

West Lothian Council is committed to encouraging walking and cycling. Its commitment to active travel is supported in the Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023. Over the years the Council, with partnership funding support from Sustrans (Scotland), has improved cycling provision throughout the district.



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RECENT PROJECTS

One of the Council's biggest successes so far has been constructing 12km of virtually traffic-free cyclepath along the A89 corridor. The final missing link between Boghall and Wester Inch was built last year.

On its way through West Lothian this route provides a spinal east-west corridor connecting some of the most populated areas including Armadale, Bathgate, Livingston, Uphall and Broxburn. The cyclepath improves access to numerous schools, shopping facilities and employment sites. It is being well used by cyclists and walkers both for commuting to their workplace and for recreational purposes.

Other key projects have been:

- Access to Armadale Railway Station - linking Lower Bathville Armadale to the NCN75.
- Bathgate Station and Town Centre Access Improvements – including a bridge over the Bathgate Water eliminating the need to cross Whitburn Road twice within 100 yards.



- Nettlehill Road Railway Path in Livingston - connecting Broxburn and Uphall to Livingston, numerous employment sites, shopping facilities, Livingston North and Uphall Railway Stations, health care facilities and the local High School.
- Seafield to NCR 75 - upgrading an existing path to a bound surface significantly improving access to NCR75 and unlocking latent demand for cycling and walking on the existing network.

PLANS FOR 2014 - 2016

West Lothian Council, through discussions with communities and cycling groups, has identified new and improved key/strategic links needed to the existing cyclepath network. Armed with this information officers secured funding from the council's capital budget towards these projects and to provide the match funds necessary to win partnership funding from the Sustrans 2014-2016 Community Links Programme.

On 4 April 2014, West Lothian Council received from Sustrans an offer of over £1.8m match funding for ten of the fourteen applications submitted, comprising £755,000 in 2014/15 and £1,055,000 in 2015/16. As Spokes pointed out, West Lothian was the most successful Council in Scotland after Edinburgh and Fife, with its £1.8m win representing more than 7% of the total £24m available.

As a result, the following projects are in our Community Links Programme 2014 to 2016:

- Almondvale Park Regeneration and Environmental Improvements
- Linlithgow Academy & Sports Centre Links to Union Canal Towpath
- Starlaw West Roundabout to Boghall Roundabout - Cyclepath Provision
- B8084 Whitburn to Armadale – new Cyclepath
- Blackridge NCN75 Realignment / Station Access
- Livingston Network - Wheeling Ramps to Steps
- Bathgate Hills - Cycling/Walking Friendly Roads
- Polbeth to West Calder - Upgrade Cyclepath
- Golf Course Road & Braehead Park Links to Union Canal Linlithgow
- Broxburn Links to Union Canal Towpath

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