

This is a signed, mainly traffic-free 14km / 8¾ mile route between Huddersfield and Dewsbury town centres. It is ideal for family leisure cycling or to facilitate a cycle journey to work. Much of this route is surprisingly rural passing through a pleasant wooded and agricultural landscape.

Most of the path is built on the former rail corridor of the Midland Railway, with the section from Dewsbury Moor to the town centre on a riverside path. It comprises the Birkby Bradley Greenway National Cycle Network Route 69 and Calder Valley Greenway National Cycle Network Route 66. Some sections of the Calder Valley Greenway are available to horseriders.

The route is a partnership between Kirklees Council, Sustrans, Yorkshire Forward, Yorkshire Water, Environment Agency and other landowners.

A section of the route between Mirfield railway station and Huddersfield Road has still to be developed, so an interim on-road route is signed.

### Scenic views

**V1 The Riddings** – the elevation of the path alongside the Riddings woodland provides long distance views across Huddersfield to the Stadium and Dalton Bank.

**V2 Bradley Viaduct** – (cover photo) the 15 high arches of the spectacular blue brick viaduct carry you over the River Colne and Huddersfield Broad Canal.

**V3 Lower Spen** – the open aspect of the path gives long views up the Spen Valley to Norristhorpe and Roberttown.

**V4 River Calder** – the bridge takes the route across the Dewsbury flood alleviation channel with an excellent view of the river and weir.



This map has been produced by Sustrans and Kirklees Council



Kirklees Council's Green Network



# Calder Valley and Birkby Bradley Greenways

Huddersfield to Dewsbury via Mirfield

To promote the district as a beacon for green living, Kirklees Council is developing a Green Network. This is a planned network of greenspaces used for recreation, sustainable transport, wildlife habitat and flood storage capacity. It aims to connect people and local communities with places of work, leisure and other centres, along Greenways and other paths.

Kirklees Council has funded the Calder Valley Greenway in addition to the partners listed below.

If you have any comments on the route please contact us:

[www.kirklees.gov.uk](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk) 0800 731 8765



### Sustrans and the National Cycle Network

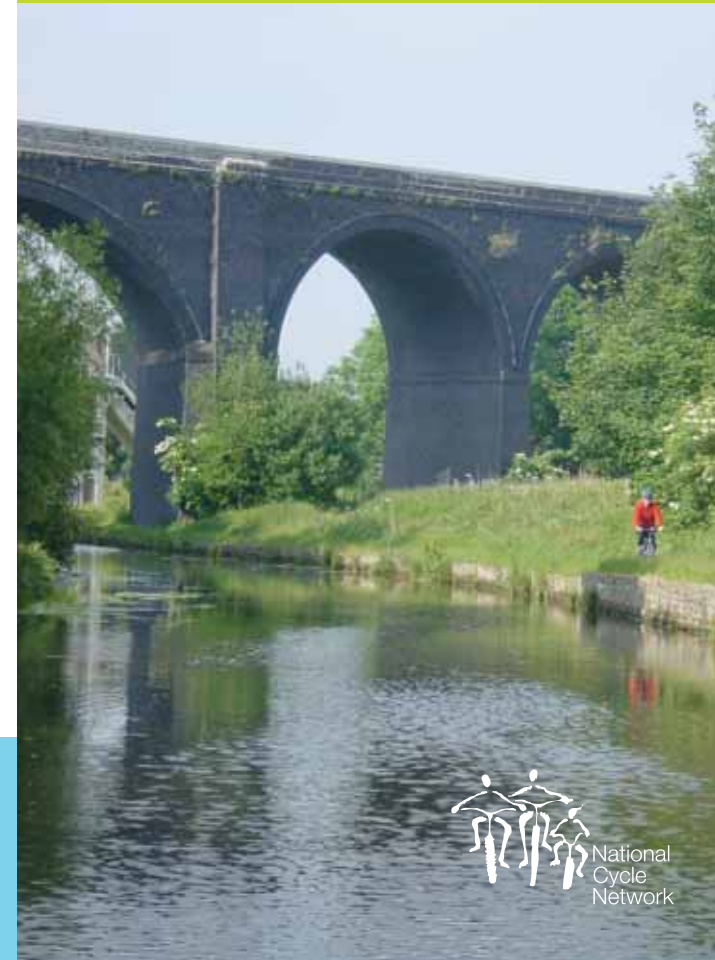
Sustrans is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity, working on practical projects so people choose to travel in ways that benefit their health and the environment. The charity is behind many groundbreaking projects including the National Cycle Network, over 10,000 miles of traffic-free, quiet lanes and on-road walking and cycling routes around the UK. We are the charity making a difference today so everyone can live a better tomorrow.

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## Attractions along the route

**1** Galpharm Stadium, Huddersfield  
[www.galpharmstadium.com](http://www.galpharmstadium.com)

Home of Huddersfield Town Football Club and Huddersfield Giants Rugby League Club.

