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URGENT ITEMS

To: All emailable Spokes members

*This is a quick mini-circular as there are a couple of important events coming up in the next few days...*

## **1. Monday 16 March - Spokes/CUK #Holyrood2026 election hustings**

### **7.30pm - doors open 6.45 for coffee, stalls and chat**

Full details on our website [here](#).

We've devised an unusual agenda, so hopefully it will be a touch better than your average hustings!

**If you have a question you'd like answered by *all the parties***, please email

[spokes@spokes.org.uk](mailto:spokes@spokes.org.uk) urgently - if possible no later than Friday 13 March.

If you have a question *just for one particular party*, please *don't* send it in advance, but put your hand up at the appropriate time during the meeting.

As usual, there will be a membership stall to renew or join; and a stall selling maps and our new Favourite Rides booklet (see 3 below)

## **2. Weds 18 March - Opening of Foot of Walk to Dock Street cycleway, extending the Leith Walk cycle lanes - 10a.m.**

All welcome at the opening, by Transport Convener [Cllr Stephen Jenkinson](#).

**Meet 10a.m. at Sandport Place Bridge** where there will be stalls from [Porty Community Energy](#) with E-bikes and cargo bikes to try, and a Dr. Bike stand offering free repairs.

Also say hello at our **Spokes cargo-bike stall**, selling maps at special stall prices - and our new Favourite Bike Rides booklet (see below).

**Or, meet at the junction of Yardheads with Henderson Street**, to walk along the route to Sandport Place Bridge.

The ribbon-cutting will be around 10.15a.m.

Info about the route [here](#).

### 3. Favourite Bike Rides, edition 3

Our [lovely new booklet](#) is out. Huge thanks to all involved in producing it, especially Mike Lewis and David Gardiner.

*All Spokes members will be sent a free copy in our annual paper-based mailout in mid/late April, as a thank-you for being a member.*

*Note that we cannot give you your free copy in advance at the above events, because with around 1000 members it would be too complex for our mailout.*

### 4. Princes Street/ George Street

See our [website blog](#) for the latest unexpected developments, and our letter to Transport Convener Cllr Jenkinson. There's also a very recent [Evening News article](#). Please contact your local councillors if you'd like to support our ideas - or put forward your own.

### 5. Lowland Canals User Group - volunteer needed

The [user group](#) meets very occasionally and is held at the Falkirk Wheel Scottish Canals premises. *We think* there have been no meetings for over a year, but they may be trying to restart several meetings a year.

The next meeting is **Saturday 21st March, 10am at The Falkirk Wheel.**

No one from Spokes Planning Group is able to attend. If any Spokes member is interested and able to represent Spokes please email [davedufeu@gmail.com](mailto:davedufeu@gmail.com) urgently. Ideally you would also join our Planning Group (which meets roughly monthly online - next meeting 30 March) where you could feedback and discuss any issues, but this is not essential.

Historically, Spokes has done a lot in relation to Union Canal development, particularly between 2014 and 2017 - see [here](#).

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To campaign effectively Spokes needs as many supporters as possible. If you are not already a member, you like what we do, and you'd like to keep in touch with developments, please join Spokes. For details of membership and to download a membership form go to [www.spokes.org.uk/membership](http://www.spokes.org.uk/membership).