

Interest along the Route

- The Hipper Valley Trail and Holmebrook Valley Trail are both signed as part of the Chesterfield Cycle Network. The link route between Linden Avenue (by Somersall Park) and Purbeck Avenue has signage saying 'Hipper, Holmebrook Link Route' with direction arrows.
- This route is intended to provide a pleasant hour or so cycling on a 'circular' route.
- Apart from the industry adjacent to the Hipper Valley Trail there is very little evidence now of the areas industrial heritage. There were once many potteries in this part of Chesterfield together with coal mines and engineering works. Products were notably cannon balls, pottery rum jars for the 1st world war and cardboard packaging. The site of Morrisons supermarket was once J.J. Blow engineering who made racing go carts.
- The Inkerman Park once had a large 'lake' formed from clay extraction that was the home of the Chesterfield Swimming Club. The area is also known as Wasp Nest and was the site of the Wasp Nest Brickworks. Many houses in the area are built using their bricks as is the old football stands at Saltergate.
- As you cycle along Goyt Side do look at the decorative railings outside the remaining Robinsons factory. they show scenes from the companies past.
- Also along this stretch is Cannon Mill, Chesterfield's oldest industrial building. If you look very closely near the road you can see the waterwheel that powered it.
- The cricket pitch in Queen's Park has a track around the perimeter that was used for cycle racing until the early 1960's.
- Caution is required at both ends of Storrs Road but otherwise the route follows quite roads and off road paths with occasional crossings of busier roads.

Further Cycling

Both the Holmebrook Valley Trail and the Hipper Valley Trail are the subjects of other ride leaflets (numbers 2 & 3). It is possible to access the town centre using the bridge from the Queen's Park. Cyclists are advised to dismount on the bridge. From the Queen's Park cycle track the route continues across Park Road past the skate park. After that there is a choice of going straight on which leads into the town centre or turning right and following shared paths towards Hasland or carry on along a shared path alongside Derby Road to the traffic free Rother Washlands route ending on Storforth Lane.

Chesterfield Cycle Network

Look out for additions to the network. Routes will eventually be colour coded to enable easy navigation. Pick up a cycle map from the Tourist Information Centre.

Chesterfield Cycle Campaign

This is one of a series of leaflets produced by the Campaign. Our aim is to improve and increase the provision of facilities for cyclists. We work with both Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to achieve this. We believe that cycling is a healthy low carbon solution to local transport.

If you would like to join the Campaign details are available on our website;

