



A Greener Way to Go

Public Meeting

Wednesday 25th March 2026



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Welcome and Introduction

Dr Tim Chatterton, Chair GSSG



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National Emergency Briefing

“The People's Emergency Briefing”

Goring Village Hall

7:30pm

Wednesday 29th April 2026

Why?

Waiting for the Wheel to Turn

Steve Rock, Goring Gap Cycling

Why?

Where can I take the kids now that they're bored with going to South Stoke?



Why?



Public Health
England

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines (2019)

Foreword by the Chief Medical Officers



Professor Dame Sally C Davies
Chief Medical Officer, England



Dr Frank Atherton
Chief Medical Officer/Medical Director NHS Wales



Dr Michael McBride
Chief Medical Officer, Northern Ireland



Dr Catherine Calderwood
Chief Medical Officer, Scotland

In 2010, we were among the first Nations in the world to set out the evidence for how much and what kinds of physical activity we need to do to keep ourselves healthy. Since then, the evidence has become more compelling and the message is clear:

"If physical activity were a drug, we would refer to it as a miracle cure, due to the great many illnesses it can prevent and help treat."

Physical activity is not just a health issue. It brings people together to enjoy shared activities and contributes to building strong communities whilst supporting the economy to grow.

Why?



Public Health
England

Working Together to Promote Active Travel

- Physical inactivity directly contributes to 1 in 6 deaths in the UK and costs £7.4 billion a year to business and wider society (2016, equivalent to £10 billion in 2026)
- The growth in road transport has been a major factor in reducing levels of physical activity and increasing obesity
- Building walking or cycling into daily routines are the most effective ways to increase physical activity
- Short car trips (under 5 miles) are a prime area for switching to active travel and to public transport
- Health-promoting transport systems are pro-business and support economic prosperity. They enable optimal travel to work with less congestion, collisions, pollution, and they support a healthier workforce

Why?



Office for
National Statistics

[Home](#) > [People, population and community](#) > [Health and social care](#) > [Health and life expectancies](#) > Healthy life expectancy, UK

Healthy life expectancy, UK: between 2011 to 2013 and 2022 to 2024

The number of years people are expected to spend in “good” general health in the UK, including subnational areas.

This is the latest release. [View previous releases](#)

Contact:

[Population Life Events team](#)

Release date:

19 February 2026

“Despite modest increases in life expectancy since 2019 to 2021, **healthy life expectancy** (HLE) at birth in the UK, for both males and females, **decreased to its lowest level since our time series began in 2011 to 2013.**”

Why?

The Bad News: Busier Roads



Oxfordshire's population rose by 10.9% between 2011 and 2021, and is forecast to rise by a further 11% by 2031

Would you let your children cycle along this road?

Why?

The Good News: 20 mph



“you are 7 times more likely to survive if you are hit by a car driving at 20mph, than if you are hit at 30mph”

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/traffic/20mph-scheme/20mph-transformation-programme>

Goring has had a 20 mph speed limit on all its streets since May 2023



Goring speed survey results

	<20 mph	20-25 mph	25+ mph
2024	59	31	9
2025	58	34	8

Why?

The Good News 2: MIGGS



Why?

