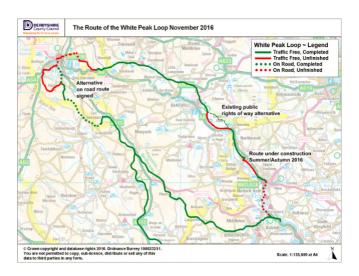
## Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Greenway/ Cycle Network Update

### WHITE PEAK LOOP

DCC is developing a major new circuit covering 60 miles between Matlock and Buxton.

White Peak Loop West: Harpur Hill Planning approval has been given for a revision to the proposed route through the grounds of Parks Inn, Harpur Hill. Final negotiations are taking place with the landowners involved and the proposal is to complete this section from the temporary halt at the top of Fiddle Street into the car park at Parks Inn over the summer months.



#### White Peak Loop West: Topley Pike to Buxton

Some feasibility work is taking place ahead of looking for additional funding to progress this section of the route.

#### White Peak Loop East: Matlock to Rowsley

The rail crossing to access the trail opposite the Arc Leisure Centre at the Matlock end is still closed off. The County Council is working hard to find a resolution to this problem and until the new crossing is in place, the section between Darley Dale and Matlock is not available to cyclists as the only access is via a public footpath with steep steps down an embankment.

#### White Peak Loop East: Rowsley to Bakewell

Negotiations are ongoing with the Haddon Estate as funds are in place to progress the designs for this section.



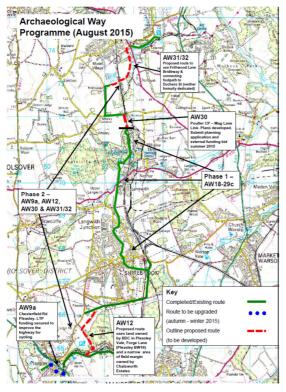
### GREAT NORTHERN GREENWAY

This developing Greenway connects Derby to Ilkeston, with the most recent section being completed between the A608 Mansfield Road to Lime Lane, near Morley. Further east, towards Ilkeston, sections of the disused railway line are not in Local Authority ownership and will have to be acquired or permissions sought.

Work is currently underway to improve the section of Trail adjacent to Mansfield Road. Posts have been installed to try to resolve a problem with parked cars blocking the Trail entrance at Lime Lane which prevent horse riders from accessing the Trail. Directional signage will also be provided.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL WAY

The Archaeological Way forms the eastern leg of the Bolsover Loop, a 51km proposed multi user circuit around the historic countryside of Bolsover District. This project is delivering 18.5km between Pleasley Pit Country Park and Creswell Crags Ice Age Centre, through some of the most beautiful Magnesian Limestone country and past important archaeological features.



The link to Poulter Country Park (AW30) was officially opened to the public in February 2017; the event was accompanied by the publication of a new Archaeological Way leaflet.

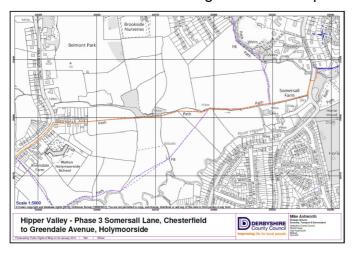
Additional funding has been secured from local Parish Councils to continue the work of the Archaeological Way Access Volunteers in 2017/18 and a contract has been drawn up with Groundwork Creswell to continue on-site supervision. The volunteers are concentrating on way marking along the route to improve its usability.

New brown tourist signs have been installed at Poulter Country Park and work will begin shortly to install new bridge parapets on Scarcliffe Footpath 7 at Langwith.

Work continues on the development of remaining sections and the dedication of newly constructed sections of the route.

## **HIPPER VALLEY**

Currently, this route is being pursued as a walking/cycling route, as planning permission could not be gained for a horse riding route due to issues regarding highway safety. The section linking Somersall Park in Chesterfield (over a new bridge, through woodland to a road crossing and widened pavement) to the start of Footpath 86 was



completed in November 2015. Planning permission has been granted and funding secured for the continuation of the route to Holymoorside.

There are still some legal, planning and landowner issues to resolve before work can commence on site. Recent discussions about possible options for dealing with the route's legal status have been helpful and are on-going. It is anticipated that the project will progress this year.

