

WESTMINSTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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Westminster Cycling Campaign is the local, volunteer group of the London Cycling Campaign. Our group is open to any LCC member who lives, works, studies or cycles in the City of Westminster. We aim to encourage people to cycle, improve conditions for cycling and raise the profile of cycling in Westminster. The majority of our 300 members are Westminster residents. When we write to our local councillors, we are writing to Westminster's councillors. All members are welcome to contribute as much or as little time as they wish. You're welcome to just come to our meetings to listen to what's happening.

This is our last Newsletter to be printed and inserted into London Cyclist magazines posted to LCC members in Westminster, due to printing cost savings by LCC. Could we keep in touch with you by email? Please sign up here if you don't already receive email news from Westminster Cycling Campaign: <https://membership.lcc.org.uk/local-group-newsletter-signup>

Less Drive, more cycling in Hyde Park

– Colin Wing and Mary Enright report

Extensive works have been taking place on the North Carriage Drive of Hyde Park. We believe that these will result in a two-way segregated cycle track on the south side of the road, with the north side (nearer to Bayswater Road) restricted to eastbound traffic.



As well as usefully reducing the number of motor vehicles in the park, the new scheme may mean that cyclists will no longer have to share the pavement with pedestrians when an event is being held in the park – which is much of the time.



The new cycle track will connect with the East-West Cycle Superhighway at Victoria Gate (shown above). One day, it might even link to the proposed Cycle Superhighway along Holland Park Avenue.

Consultations

We work with authorities including Westminster City Council, Transport for London, the Royal Parks and the Canal & River Trust. Please see Cyclescape, which we use to invite comments, debate opinions and record our consultation responses.

<https://westminster.cyclescape.org/>

The Royal Parks has created a webpage for a forthcoming consultation on The Royal Parks Movement Strategy: *"The Movement Strategy will set a long-term vision for how park visitors will move within, access and subsequently experience the parks."* You can sign up to get involved at

<https://www.royalparks.org.uk/managing-the-parks/park-strategies/the-royal-parks-transport-and-movement-strategy>

Meetings and events

We have six meetings each year. We learn more by discussing opinions and proposals together, so please join us to have your say on the issues that affect you. We organise events such as cycle rides and Dr Bike events with cycle mechanics, maps and leaflets. Please see the LCC website's events list, which we use to record and advertise our events. Details may change after this newsletter goes to print, so please visit the website or call 020 7828 1500 to check.

<http://westminstercyclists.org.uk/showevents.htm>



[Open Garden Squares Weekend Ride 1](#)

Saturday 8 June 2019

Visit some of London's secret gardens that open specially this weekend. The ride starts from St Paul's Church, Covent Garden Piazza, at 10.00am. It will visit

gardens in Bloomsbury and around the City – including three rooftop gardens – before returning to Covent Garden by 5.30pm. A £20 ticket, available on the day, is needed to visit the gardens.



[Open Garden Squares Weekend Ride 2](#)

Sunday 9 June 2019 10am - 5:30pm

Meet at 10.15am for a 10.30am start from the Will to Win Tennis Club, Hyde Park (near the junction of South Carriage and West Carriage Drive and Alexandra Gate). The ride will visit gardens in South and North Kensington and finish around 5.30pm in Kensington Gardens (Black Lion Gate, Bayswater Road). A £15 ticket, available on the day, is needed to visit the gardens.



[Royal Parks' Dr Bike event in Kensington Gardens](#)

Monday 10 June 2019 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Kensington Gardens, The Broad Walk junction with Mount Walk by small drinking fountain, opposite Kensington Palace, W8 4PU

Subject to lastminute changes, we expect this event to offer: Free Dr Bike Mechanic, Exchanging Places HGV Awareness, Cycle Security Marking, Cycling Info

[Royal Parks' Dr Bike event in Regent's Park](#)

Tuesday 11 June 2019 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Regent's Park Outer Circle junction with Avenue Road, south of Macclesfield Bridge, NW1 4RU

Subject to lastminute changes, we expect this event to offer: Free Dr Bike Mechanic, Cycle Security Marking, Cycling Information

[Royal Parks' Dr Bike event in Hyde Park](#)

Friday 14 June 2019 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Hyde Park, Broad Walk junction with Serpentine Road, near Achilles Statue, W1K 1BE

Subject to lastminute changes, we expect this event to offer: Free Dr Bike Mechanic, Exchanging Places HGV Awareness, Cycle Security Marking, Cycling Info



[Enford Street: School Street Celebration](#)

Thursday 20 June 2019 8am - 9am

Location: South end of Enford Street at its junction with York Street, Marylebone, W1H 1DL

To coincide with Clean Air Day on 20 June 2019, we will have an event at 8am-9am to celebrate Westminster's first School Street at Enford Street which serves St Mary's Bryanston Square Primary

School. The road is closed to motor vehicles at school drop-off and pick-up times to improve safety, reduce air pollution and encourage walking and cycling. The event is likely to include a free Dr Bike mechanic and walk & bike breakfast. We hope you can join us, but please check before attending because details are still TBC.



[SouthWestFest Community/Family Ride](#)

Sunday 14 July 2019 2:30pm - 4:30pm

An easy ride starting at 2:30pm at Pimlico Library, corner of Lupus Street and Claverton Street SW1 and finishing there at 4:30pm.



[Westminster Cycling Campaign meeting](#)

Monday 22 July 2019 7pm - 9pm

Join us to find out about the latest cycling issues in Westminster, raise issues that affect you, and have your say. Location: The Carpenters Arms, 12 Seymour Place, Marylebone, London, W1H 7NE – in the quiet upstairs room. Alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and snacks such as crisps and peanuts will be available. Pies and mash will be available before 7pm. Members can bring their own food after 7pm. Do you want to attend our meetings but there's something about the venue or time that doesn't suit you? Please get in touch.



[Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle Led Ride from Queen's Park Gardens through Westminster](#)

Saturday 3 August 2019 10am - 4pm

Our led ride will take an enjoyable route along quieter roads from Queen's Park Gardens to join the FreeCycle at Green Park, Constitution Hill. We hope that by providing experienced ride leaders and marshals we will encourage people who wouldn't have had the confidence to ride into town on their own. Families welcome. Under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. **N.b. Queen's Park Gardens is not the same as Queen's Park in Brent.**

- Start point: 10:00am at Queen's Park Gardens, by telephone box opposite 6 Ilbert Street, London W10 4QJ
- Pick up point en route: 10:20am at Warwick Avenue Station, outside 42 Warwick Ave, London W9 2PT
- Pick up point en route: 10:40am at Lisson Green Estate, Lilestone Street, east side
- Finish point: Green Park, Constitution Hill

Our led ride will return from Green Park, Constitution Hill at 3:00pm dropping off at the same points en route to Queen's Park Gardens.