

Newent Cycling Group History

2010 - We begin life as the **Cycling Campaigns Group, Transition Town Newent**. The term transition town refers to grassroot community projects that aim to increase resilience in the face of climate change.

Our first campaign was, and still is the **Hooks Lane Link**, a short (300m) stretch of cycle path which would link a relatively quiet road to a lane network while avoiding a busy and dangerous bypass

On **May 19, 2010** we write to Sustrans asking for information to “help us in our campaign.... We eventually have to convince the County Council...”



Sustrans Rupert Crosbee with Chris Wooldridge, Cycling Campaigns Group, on the B4215 at the Gloucester Street junction near Hooks Lane, Malswick 2010.

2010 - Cycling Campaigns Group contributes to the Gloucestershire County Council’s Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026. Our proposal is not included.

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2012 - Newent Cycling Group's first meeting is in April, at the Kings Arms, Newent. Peter and Linda Cox join. Peter uses his graphics skills to promote Newent Cycling Group's second meeting in May.

Newent Cycling Group Meeting

Wednesday 30th May
King's Arms, Ross Road, Newent GL18 1AH
(Skittles room) 7.30pm

Are you interested in improving cycle routes and facilities in and around Newent?

Are you interested in meeting other cyclists in the area?

Are you interested in social cycle rides?



Join us for the next meeting

Contact for further information:

www.transitionnewent.org.uk
cycling@transitionnewent.org.uk





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Transition Newent **Cycle Ride**

Very leisurely paced 5 mile ride to pick strawberries

9.30_{am} for 9.45 start

Saturday 20 July

Strawberry Ride

to Brand Green Fruit Farm, to pick strawberries
bring light refreshments and enjoy the view

Return by 12.30, total distance 5 miles

Meet by Newent Lake next to town car park
Tish 01531 821931

www.bikeweek.org.uk/newentstrawberryride
For further information contact: Tish 01531 821931

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NCG member Martin Roper remembers: *The daffodil ride was my 1st ride with the group after I saw a poster by Peter. Was it really that long ago?*

I remember the strawberry 🍓 ride as well,



Newent Cycling Group members: Linda and Peter Cox with Martin Roper

We address cycling issues in and around Newent which Peter illustrates with excellent maps. Social rides from the Kings Arms, Newent, prove popular.

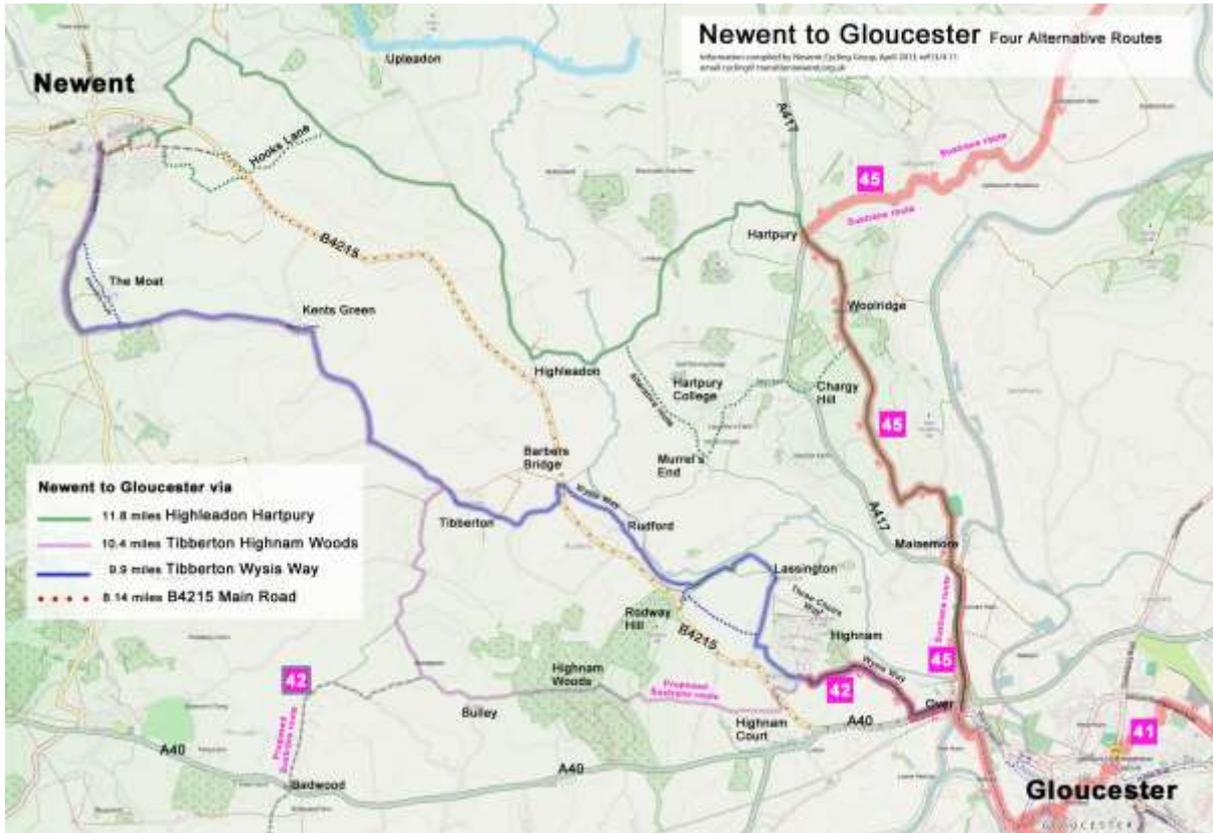
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September 2013 - Tim Rickard makes a presentation to Newent Town Council to talk about the work of the Group and request their support. NCG identifies a number of routes to allow safer cycling in the town (map below).



