



Key

Existing Cycle Routes & Facilities

- Sections of traffic free route
- Tarmac surface
- Stone surface
- Stone surfaced Bridleway
- Canal towpath
- Footpath
- Sections of on-road route
- Road avoiding busier roads
- Vehicle access track (poor surface)
- Road crossing points on main roads
- Toucan crossing
- Signal junction
- Toucan crossing with Toucan crossing
- Traffic island
- Subway with cycle facilities
- Pelican crossing
- Main road crossing with no facilities
- Mini roundabout
- Facilities on main roads
- Cycle lane
- Bus lane

Potential Cycle Routes & Facilities

- Traffic free route
- Toucan crossing
- Toucan crossing at existing signal junction
- New signal junction with cycle facilities
- Bridge
- Bridge replacing subway
- Traffic calming on busier road
- Traffic island

General Facilities

- Proposed National Cycle Network
- Pennine Bridleway
- BMX Site
- Height (metres)
- Footpath - please walk with your bike
- Cycle shop
- Sports Centre/Swimming Pool
- School
- College
- Tourist Information Centre
- Countryside Visitor Centre
- Library
- Museum
- Hospital
- Rail Station
- Proposed Metrolink Station

Scale 0 200m 400m 600m 800m 1km
0 0 1/4 mile 1/2 mile

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Using the map

This map has been prepared by Unity Partnership on behalf of Oldham Council. It sets out cycle route information and serves three purposes:

1. Show what cycle route infrastructure currently exists in the Borough of Oldham to help people plan cycle journeys.
2. Inform people what potential cycle routes could be developed in the future to make cycling more accessible to all in the community.
3. Allow comments and suggestions about cycle routes to be made to the Oldham Cycling Officer.

Catering for all types of cyclists

Oldham Council recognise that there are different types of cyclists with varying levels of experience, riding a wide range of bikes and using a variety of routes. For example, experienced cyclists riding racing bikes tend to avoid traffic free routes because their tyres are not suited to off-road routes whilst inexperienced cyclists tend to avoid busy roads and seek to use traffic free routes that they consider to be safer.

Through the following three initiatives, Oldham Council is seeking to enhance on-road routes and expand the off-road network to meet the needs of all cyclists.

1. Oldham Cycle Network
2. On-road measures for cyclists
3. Mountain Biking

Oldham Cycle Network

In terms of creating cycle routes that are accessible to all in the community, particularly young or inexperienced cyclists, Oldham Council has embarked on a project to create a cycle network across the Borough, using the same principles used by Sustrans to create the National Cycle Network across the United Kingdom. These networks avoid the use of main roads and seek to provide safer alternatives by connecting sections of traffic free route, quiet/traffic calmed streets, and road crossings on main roads.

The cycle map presented on this leaflet sets out the first phase of the Oldham Cycle Network that could be built over the next 25-30 years. This first phase includes:

- Sections of traffic free route and quiet/traffic calmed street that currently exist;
- Sections of traffic free route that could potentially be constructed within land managed by the Council or through the redevelopment of the built-up environment;
- Existing and potential crossing facilities where the cycle network crosses a main road.

The Oldham Cycle Network is the key to making cycling more accessible to all in the community and will play an important role as part of cycling to school initiatives, workplace travel plans, recreational cycling and helping people lead more healthy lifestyles.

On-road measures for cyclists

Residential streets

Many of the Borough's residential streets have had traffic calming measures installed to reduce vehicle speeds and reduce road accidents. There are many 20mph zones now in existence with these streets forming elements of the Oldham Cycle Network. The long term aim would be to see all residential streets have 20mph speed limits to make these roads safer for all road users including cyclists.

Main roads

Main roads will continue to be an important network of routes for the more experienced cyclist.

The Council will review the main road network and any schemes proposed along it, to identify where localised improvements for cyclists can be made. These measures can include:

- Cycle Lanes;
- Advanced Stop Lines;
- Addressing the dangers of pinch points caused by build-outs/refuges;
- Bus lanes.

