

Route 403 Cross Council Working Group Update to Calne Area LHFIG – January 2025

The Working Group was established in 2022 to “preserve and enhance the 403 Sustrans Route between Chippenham and Avebury as a multi-user route for active travel and leisure, well-being and commuting purposes, and to promote its use to, and care by, the local community.”

The Group comprises representatives from Calne Town Council, Calne Without Parish Council, Bremhill Parish Council, Cherhill Parish Council, Chippenham Town Council, Wiltshire Council’s Rights of Way Team, Sustrans, Sustainable Calne and Cycle Chippenham.

Progress since the previous update (July 24) includes:

- Plans have been developed to improve the worst section of track through the Hills site (near the sand conveyor) and a budget for materials has been approved by Calne Without Parish Council.
- Valencia Waste Management have submitted a planning application for a solar farm on the Sands Farm landfill site. This creates an opportunity to provide a shorter, better route between Low Lane and Marsh Lane. Representations have been made by Wiltshire Council’s Rights of Way team.
- Wiltshire Council’s Rights of Way team are reviewing the Council’s resurfacing programme to look for opportunities to obtain planings for surface improvements along the old railway line.
- Work has been completed to improve the accessibility of the cycleway between Chippenham and Calne, in response to a barrier audit undertaken by Sustrans. Two gates have been padlocked open and one removed with the permission of the landowners, creating an unobstructed route between the two towns.
- In addition, Chippenham Town Council have undertaken work to improve the accessibility of the gates into Castlefields Park.
- Artwork is now ready for an information board to go at suitable locations to promote the route to potential users. Town and Parish Councils are invited to make arrangements to procure and install physical boards. The artwork is also available as a web version.

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