



# The Fallowfield Loop

## Part of the Manchester Cycleway



2nd edition

### THE MANCHESTER CYCLEWAY / FALLOWFIELD LOOP

At almost eight miles long, the Fallowfield Loop is thought to be the longest urban cycle way in Britain. It connects the districts of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Fallowfield, Levenshulme, Gorton and Fairfield via an off-road cycle path, which both pedestrians and horse riders can also share. It also creates a linear park and wildlife corridor, linking parks and other open spaces. Previously a railway line, the route forms part of Routes 6 and 6o of the National Cycle Network developed, built and maintained by Sustrans.

Sustrans is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity, working on practical projects so people choose to travel in ways that benefit their health and the environment. The charity is behind many groundbreaking projects including the National Cycle Network, over 12,000 thousand miles of traffic-free, quiet lanes and on-road walking and cycling routes around the UK.

The Friends of the Fallowfield Loop website offers a wealth of information about the history of the Loop, arranged cycles, events, and activities going on in and around the area. Check their website for up-to-date information.

### USEFUL CONTACTS

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### USEFUL WEBSITES

Friends of the Fallowfield Loop:  
[www.cycle-routes.org/fallowfieldloopline/](http://www.cycle-routes.org/fallowfieldloopline/)

CTC: The UK's national cyclists' organisation: [www.ctc.org.uk](http://www.ctc.org.uk)

GMCC: The Greater Manchester Cycle Campaign:  
[www.gmcc.org.uk](http://www.gmcc.org.uk)

Sustrans: A charity that works on practical projects to encourage people to walk, cycle and use public transport:  
[www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

CycleGM: The official cycling website of the 10 Authorities of Greater Manchester: [www.cyclegm.org](http://www.cyclegm.org)

Greater Manchester Road Safety: [www.gmroadsafety.co.uk](http://www.gmroadsafety.co.uk)

Impartial advice for potential and new cyclists in the UK:  
[www.whycycle.co.uk](http://www.whycycle.co.uk)

A one-stop shop for bike information and links:  
[www.bikeforall.net](http://www.bikeforall.net)

BikeRight!: Cycle training for groups and individuals in the North West: [www.bikeright.co.uk](http://www.bikeright.co.uk)

Cycling projects: [www.cycling.org.uk](http://www.cycling.org.uk)

Love your bike: The cycling website from Manchester Friends of the Earth: [www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/lyb/](http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/lyb/)

I bike MCR: An annual exhibition and festival to celebrate the bicycle in Manchester: [www.ibikemcr.org.uk](http://www.ibikemcr.org.uk)

### Live Longer ...

Cycling is recommended by the NHS as part of active living.

### Look Better ...

Gentle cycling uses fat for fuel, helping you to lose weight.

### Feel Better ...

Every time you exercise, especially outdoors, you boost your immune system.

### Be Alert ...

Riding to work will help you become more alert and ready to accept the challenges of the day.

### Save the World ...

Cycling is non-polluting and environmentally friendly.

### Save Money ...

Cycling is one of the cheapest forms of transport; so save money, get on your bike.



## CYCLE SHOPS / REPAIRS

1. **BICYCLE BOUTIQUE**  
Hillcourt Street  
Manchester, M1 7HU  
Tel. 0161 273 7801  
<http://www.bicycleboutiquemcr.co.uk>
2. **EDINBURGH BICYCLE CO-OPERATIVE**  
7 Wilmslow Road  
Rusholme, Manchester, M14 5FT  
Tel. 0161 257 3897  
<http://www.edinburghbicycle.com>
3. **BICYCLE DOCTOR**  
60-70 Dickenson Road  
Rusholme, Manchester, M14 5HF  
Tel. 0161 224 1303  
<http://www.bicycledoctor.co.uk>
4. **KEN FOSTER'S CYCLE LOGIC**  
374-376 Barlow Moor Road  
Chorlton-Cum-Hardy, Manchester, M21 8AZ  
Tel. 0161 881 7160  
<http://www.kenfosterscyclelogic.co.uk>
5. **WITHINGTON CYCLES**  
26 Burton Road  
Withington, Manchester, M20 3EB  
Tel. 0161 445 3492  
<http://www.withingtoncyclesltd.co.uk>
6. **WILLS WHEELS**  
482 Manchester Road  
Heaton Chapel, Stockport, Sk4 5DL  
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## EXPLORING THE LOOP

This publication explores the Fallowfield Loop between Chorlton-cum-Hardy and Fairfield.