Intelligent Speed Adaptation (ISA)

ISA is a system that automatically slows a vehicle to within the speed limit for the road on which it is being driven. ISA uses the technologies of variable speed limiters and satellite navigation combined with an electronic database of the speed limits.

The Department for Transport (DfT) funded a study in to the use of ISA in 2007 and the findings were published in June 2008.

If ISA was to be introduced it could potentially offer one of the most effective strategies for reducing inappropriate speeds and thus make roads safer and more pleasant for all road users including cyclists. ISA would also potentially replace some of the current methods of reducing speeds such as speed cameras and speed humps.

Mountain biking

Oldham being situated on the west side of the Pennines offers an excellent opportunity to develop attractive facilities for mountain biking. The Council will bring forward proposals to establish itself as a mountain biking centre for the north-west in partnership with neighbouring authorities.

For information about mountain biking visit www.imba.org.uk

See below for cycle club information

Unlocking Oldham's Cycling Potential

Manchester Velodrome

The Manchester Velodrome is the National Cycling Centre, Britain's primary indoor Olympic cycle track. The Velodrome is the home to the Great Britain Cycling Team but is also open to everyone regardless of their level of ability.

For a completely unique and exhilarating activity to enjoy in your leisure time, the Manchester Velodrome is the place to be. For beginners there are 1 hour track "Taster" sessions with bikes and helmets provided. For further details contact the Velodrome on 0161 223 2244.

www.oclactive.co.uk

Creating a healthy future for a community - keep active more often.

Your comments welcome

The Council wishes to develop cycle routes that meet the needs of everyone in the community and would therefore welcome any comments on the existing and potential cycle routes set out on this map plus any suggestions for routes or facilities.

If you wish to comment, please forward to:

Oldham Cycling Officer
Unity Partnership
Henshaw House
Cheapside
Oldham
OL1 1NY

or

e-mail to: cycling@oldham.gov.uk

Useful contacts

Oldham Cycling Officer
Contact Paul Bruffell on 0161 770 4360 or email cycling@oldham.gov.uk

Council website
Further details relating to cycling in the Borough of Oldham can be found on the Council's website at: www.oldham.gov.uk/community/cycling-in-oldham

Cycling Forum
The Oldham Cycling Forum meets every four months and discusses issues associated with the implementation of the Oldham Cycling Strategy and cycling in general. The Forum is open to cycle groups, members of the public and other organisations. For further information visit the council's website or contact the Oldham Cycling Officer.

Cycle training
For details about cycle training courses, contact the Cycling to School Officer, Stephen Whitehouse on 0161 770 1865.

Cycling to school initiatives
For details about cycling to school initiatives, contact the Cycling to School Officer, Stephen Whitehouse on 0161 770 1865.

Cycling and public transport
For information on train and bus services, or about taking your bike on a train, contact the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive information line on 0161 228 7811, or visit www.gmppte.gov.uk.

Highway defects
To report potholes or any other surface problems that are a hazard to cyclists in the Borough of Oldham, please contact the local Highway Authority on 0161 770 4325.

Workplace Travel Plans
A wide range of information about Workplace Travel Plans is available from your district Travel Coordinator on 0161 770 4370.

Cycling in Greater Manchester
If you wish to know more about cycling in Greater Manchester visit www.cyclegm.org.

Sustrans & National Cycle Network
Details of existing National Cycle Network routes in Greater Manchester and across the country can be found at www.sustrans.org.uk

Public transport

Cycle lockers at rail and Metrolink stations

Bike lockers are available to hire at a number of rail and Metrolink stations across Greater Manchester. The new Metrolink line proposed in the Borough will also include bike lockers at stations. For more information contact the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive (GMPTE) on 0161 242 6040.

Cycle carriage on buses

To connect the more rural and hillier parts of the Borough it is considered that cycle carriage on buses could have an important part to play in making cycling more accessible. In addition the loss of the heavy rail line between Rochdale-Shaw-Oldham-Manchester means that cyclists have lost the ability to take bikes on public transport on this important corridor. A cycle carriage on bus initiative along this corridor could provide a suitable alternative. It is proposed to discuss these proposals with the GMPTE and bus companies.