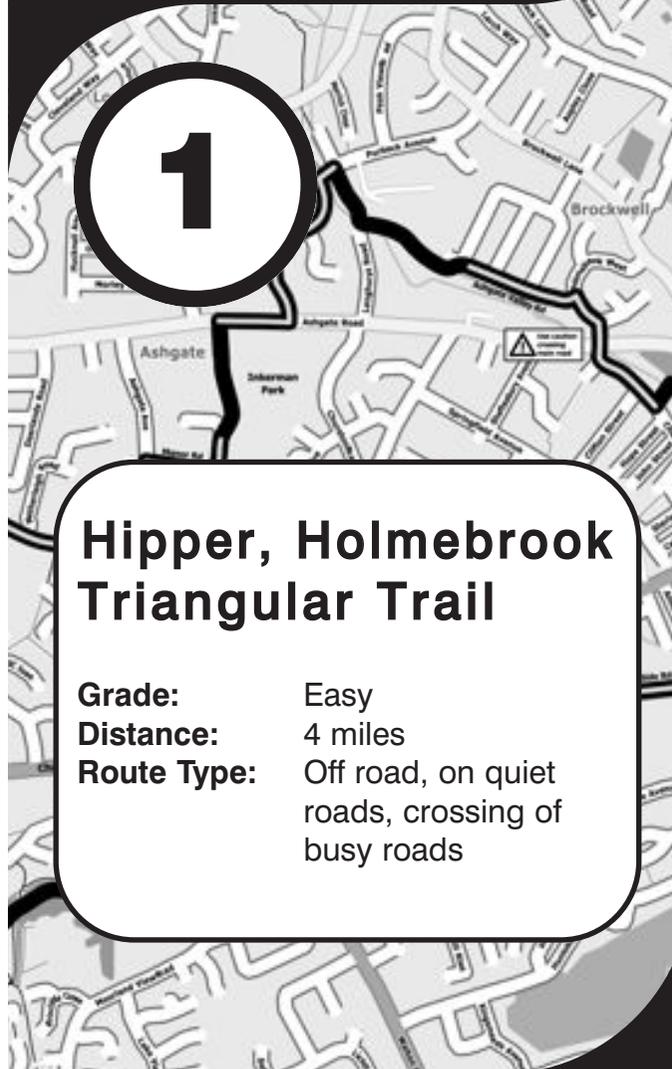
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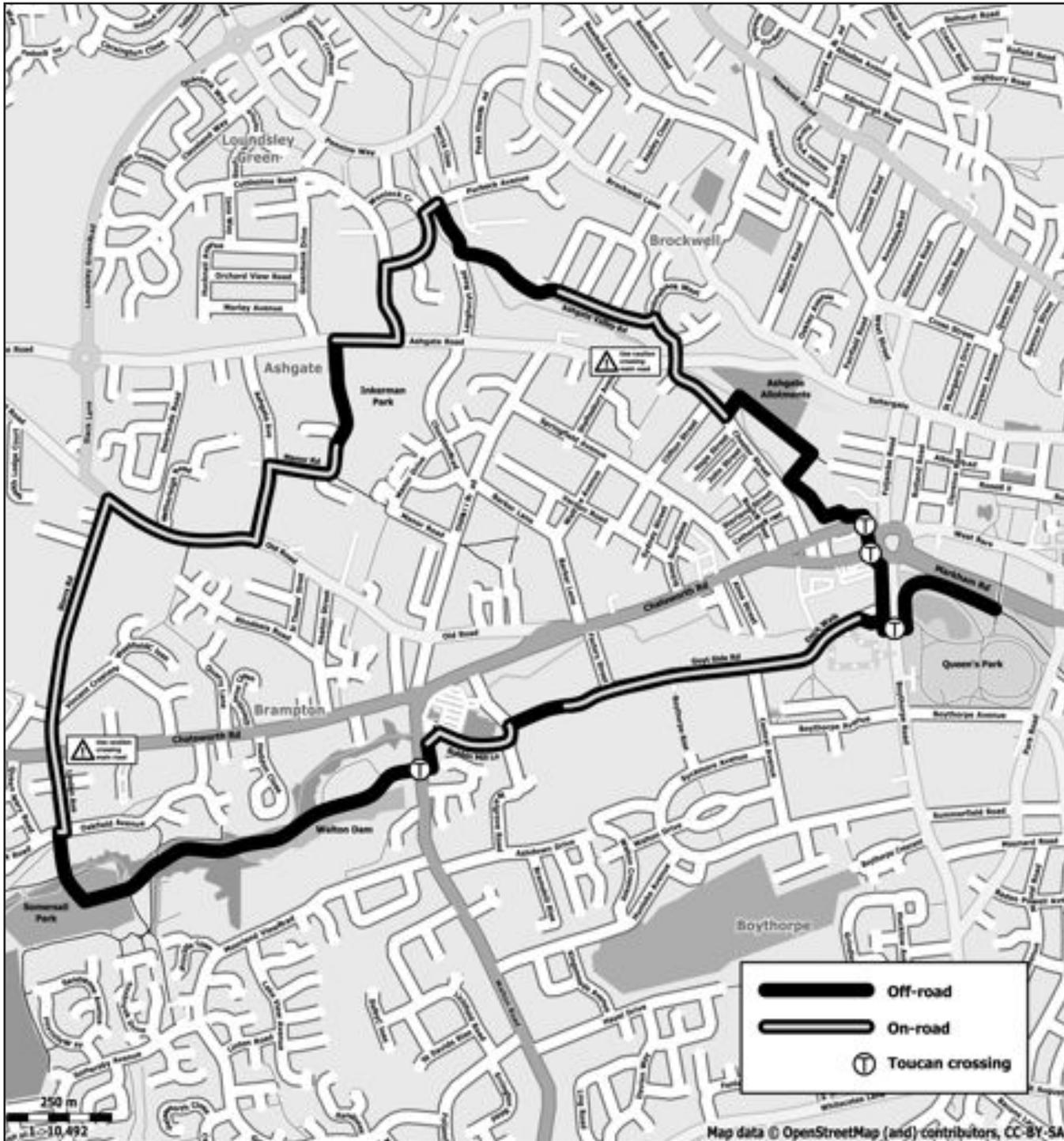
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Hipper, Holmebrook Triangular Trail

Grade: Easy
Distance: 4 miles
Route Type: Off road, on quiet roads, crossing of busy roads

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Archway into the old gasworks on West Bars



Chesterfield Swimming Club at the Inkerman (this scene has now completely disappeared)



Cycle racing in the Queen's Park (outside the cricket pavilion)



Railings alongside Robinsons works.