The map depicts the Loop and the many access points along the route. Larger scale insets detail these areas to make using the Loop, even for a small part of your journey, a real alternative to cycling or walking on busy, congested roads.

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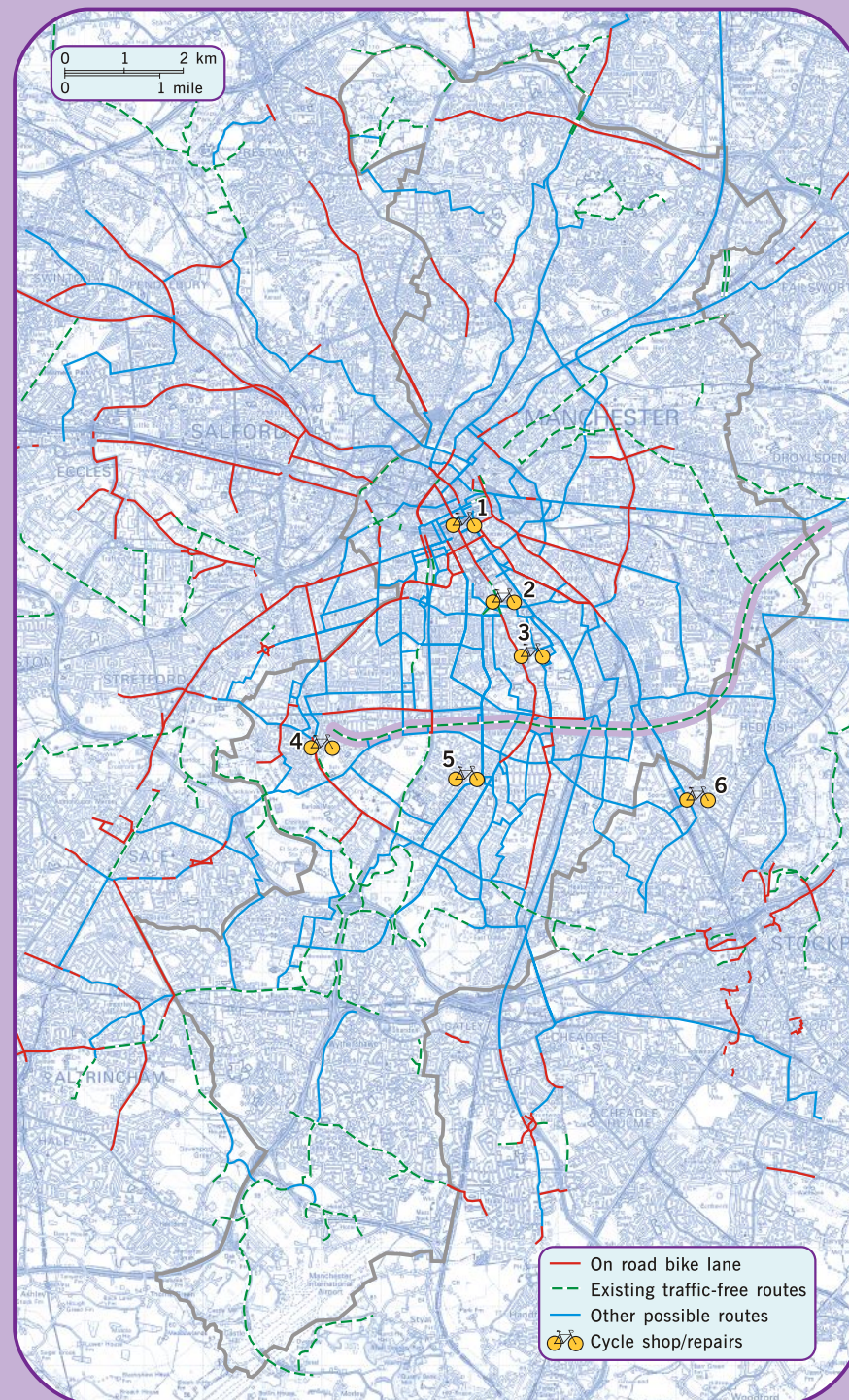
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