourbridgecyclingclub.com

### The Folding Bike Society

Mike Hessesy  
0117 929 0888

### West Midlands Waterways

01827 252 000  
www.britishwaterways.co.uk

### Sustrans

Sustrans is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity.  
0845 113 00 65  
www.sustrans.org.uk

### Dudley Health Promotion

01384 244491

### Dudley Council Plus

01384 812345  
www.dudley.gov.uk

# Stourbridge Arm Cycle Route

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Kingswinford to Stourbridge



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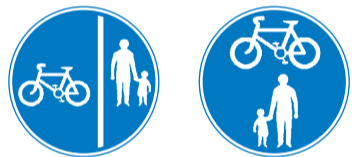
## Cycle Routes

All recommended cycle routes will be signed, these may use dedicated cycle routes or quieter roads. The routes will be signed as shown below and will show a major destination.



## Shared Use

In certain places cycle paths are provided where cyclists and pedestrians can mix safely. Most will be segregated by a continuous white line. Cyclists should keep to their lane at all times. There will also be short distances where there is no segregation, cyclists are reminded to give way to pedestrians at all times on these sections.



## Bus Lanes

Cyclists may use bus lanes where the signs show the cycle symbol.

## Advance Stop lines

These have been provided at traffic lights to give cyclists advantage over other vehicles, the cyclists waiting area is coloured green.






## Cycle Lanes

These are alongside the main traffic lanes. Dashed lines show an advisory cycle lane, mandatory lanes are marked by a continuous white line and other vehicles are not allowed to enter except in an emergency.

## Toucan Crossings

These crossings are like Pelican crossings but have an extra green cycle signal, which allows cyclists to cross without having to dismount.

## KEY

-  Canal
-  Cycle Route
-  Side Roads
-  Main Roads
-  Proposed Link



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