



# CYCLING DEVELOPMENT in the Lothians

This Spokes Bulletin supplement gives the three Lothians Councils a chance to tell readers about cycling infrastructure and other development in their areas. The material has been provided by the Councils – it was *not* written by Spokes.

All three councils have done some work to encourage everyday cycle use. West Lothian in particular was extremely successful in its Sustrans 2014/16 funding bids (see *Spokes 119*). None, however, has yet followed Edinburgh's groundbreaking example of allocating a set percentage of its transport budget to cycling (7% in 2014/15).

The Councils differ from Edinburgh in many ways, not least in population and available resources. Cycling conditions could be improved in many towns by complete 20mph coverage and appropriate infrastructure; there are fast 'A' roads lacking decent cycling facilities (*Spokes 119, p6*) while many minor rural roads need lower speed limits and a higher priority for cycling and walking – as with Clackmannanshire's cycle-friendly roads: <http://clacks.gov.uk/transport/friendlyroads>

**You** can take up these issues – each council page gives a contact, and you can also write to your local councillors at [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com). We would appreciate a copy of your email and the reply.

The map on this page indicates the main cycle routes in the Lothians and those linking to Edinburgh. A more detailed version of the map will appear shortly on the Spokes website (as a downloadable pdf).

To cycle these routes on the ground, use the **Spokes maps** of *West Lothian & Livingston*, *Midlothian*, *East Lothian* and *Edinburgh* – available from bike and book shops, on-line or by post. [www.spokes.org.uk/spokes-maps](http://www.spokes.org.uk/spokes-maps)