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CYCLIST'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Cycling on Shared Paths and in Pedestrianised Zones

This document is aimed at encouraging considerate use of shared paths by everyone.

Cyclists and pedestrians are natural allies in wanting and needing safe and attractive routes around the city. With more people cycling, and more shared use paths being developed, it is important that cyclists behave responsibly. We all benefit from courteous cycling.

As a cyclist you cannot always expect to use shared paths and pedestrianised zones for high-speed travel; different skills and techniques are needed from road cycling as explained below.

- Always give priority to pedestrians.
- Even if the path is segregated, do not expect pedestrians to stay on their side, especially young children.
- Never speed close by pedestrians, especially from behind.
- Always be ready to slow right down and make sure you can stop if anyone unexpectedly moves sideways - children and dogs are particularly unpredictable.
- Use your bell or a friendly voice (e.g. "bike passing to your left") to let pedestrians know you are there, but remember that they may not step the right way and that some may not be able to hear you.
- Slow down near blind spots like bends, entrances and trees.
- When passing on-coming cyclists it is normal to pass on the left.
- Be polite - say thanks if a pedestrian moves for you, especially on a narrow path.
- Use lights at night - it helps oncoming cyclists and pedestrians to see you.