

# A Code of Conduct for Cyclists on Shared Use Paths



Cyclists tend to be the fastest movers on shared use and segregated paths, but most are not suitable for high speeds so it is important to keep cycling speed under control.

Following this code of conduct will ensure that everyone can benefit from shared paths:

- Cycle at a sensible speed and do not use the paths for recording times with challenge apps or for fitness training.
- Pass a cyclist as you would on the road, stay left, so that an oncoming cyclist passes on your right.
- Always give way to pedestrians.
- Be courteous and patient with pedestrians and other path users who are moving more slowly than you – shared paths are for sharing.
- Use your bell or give an audible greeting to avoid surprising people.
- Do not assume pedestrians (or other cyclists) can see or hear you – remember that many people are hard of hearing, visually impaired or may be using earphones.
- Slow down when space is limited or if you cannot see clearly ahead
- Be particularly careful at junctions, bends, entrances onto the path, or any other 'blind spots' where people (including children) could appear in front of you without warning.

In dull and dark weather make sure you have and use both front and rear lights and wear high visibility clothing so you can be seen.

Tips for pedestrians:

- Keep dogs under control, particularly those on extended leads.
- Keep to the correct side of segregated paths