Tim explains our work with Sustrans and the development of the Newent - Gloucester Link to the Council (map below). We identify four potential routes.

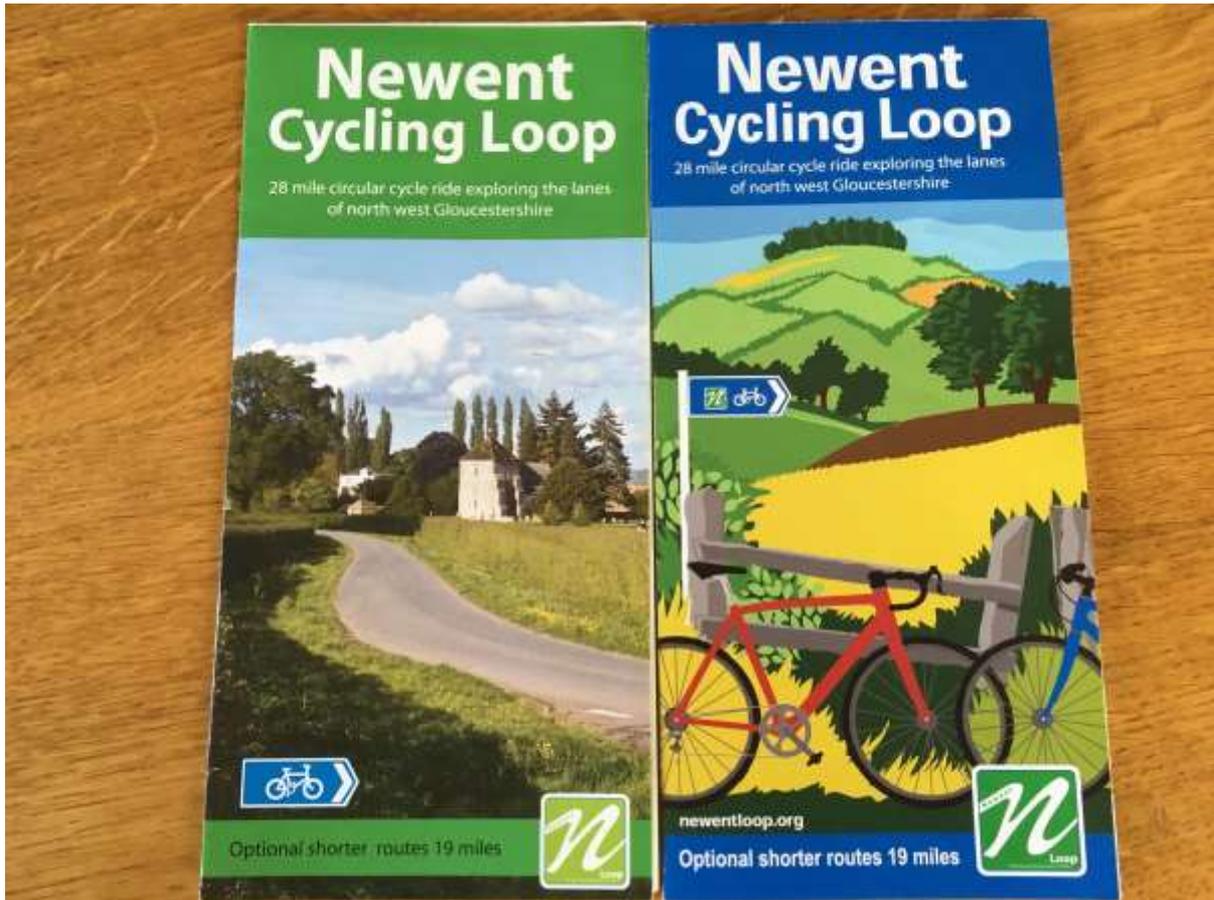
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2014 - Peter and Linda Cox write to Newent Town Council to propose a loop similar to Ledbury's with map and signposting.