National Cycle Network

The National Cycle Network (NCN) is co-ordinated by the sustainable transport charity Sustrans and they have, in partnership with the Council, identified two proposed NCN routes through the Borough as follows:

- a) **NCN Route 66** using sections of towpath along the Rochdale Canal corridor between Manchester-Oldham-Rochdale-Yorkshire.
- b) **NCN Route 66 spur** using sections of disused railway line between Ashton-Park Bridge-Oldham-Werneth-Chadderton linking up to the Rochdale Canal. This section would also include a major bridge structure at Park Bridge spanning the Medlock Valley.

Some sections of route are likely to be open by 2013.

Canals

There are two canals that pass through the Borough that are managed by British Waterways, namely:

- a) **Huddersfield Narrow Canal** - passing through the east of the Borough, cycling is currently prohibited along this towpath. However agreement has been reached with British Waterways to allow cycling along certain sections of towpath once enhancement works have been completed.
- b) **Rochdale Canal** - passing through the west of the Borough, cycling is allowed provided that a permit has been acquired from British Waterways (see **Useful Contacts** section).

There are also sections of disused canal around Daisy Nook that are managed by the Council. The canals are known as the **Hollinwood Branch** and **Fairbottom Branch** of the **Manchester and Ashton-under-Lyne Canal**. Cycling is permitted along these towpaths.

Schools & workplaces

Cycling to school

All primary schools and most secondary schools now have School Travel Plans outlining how they intend to encourage more sustainable travel on the journey to and from school. Many schools are now developing policies to encourage pupils to cycle to school. Unity Partnership on behalf of Oldham Council help to provide cycle training to schools and give officer support to some schools to help them develop cycling initiatives.

Cycling to work

Businesses are being encouraged by the government to develop policies that support more sustainable travel. Some businesses, including the Council, are subsequently providing incentives to encourage their staff to cycle to work such as the provision of cycle parking, changing and shower facilities.

Child & adult cycle training

Child cycle training

Unity Partnership on behalf of Oldham Council help deliver cycle training to schools in the Borough. Funding provided from the national Bikeability Cycle Training Programme allows around 2,500 pupils to receive training each year.

Adult cycle training

Adult cycle training is not available from Oldham Council. However cycle training is available locally from a number of organisations, although there will be a charge for the training. (See **Social Enterprises in Oldham** section)

Cycle clubs

Cycle Club Oldham
Commissioned to carry out work for Oldham Community Health Services, Cycle Club Oldham run weekly cycle rides for all levels and abilities in and around the scenic areas of Oldham and beyond. Bikes and helmets are available to hire on a first come first serve basis. For more details contact Jason Bromley on 07813 750027. For information visit www.oldhamoutdoorpursuits.co.uk

Oldham CTC
The club have a regular Sunday bike ride and also have a meeting every Friday evening. For more details contact Kathleen Collins on 01457 764021

Trans Pennine Cycling Club
The club caters for cyclists in the Oldham and Rochdale area. For more details visit their website at www.transpenninecc.com

Mountain Biking
The local mountain bike club is called North West Riders. For more details visit their website at www.northwestriders.org or contact Try-Cycles Ltd (See Local Cycle Enterprises section).

Greater Manchester Cycle Campaign
The GMCPC provides a voice for cyclists across Greater Manchester. For more details visit www.gmcpc.org.uk

Oldham Outdoor Pursuits

Oldham Outdoor Pursuits is a network of clubs, groups and small business who organise outdoor activities in and around the Borough of Oldham. We work in partnership with other voluntary and statutory organisations including NHS Oldham, Oldham Community Leisure & Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale. We aim to deliver a variety of exciting activities in outdoor settings which will improve the health of people of all ages and backgrounds especially those living in the more deprived wards in Oldham. For more information visit www.oldhamoutdoorpursuits.co.uk

Wheels for All Centre

Based in Alexandra Park, Oldham, the Wheels for All Centre enables people with disabilities of all ages to enjoy cycling with the use of a range of adapted cycles, in a safe and beautiful environment of Alexandra Park.