**2** Lawrence Batley Theatre, Huddersfield  
[www.lbt-uk.org](http://www.lbt-uk.org)

A unique theatre in the heart of Pennine Yorkshire offering drama, music, dance and comedy performances for people of all ages.

**3** Ponderosa Rural Therapeutic Centre  
[www.ponderosa-centre.org](http://www.ponderosa-centre.org)

A range of interesting and stimulating activities based around the rare breeds, greenhouses, reptile room, birds, pets and lakes. A great family day out.

Waterway network  
[www.penninewaterways.co.uk](http://www.penninewaterways.co.uk)

The Huddersfield Broad Canal runs from Aspley Basin to Colne Bridge. British Waterways permit cycling on the towpath; apply online [www.waterscape.com/cycling/permit.html](http://www.waterscape.com/cycling/permit.html) and follow the Waterways Code. The Calder & Hebble Navigation runs for 21 miles from Wakefield to Sowerby Bridge. It connects the Aire and Calder Navigation at Wakefield with the Rochdale Canal at Sowerby Bridge and Huddersfield Broad Canal at Cooper Bridge. British Waterways permits cycling on some sections of towpath around Dewsbury (see map).

**4** Savile Town Canal Basin  
Savile Town Canal Basin is a working boatyard on the Dewsbury Cut. Visit the Leggers Inn or the Old Stables Coffee Shop, the ideal refreshment stop for cyclists and walkers.

**5** Dewsbury Museum  
[www.pennineyorkshire.com](http://www.pennineyorkshire.com)

Located in Crow Nest Park, next to the café, you can experience things that have changed in the lives of children over the last century. There's also a busy programme of temporary exhibitions and events. Dewsbury Museum is a must for anyone who's ever been a child.

**6** Holroyd Park  
Local amenity with multi-activity games area, playgrounds and bowling.

**7** Dalton Bank Local Nature Reserve  
A mix of conifer plantations and native woodlands, the grassland is alive with crickets and other insects in the summer and offers a good place to hunt for fungi in the autumn.

**8** Lower Spenn Valley Local Nature Reserve  
The Spenn River runs through this nature reserve and you might be lucky enough to see a kingfisher diving for minnows or other small fish. New ponds have been created and these are being left to re-colonise naturally.

## Additional cycling opportunities

At Dewsbury Moor, the Calder Valley Greenway joins the Spenn Valley Greenway for a distance to Scout Hill. Turning north, the Spenn Valley Greenway continues north through Heckmondwike, Liversedge and Cleckheaton. A new bridleway link at Low Moor skirts Victoria Park to Bierley, from which a signed route leads to Bradford City Centre.

The map shows proposed routes for future development (subject to permissions and land availability):

- Calder Valley Greenway to Brighouse, Horbury Bridge and Heckmondwike
- Earlsheaton to Ossett Greenway
- Deighton to Dalton Greenway
- Fenay Greenway

## Useful Contacts

Kirklees Cycling Officer  
Kirklees Highways and Transportation Service  
Flint Street, Fartown, Huddersfield HD1 6LG  
Tel 01484 225611  
Email: [lynette.evans@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:lynette.evans@kirklees.gov.uk)

Kirklees ROSS Streetcare  
To report potholes, route signing or cycle parking problems.  
Tel 0800 731 8765  
Email: [highways.ross@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:highways.ross@kirklees.gov.uk)

Huddersfield Tourist Information Centre  
3-5 Albion Street, Huddersfield HD1 2NW  
Tel 01484 223200  
Email: [huddersfield.tic@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:huddersfield.tic@kirklees.gov.uk)

## Travel to/from the route

Public transport information along the route is available from [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com) and 0113 245 7676.

All local trains carry bicycles free of charge subject to available space. Reservations are recommended on First TransPennine Express services, but are not required on Northern services.

Online resources for route planning:  
[www.cycletransport-westyorks.co.uk](http://www.cycletransport-westyorks.co.uk)

## Bike Shops

Wheelspin Cycles, Viaduct Street, Huddersfield 01484 533338  
Halfords Bike Hut, Bradford Road, Huddersfield 01484 426677  
Sowerby Bros. Cycles, Princess Street, Mirfield 01924 496873  
Hargreaves Cycles, Battye Street, Dewsbury 01924 461283  
Halfords Bike Hut, Railway Street, Dewsbury 01924 438778

## Main Access Points

The traffic-free sections of the route are open to all non motorised users (walkers, cyclists, pushchairs, wheelchairs etc.)