NCG successfully applies for Active Together Funding for the Loop.

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2015 - The Newent Loop map leaflet is distributed in Newent and the surrounding parishes.

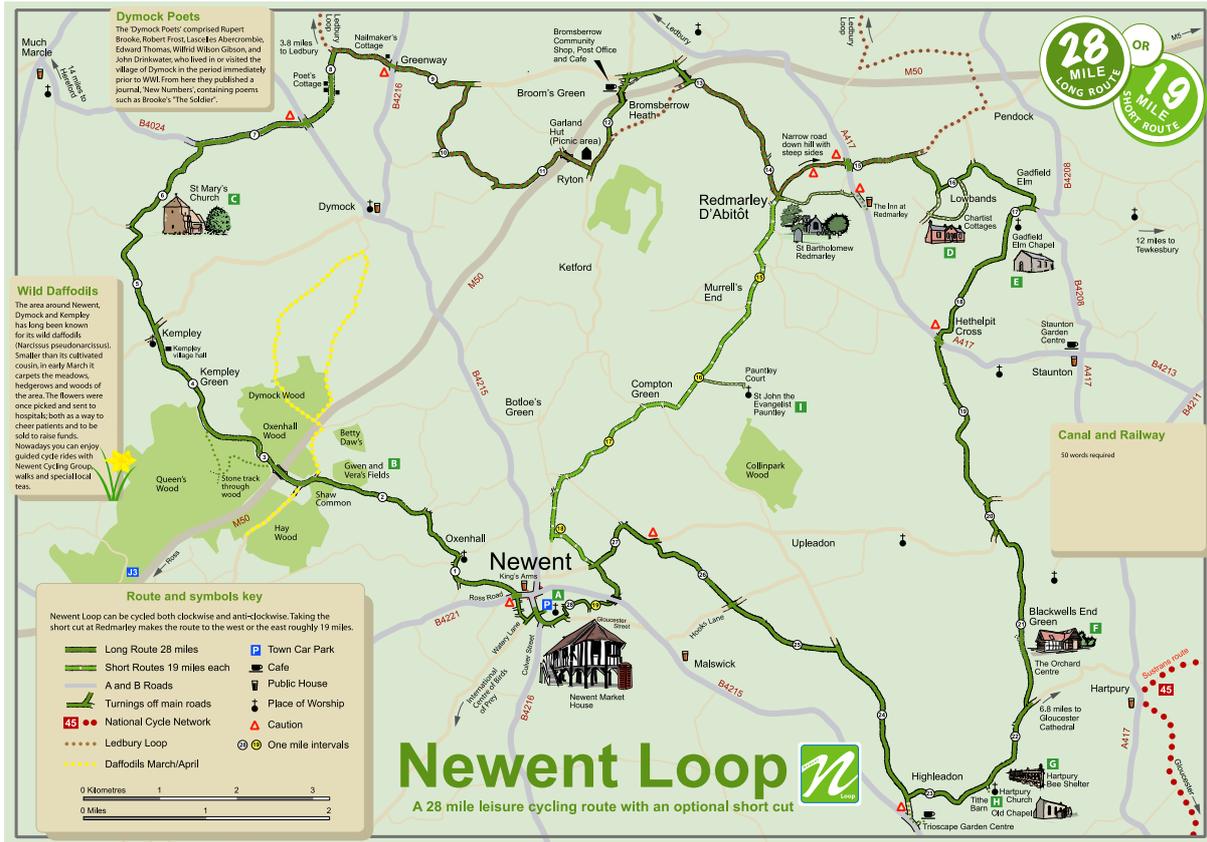
David Price launches the Newent Loop online.

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In case you've not seen it yet, please visit our new website for the Newent Cycling Loop at <http://newentloop.org>.

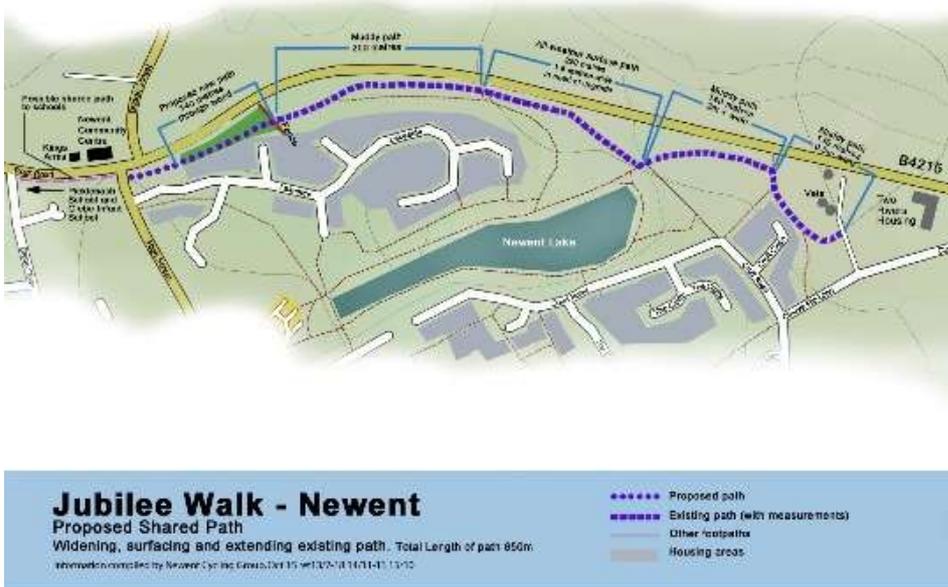
You might also like to visit us on [Trip Advisor](#) and make a comment.
David

