

Cycling and Walking

As the local highway authority, Oxfordshire County Council are responsible for walking and cycling infrastructure in Oxfordshire, which is an integral part of the highway, including public rights of way.

Policies covering cycling, walking and public rights of way are contained in the Local Transport Plan. The Active & Healthy Travel Strategy covers walking and cycling.

Further information: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk – search for “LTP4 active travel”

Public Rights of Way

Public Rights of Way are a part of the highway network comprising various classifications of paths based on historical usage. Most rural paths are public rights of way, most commonly classified as footpaths or bridleways.

Further information: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk – search for “public rights of way”

National Cycle Network

The National Cycle Network was established in the early 2000s and passes through many parts of Oxfordshire. The charity Sustrans act as guardian of the network, which consists of signed routes comprising of various rural paths (e.g. byways), lightly trafficked roads and a small number of paths managed by Sustrans themselves.

Further information: www.sustrans.org.uk

What can PTRs do?

Although PTRs have traditionally focused on public transport and usually buses in particular, there is no reason why this should be. Walking and cycling often compliment public transport and both form an important part of transport provision for a parish.

There is often strong user representation for both cycling and public rights of way, through user groups (e.g. the Ramblers) and local area groups which PTRs could get involved with