

Swansea Bay Cycle Route – cycle audit

Tirpenry

Introduction

This audit has been carried out by *Wheelrights* volunteers. It is based on Routes Group rides. Originally prepared in March 2016 it was subsequently revised in November 2018. Its purpose is to identify what needs to be done to complete this route (It is currently discontinuous.) and in so doing assist Swansea Council meet their *Active Travel Act* commitments. The plan shows it superimposed on a Swansea A-Z map.

This route connects the roundabout between Beaufort Road and Martin Street (GR 670974) at the south end with, at the north end, NCR 43 where it goes under the B4625 (GR 676988). The November 2018 revision adds, at the south end, a link to NCR 43 where it crosses the Beaufort Bridge (GR 671971). This joins the path through Tirpenry at the footbridge over the A4067 (GR 671976). The route can be viewed as an inverted Y, the southern end branching at this footbridge.

It is considered here in three sections, the first two cover the two southerly branches, the third the route from the footbridge to the northerly link to NCR 43.

1. West branch of Y. (GR 670974 – 671976)

The photos (looking north) show the following:

- 1a: Start of link at south end.
- 1b: View from the right of white house in 1a background .
- 1c: 100m north of 1b where cycle path joins the road.
- 1d: Morfydd Street underpass. Footbridge: right foreground.

1.1 Comments

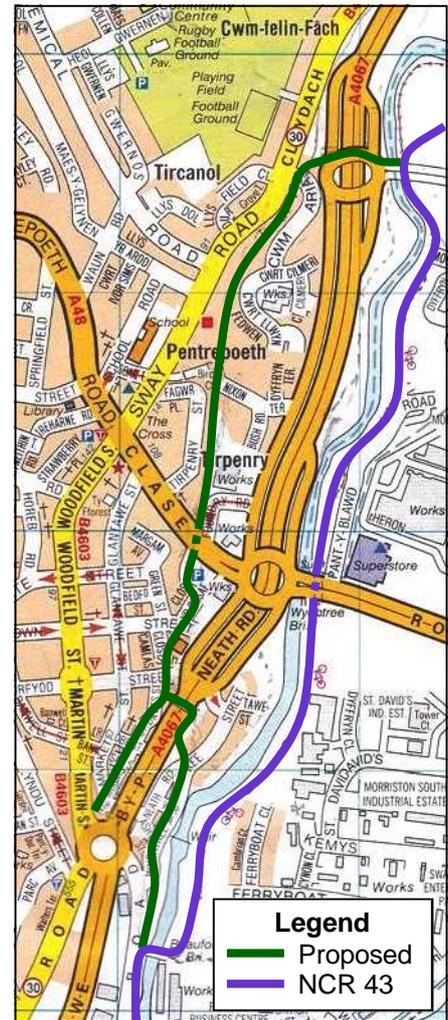
The route should follow the street to the left of the white house in the background of photo 1a to the first junction (Globe St.) where it would join the path shown in photo 1c.

Signing will be needed as follows:

- to indicate the start of the path and its continuation past the white house;
- at the junction (by the bicycle) in photo 1c;
- at the link to NCR 43 via the footbridge over the A4067 shown to the right of photo 1d;

2. East branch of Y. (GR 671971 – 671976)

This link will follow Wychtree Street with at its south end a short off-road connection to NCR 43 at the Beaufort Bridge.



3. North from the footbridge (GR 671976 – 676988)

The photos (looking north except for 3c) show the following:

- 3a: shows the A48 (Clase Road) underpass.
- 3b: Continuation of path from Foundry Road.
- 3c: Looking south showing awkward bit at GR 672983.
- 3d: Looking north further on.
- 3e: Junction of path with Cwm Arian and Sway Rd.
- 3f: Access to Tircanol roundabout.
- 3g: On bridge across Tawe. NCR 43 visible behind bicycle.
Access to it on left beyond cyclist.



3.1 Comments

The Main task is the clearing of the blockage on the north side of the underpass. This is composed of earth and rubbish which should be straightforward to remove. A lesser task is to provide a better cycling alternative to the ramp shown in photo 3c.

Some signing, principally to identify the north end of the route, will be required.

There is a path across the green leading to photo 3f. This would need signing and widening for shared use.

A challenge will be the provision of a satisfactory crossing of the slip roads to the roundabout between photos 3f and 3g.

Note that the continuation of this route NW to Murrison Hospital will link to it near its crossing of Cwm Arian. This continuation is a Council priority as is a route eastwards to Llansamlet.

3.2 Recommendations

Clear the blockage and provide a surfaced route under the A48.

Make the necessary improvements to the ramp shown in photo 3c.

Locally widen and resurface the path where necessary to bring it up to standard.

Widen the path between Cwm Arian and photo 3f.

Resolve the safety issues indicated above and provide signing.



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