



## March 2026 Newsletter

from the local group of the  
London Cycling Campaign in Lewisham

### **Important warning to people using Cycleway 10 between Deptford and South Bermondsey**



Police attended our March monthly meeting to update on a spate of robberies in Folkestone Gardens and also along the Cycleway near Millwall stadium. There have

been numerous attacks since Christmas along isolated stretches where people are at their most vulnerable. The group targeting riders in Folkestone Gardens are causing particular concern as they have sometimes been violent even after taking bikes and other valuables. Most attacks there have been after dark on Fridays and Saturdays. The Millwall path robbers seem to target Brompton riders and incidents typically take place during the morning and evening commute.

The Police are doing everything to catch the criminals but getting effective evidence is difficult. They're increasing their patrols including plain clothes, and installing additional cameras but no arrests have been made to date.

If you witness people acting suspiciously in the area please dial 999 or 101 and explain a robbery might be in process, and that the location has seen a spate of violent robberies. The criminals are typically hooded and masked. Please do not put yourself at risk. Also consider alternative routes especially after dark, and cycle with others.

[Email us](#) for Police Investigative Team contact details if you have any information to share 'after the event'. Your evidence could provide the breakthrough they need.

Finally, if you haven't already, please [sign the LCC petition](#) regarding action on Cycle Theft in London.



**Waterlink Way (WW) bridge replacement and temporary diversionary route**

The hazardous wooden humped bridge on WW is currently being replaced with a better and wider structure after many years of campaigning. The WW is closed for around half a mile between Winsford Rd (near Bell Green) and Catford Hill and a signed pedestrian diversion is in place. This diversion will remain in place for at least another couple of months. It's not the route we proposed for cyclists, involving too much riding on the busy main roads Perry Hill and Catford Hill. We've contacted the Council to provide some cyclist specific route signage and consider other options to improve cyclist safety.

In the meantime our recommended route, which is slightly shorter than the pedestrian route, is Winsford Rd - Burford Road - Rutland Park (then unavoidably) Perry Hill - Catford Hill and finally right into the small park on Catford Hill to regain the WW.



### **Cold Blow Lane tunnel closure made permanent**

Another successful campaign by a group of local residents, including Lewisham Cyclists Mario and Mary, has resulted in this once hostile narrow road tunnel between Mercury Way and Sanford Street being permanently closed to motor traffic. Despite several previous failed campaigns for closure, this campaign finally attracted support from Lewisham North MP Vicky Foxcroft, Deputy Mayor Krupski and local Councillor Shrivastava, guided by Council Officers.

Salamander News have the full story [here](#).



## **Grinstead Road Toucan Crossing now operational**

This Toucan crossing provides a vital link between Folkestone Gardens and Deptford Park via Neptune Wharf.

Also giving safe access to Twin Oaks primary school hopefully this will enable lots more kids to walk and cycle to school.



## **March & April Rides and Events**

### **Rides**

[Find details on our rides on the London Cycling Campaign events calendar](#) where you can select our events only with a search for "Lewisham".

Or join our [Facebook Group](#) and look at the events there.

### **Dr Bikes and Maintenance Workshops**

Sunday 19th April 11am-2pm: [Fix and Ride Community Workshop Session @ Grove Park Youth Club](#) A Dr Bike and “a little bit more”. Grove Park Youth Club, Marvels Lane, SE12 9PR.

Sunday 3rd May 10am-2pm: Dr Bike @ Beckenham Place Park by the BMX track.

[Details of all Dr Bike events on our calendar](#)

[Or Facebook Group](#)

[Or email lewishamcyclists@gmail.com](mailto:lewishamcyclists@gmail.com) for more information on anything above.

**Our next Monthly Meeting is on Wednesday 1st April at 6.30pm at Lewisham Civic Centre (also online via Google Meet).** Hope to see you there...

Alex, Jane, Tim & John (Lewisham Cyclists Committee)



### **Free Gift With LCC Membership**

Lewisham Cyclists is the local group of the London Cycling Campaign. Our members enable the work we do and receive a whole host of great benefits.

Join as a member today and choose from free lights, a lock or a pump!\*

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