Calder Valley Greenway	 13	Ravenswharf Road	
 1	Bradley Junction Industrial Estate (off Leeds Rd.)	 14	Thornhill Road
 2	Ramp from Huddersfield Broad Canal*	 15	Mill Street West
 3	Dalton Bank Road	Birkby Bradley Greenway	
 4	Bog Green Lane*	 1	Willow Lane*
 5	Helm Lane/ Paul Lane	 2	Halifax Old Road
 6	Helm Lane/ Wood Lane	 3	Cobcroft Road
 7	Woodend Road	 4	Alder Street
 8	Church Lane/ Huddersfield Rd.	 5	Red Doles Road
 9	Bradbury Street entrance to Holroyd Park	 6	Peace Pit Lane*
 10	Sackville Street	 7	Whitacre Street
 11	Burgh Mill Lane	 8	Deighton Road
 12	Huddersfield Road, Scout Hill*	 9	Leeds Road

\* not suitable for wheelchairs

Horsriders are able to use the Calder Valley Greenway from access point 1 to point 11 and the Spenn Valley Greenway.

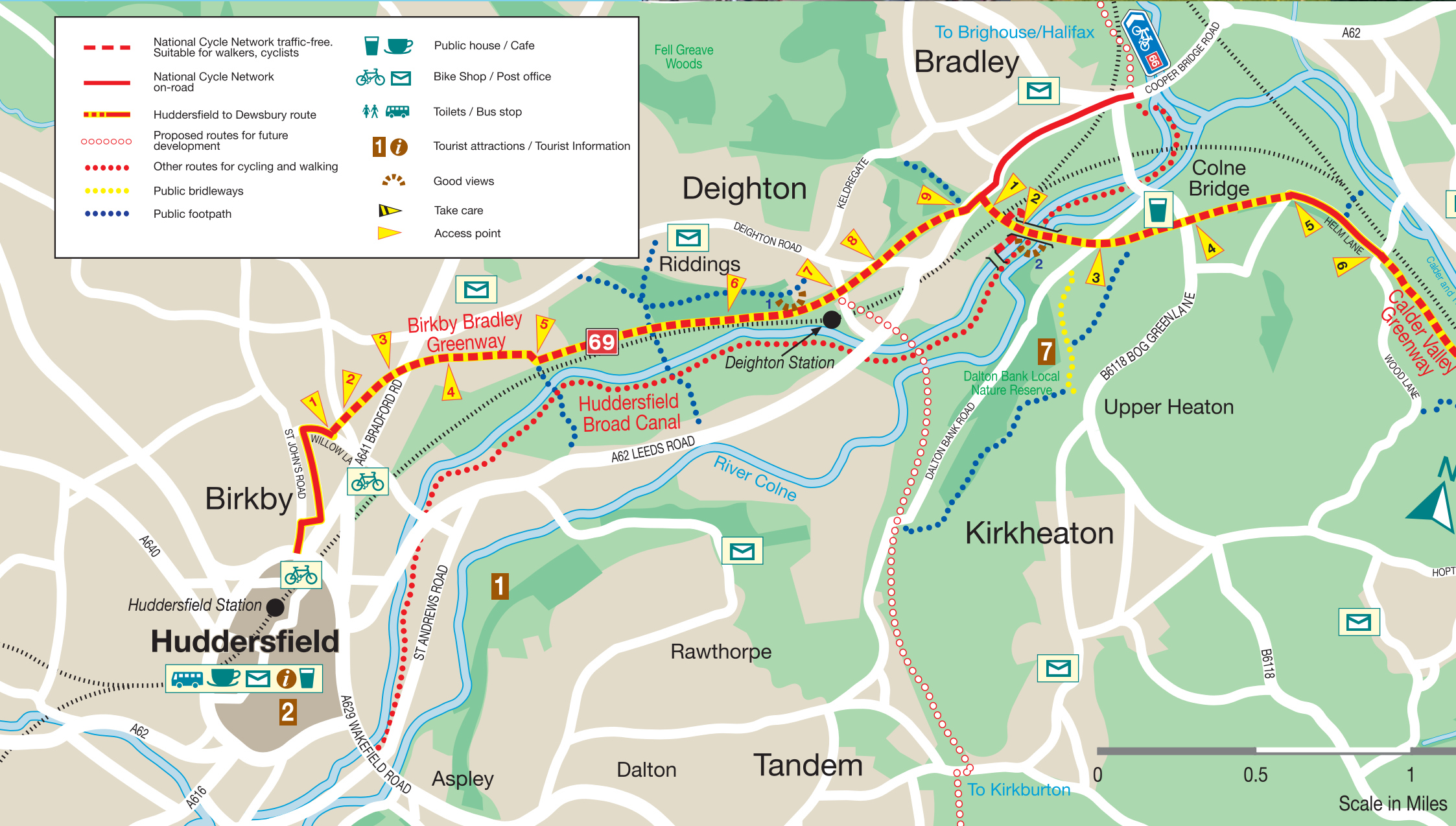


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Huddersfield Railway Station



	National Cycle Network traffic-free. Suitable for walkers, cyclists		Public house / Cafe
	National Cycle Network on-road		Bike Shop / Post office
	Huddersfield to Dewsbury route		Toilets / Bus stop
	Proposed routes for future development		Tourist attractions / Tourist Information
	Other routes for cycling and walking		Good views
	Public bridleways		Take care
	Public footpath		Access point



View of Dalton Bank



Bradley Viaduct



Dewsbury Town Hall