# LITTLE EATON BRANCH LINE



Derbyshire County Council bought a 5km section of the disused Little Eaton Branch Line, between Duffield Road, Little Eaton and Rawson Green, in 2014. LTP funding is secured to progress road crossing designs and pre project survey works. Bridges and culverts have been surveyed and necessary maintenance works carried out. Trees have been inspected and necessary works undertaken.

Traffic surveys have been completed on the road crossings and designs are currently being produced.

### **CLOWNE BRANCH LINE**

Derbyshire County Council bought the 7.4km Clowne Branch Line from Network Rail in 2014. It runs between Oxcroft Junction, Woodthorpe and the village of Creswell. Public consultation has been held regarding its development as a multi-user trail and the response was overwhelmingly positive.



#### Clowne Branchline Greenway

#### Planning Application CD5/1116/72

This has regrettably been rendered invalid due to an unforeseen landownership technicality. A re-submission will be made shortly with an estimated determination date in early September. Meanwhile further ecological studies have been carried out and more are planned for the summer months to better guide natural-capita gains across the site.

#### **Funding Application**

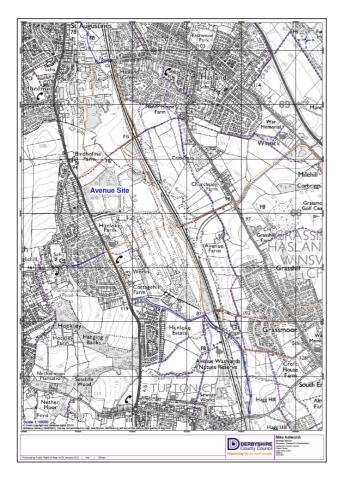
A decision for the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) bid submitted in September 2016 to seek a 50% grant towards a 3 year phased project shall be delayed until planning is determined. The bid remains valid and the outputs remain achievable.

#### Groundwork SLA Community Engagement - Green Tonic

Groundwork Creswell continues to engage and support volunteers to undertake habitat improvements and clear ups along the Clowne Branch Line. Tescos have also been highly engaged, reclaiming shopping trolleys and joining in practical tasks.

## **AVENUE SITE**

DCC Officers attend The Avenue Community Workstream meetings with the developer and other officers from NEDDC/BDC, with a remit to provide multi-user trail connectivity with the surrounding communities of Hasland, Grassmoor, Wingerworth and Chesterfield. The Group is now devoting more time to pursuing the development of these connections which are also being discussed at the A61 Cycle Infrastructure meetings.



and Junior School Playing Field.

Construction of the Greenways within The Avenue site is underway and should be completed by this summer. More detailed work is continuing to explore the funding/ provision of the following links to provide this connectivity, as part of a strategic offroad network of multi-user Greenways:

• Ingleton Road between Storforth Lane and The Avenue - this is being considered for inclusion in the A61 Growth Corridor Investment Plan as part of a continuous link between Clay Cross and Chesterfield town centre. A second option via McGregors Pond is preferred by many because it is flatter and more direct, but has many issues to overcome.

• North East to The Green at Hasland (upgrading of existing public footpaths) - less of a priority for the A61 corridor, but there is funding in this year's Local Transport Plan Capital Programme (LTP) for design and preparation work. Discussions are also taking place to ensure that sufficient width is left between an existing hedgerow and proposed security fence at Hasland Hall Community

- South across Mill Lane towards Hagg Hill, E of Tupton and along Mill Lane itself these routes are in place on the ground and work is on-going to establish them as public rights of way in connection with the acquisition of a bridge over the railway line (Bridge 74A). An alternative route which provides a direct link with Tupton is also being considered.
- East towards Grassmoor along an existing public footpath this would form part of a proposed link with Grassmoor Country Park and the Five Pits Trail. There is funding in this year's LTP for the provision of a shared use route alongside Furnace Hillock Way.
- West across the A61 into Wingerworth this will be addressed by the provision of a controlled crossing.