The cycles are easy to use and the qualified/trained leaders provide full instruction in using them so the cyclist has the freedom to go off exploring at their own pace and in their own time.

For more details contact Kevin Lanham, Tel: 07581306394. Email: Kevin.Lanham@oldham.gov.uk

Off-road motorbike nuisance

The issue of off-road motorbike nuisance has been identified as an area of public concern. In response, the Greater Manchester Police Authority (GMPA) has set up a website for the residents of Greater Manchester to offer advice and a way of reporting off-road motorbike nuisance.

The GMPA stopoffroadnuisance section are based in Salford and can be contacted on tel. 0161 793 3127 or you can visit their website at www.stopoffroadnuisance.co.uk

Oldham Cycle Network

Covering: Oldham, Farnsworth, Chadderton, Royton, Shaw, Lees and Saddleworth

Map 5 - Oldham

Further cycle maps are available for the following areas:

- Bolton (Map 2)
- Bury (Map 3)
- Manchester (Map 8)
- Oldham (Map 5)
- Rochdale (Map 4)
- Salford (Map 10)
- Stockport (Map 7)
- Tameside (Map 6)
- Trafford (Map 9)
- Wigan (Map 1)

You can get a copy of other maps in the Greater Manchester series by contacting the District Cycling Officer for the area on the telephone numbers shown below.

Area	Telephone Number
Bolton (Map 2)	01204 336677
Bury (Map 3)	0161 253 5825
Manchester (Map 8)	0161 954 9000
Oldham (Map 5)	0161 770 4360
Rochdale (Map 4)	01706 924608
Salford (Map 10)	0161 793 3801
Stockport (Map 7)	0161 474 4593
Tameside (Map 6)	0161-342-3906
Trafford (Map 9)	0161 912 4312
Wigan (Map 1)	01942 404 397

Other suggested route maps can be viewed on our website www.cyclegm.org where you will also find a lot of other useful information about cycling in Greater Manchester.

Public transport

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Road information

Road signs

- Traffic free route for cycles only
- Traffic free route shared with pedestrians (no separation)
- Traffic free route shared with pedestrians (cycle track & footpath are separate)
- Cycle lane or road section on signed section of Oldham Cycle Network
- Bus and cycle lane
- Directions on recommended route
- Cycle parking

Cycle facilities

- Toucan Crossing (Shared pedestrian/ cyclist signal crossing) similar to a pelican crossing
- Pegasus Crossing (Shared pedestrian/ cyclist/ equestrian signal crossing) same as a toucan but with parallel crossing point for equestrians
- Advanced stop line at signal junction

Cycle shops

Shop Name	Address	Phone Number
Surosa Cycles Ltd	Huddersfield Road District Centre Oldham	Tel. 0161 622 5760
Suntal Cycles	45 Rippindon Road Oldham	Tel. 0161 624 7409
Sidmores Cycles	35-37 Union Street Oldham	Tel. 0161 624 5912
Rowbothams Cycle Shop	470 Oldham Road Farnsworth	Tel. 0161 681 1671
Gerry Shield Cycles	1-5 Old Road Farnsworth	Tel. 0161 681 2975
Halfords	King Street Oldham	Tel. 0161 627 5091
The Cyclery	117 High Street Uppermill	Tel. 01457 879955
Baggatt S Shaw & Crompton Cycles	122 Milnrow Road Shaw	Tel. 01706 847550

Social enterprises in Oldham

Gremilins Cycle Centre
Unit 3 Meridian Business Centre, King Street, Oldham, OL8 1EZ
Tel: 0161 284 3733
Website: www.gremilinscc.org

Offer adult and child cycle training, maintenance training, bicycle repairs, Dr Bike sessions, recycling and sale of bikes, guided bike rides and cycle events

Try-Cycles Ltd
169 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1TD
Tel: 07508 038643
Website: www.try-cycles.co.uk

Offer adult and child cycle training, maintenance training, bicycle repairs, Dr Bike sessions, recycling and sale of bikes, guided bike rides, cycle events and mountain bike skills

