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### Spokes guide expanded

# Cycling routes all mapped out

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he new West Lothian Cycle Map produced by the Lothian Cycle Campaign, Spokes, has just been published.

Centred on West Lothian, but now expanded west to include parts of Falkirk, the fully revised and updated map shows new cycle infrastructure and other developments across the area. It is invaluable for cyclists and walkers seeking safe routes to shops, work or school and planning running and leisure routes.

The back of the map shows large-scale street maps of Linlithgow, Livingston, Armadale, Whitburn, Bathgate and Blackburn, together with information on places of interest in the area.

Printed on tear and water-resistant synthetic paper, which is also fully recyclable, it is available from bike shops, selected Astrong and durable all weather may specially designed for cyclists

West Lothian

Cycle Map

Fifth edition of the map is available from various stockists now.

bookshops and direct from Spokes.

Local Spokes volunteers surveyed all of West Lothian, as well as Bo'ness and parts of Falkirk and Grangemouth, while West Lothian Council provided information on new and planned active travel improvements.

Major revisions to the map include adding contours and hill-colouring and shading so users can see the hilly areas at a glance, and all the new housing developments are now shown.



Spokes members gathered at West Lothian Bike Library for the map's



official launch, also attended by MP Kirsteen Sullivan and the council's deputy provost Peter Heggie.

Speaking on Spokes behalf, Katharine Taylor said: "This has been a great voluntary effort by local Spokes members and by our skilled cartographer.

"The new map will help residents and visitors find their way around the area in active and healthy ways, as well as showing new quiet routes and short cuts they didn't know existed!"

Spokes members met at West Lothian Bike Library in Livingston for the launch of the map's fifth edition.

Also in attendance were Bathgate and Linlithgow MP Kirsteen Sullivan and West Lothian Council's deputy provost Peter Heggie.

Kirsteen said: "The new map is a fantastic resource for residents across West Lothian and Falkirk, helping cyclists and walkers find safer and greener routes to work, school and for leisure activities.

"This kind of voluntary effort in active travel plays a vital role in working towards healthier communities and a cleaner environment. A huge well done to all volunteers involved in delivering the updated map."

Graeme Burton, the council's design engineering manager, gave an update to guests on planned active travel projects in the local authority area. The map was also printed with the support of the council.

Deputy Provost Peter
Heggie said: "I was delighted
to attend this launch event
and hope that people from
West Lothian and beyond
enjoy using this new map to
explore our county."

The new West Lothian Cycle Map is available from local bike shops, priced £7.50.

Those who order before the end of October via office@spokes.org.uk can buy a single map for £7 (postfree) or six copies for £25.

More information on sales outlets is available at www.spokes.org.uk/spokesmaps.

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### Spokes launch



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