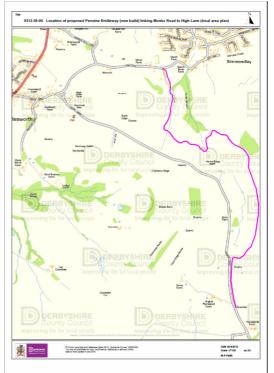
## PENNINE BRIDLEWAY NATIONAL TRAIL

The Pennine Bridleway is a National Trail being developed through Natural England with Local Authority support. The plan below shows the proposed route of the developing section from Monks Road to High Lane, Charlesworth. This route goes through some challenging terrain and is suited to mountain bikes. It is one of several

sections of the Trail still to be developed around the western side of Glossop.

Construction of just over half this section of the route through the first three fields off Monks Road is now complete, along with the restoration of a drystone wall.

Further construction down to High Lane and beyond is dependent on securing the necessary resources. Discussions are currently underway and other possible sources of external funding are being explored.



### DERBY, DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE D2N2 SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL PROGRAMME

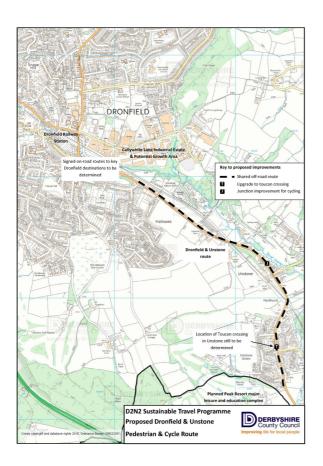
The D2N2 Sustainable Travel Programme comprises eight distinct pedestrian and cycle infrastructure projects that improve connectivity and enable sustainable economic growth, support the creation of new jobs and housing and improve health and well-being. The programme is funded by a £5.8 million D2N2 Local Growth Fund (LGF) grant and local contributions that bring the total to be invested over the next couple of years to approximately £10 million.

£2.1 million of the D2N2 LGF grant has been allocated to two Derbyshire projects:

- **Dronfield and Unstone Cycle Route** (An extension of the Chesterfield Strategic Cycle network)
- Ilkeston Gateway

### **DRONFIELD AND UNSTONE CYCLE ROUTE**

This £900,000 route connects Dronfield town centre to Unstone, where it links with Peak Resort bridleways and provide connections along the A61 corridor to Chesterfield. The project supports regeneration proposals being developed for Dronfield and includes better connections to Callywhite Lane industrial estate and the planned Peak Resort



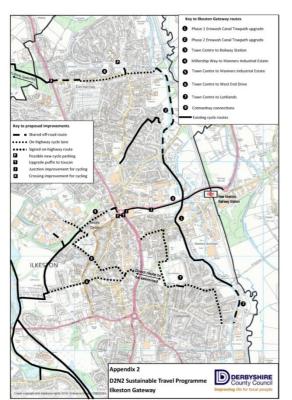
leisure and health development. The route will consist of a largely 3m wide shared pedestrian and cycle route alongside the B6057 and use of adjacent quiet residential roads where appropriate.

Meetings have been held with stakeholders, including Dronfield Town Council and Unstone Parish Council to discuss issues prior to detailed design. The grant funding allocation has been approved by the D2N2 Infrastructure and Investment Board to enable design to be carried out in 2017 and construction in 2018. DCC's Cabinet has approved the addition of the scheme to its capital programme, enabling design to commence. This work is on-going and scheduled for completion during 2018-19.

### **ILKESTON GATEWAY**

This has been developed into a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) providing a package of access and connectivity improvements to maximise significant transport and regeneration

benefits from the new railway station and encourage travel alternatives. It will help accommodate the impacts of additional housing and employment development in the area. A  $\pounds$ 1.7 million package of proposed routes is based around the SPD. The first phase, an upgrade of the Erewash Canal towpath between Awsworth Road and



Potter's Lock, was funded by DCC and the Canal and River Trust in 2016. The £1.2 million LGF grant will enable the towpath upgrade to be extended to Cotmanhay as well as establishing a network of routes from the railway station to key destinations in the town.

The grant funding allocation has been approved by the D2N2 Board to enable design to be carried out and construction to commence in 2017. DCC's Cabinet has approved the addition of the scheme to its capital programme, enabling design to commence. The Canal and River Trust has created a further 1.53km of cycle route alongside the Erewash Canal from Awsworth Road to Bridge Street and Potter Bridge to Green Lock.