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2015 - Newent Cycling Group produces *Unlocking Newent for Cycling* for the local Cycling Officer, Emma Shibli, to help direct 106 funding to cycling.

NCG proposes converting **Jubilee Walk**, Newent, to a shared use path. The Council reject our proposal.



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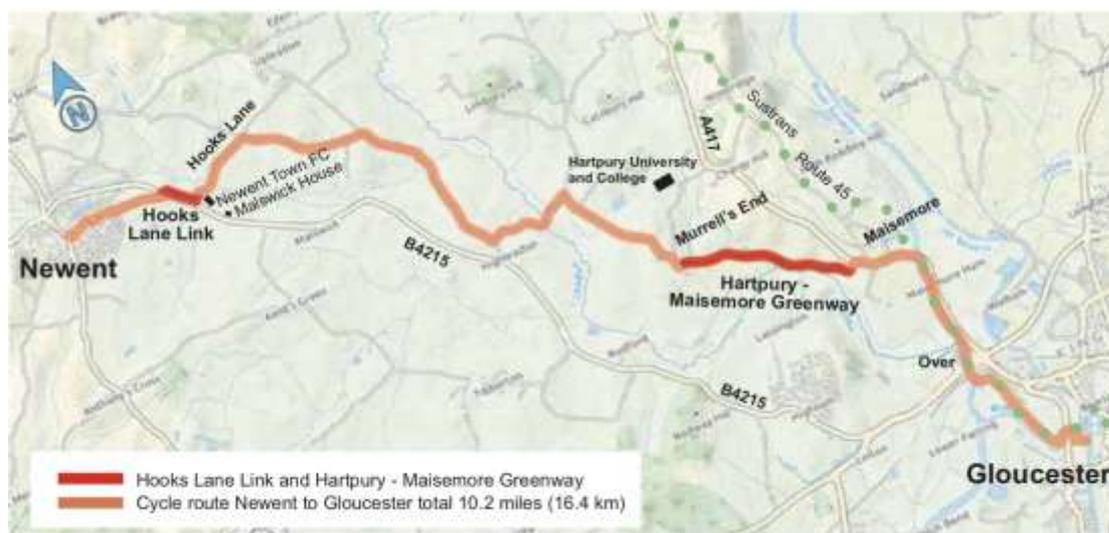
2015 – we become aware of an abnormally high number of accidents in Oxenhall Lane ford, cyclists falling off on the treacherously slippery surface caused by algae in the spring and summer. We start to compile a list of incidents, injury and otherwise, about which we hear. One of our members tries to get Gloucestershire County Council Highways to take remedial action.



2016 - NCG agrees the best cycling route between Newent and Gloucester is via Hooks Lane Link, Malswick, and Murrell's End, the Hartpury - Maisemore Greenway.

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Newent - Gloucester Cycleway



Map - Hooks Lane Link and Hartpury - Maisemore Greenway

We are building support in Newent and the surrounding district working with local parish councils, district and county councillors, MPs, Gloucestershire County Council Highways and Public Rights of Way Department and Hartpury University & College.

2020 - NCG begins approaching funding bodies for the Murrell's End - Hartpury section of the cycle route.

We continue our discussions with Highways which started over a decade ago, to create a safe route between Newent and the surrounding countryside, and to Gloucester via Murrell's End, Hartpury.

2021 – after six years of largely unproductive correspondence with GCC Highways concerning the dangerous ford on **Oxenhall Lane**, a feasible plan to build a bridge adjacent to the carriageway takes shape, and active enquiries about funding are initiated.

The Newent - Gloucester Cycleway gathers momentum. NCG's collaboration with Hartpury University and College to survey its potential use by students and staff demonstrates considerable support for the Cycleway.

NCG is invited to participate in the Forest of Dean District Council's new **Active Travel Strategy Group**. It seeks to create sustainable travel throughout the District and link in with Gloucestershire County Council.

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