The Good News 3: Parish Council



Permissive path adjacent to B4526

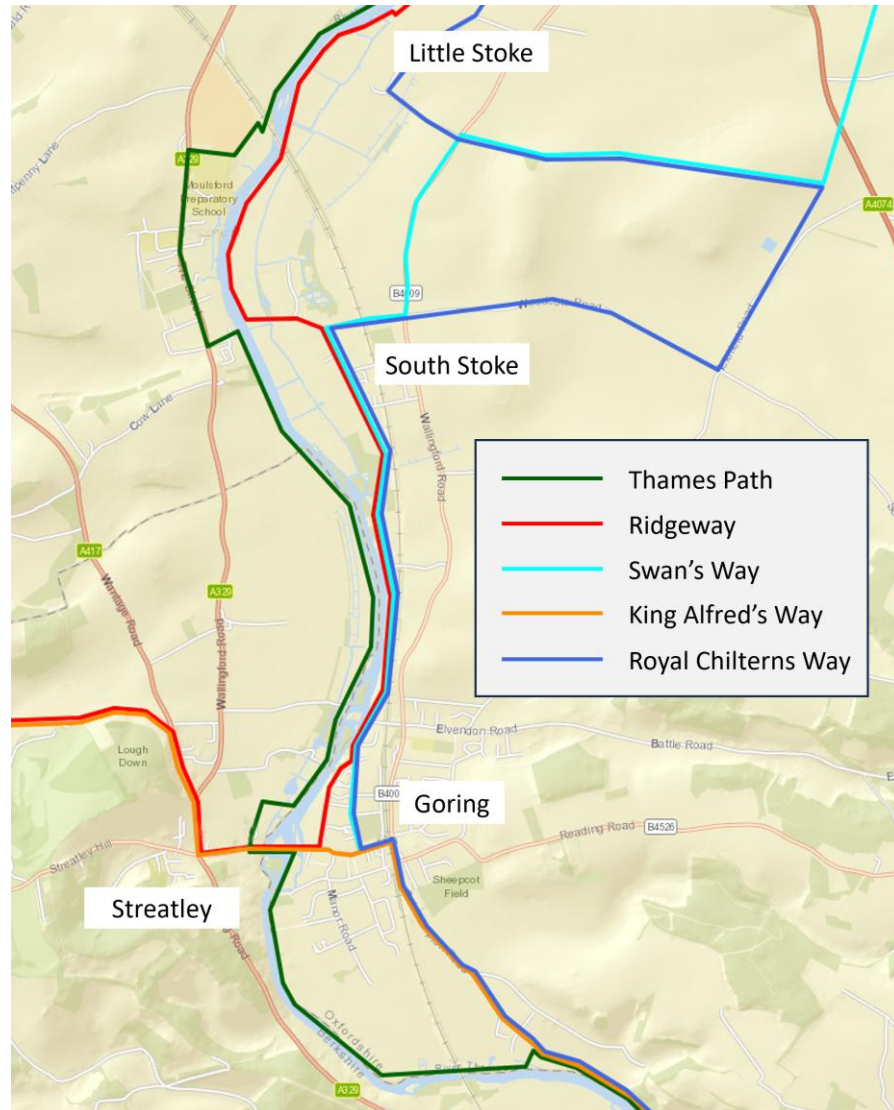
From Great Chalk Wood bridleway
to Park Farm



Cycle parking in the village

Why?

National Trails in the Goring Gap



It's a great area for cycling -- if you're comfortable with hills and busy roads

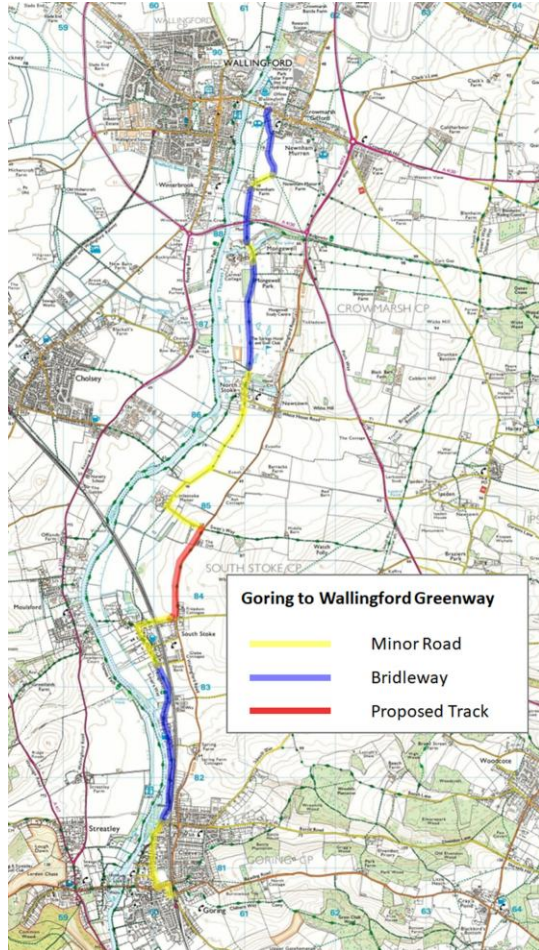
What?

The Goring to Wallingford Greenway

Robin Williamson, Goring Parish Council

What?

Goring to Wallingford Greenway



- A flat(tish) traffic-free route following the route of the medieval Tuddingway
- One of the strategic links in Oxfordshire's Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN) approved in 2024
- 85% of the 6 mile route is already either public road or bridleway
- 15% is currently public footpath, with the detailed alignment subject to negotiation

What?

Goring to Wallingford Greenway



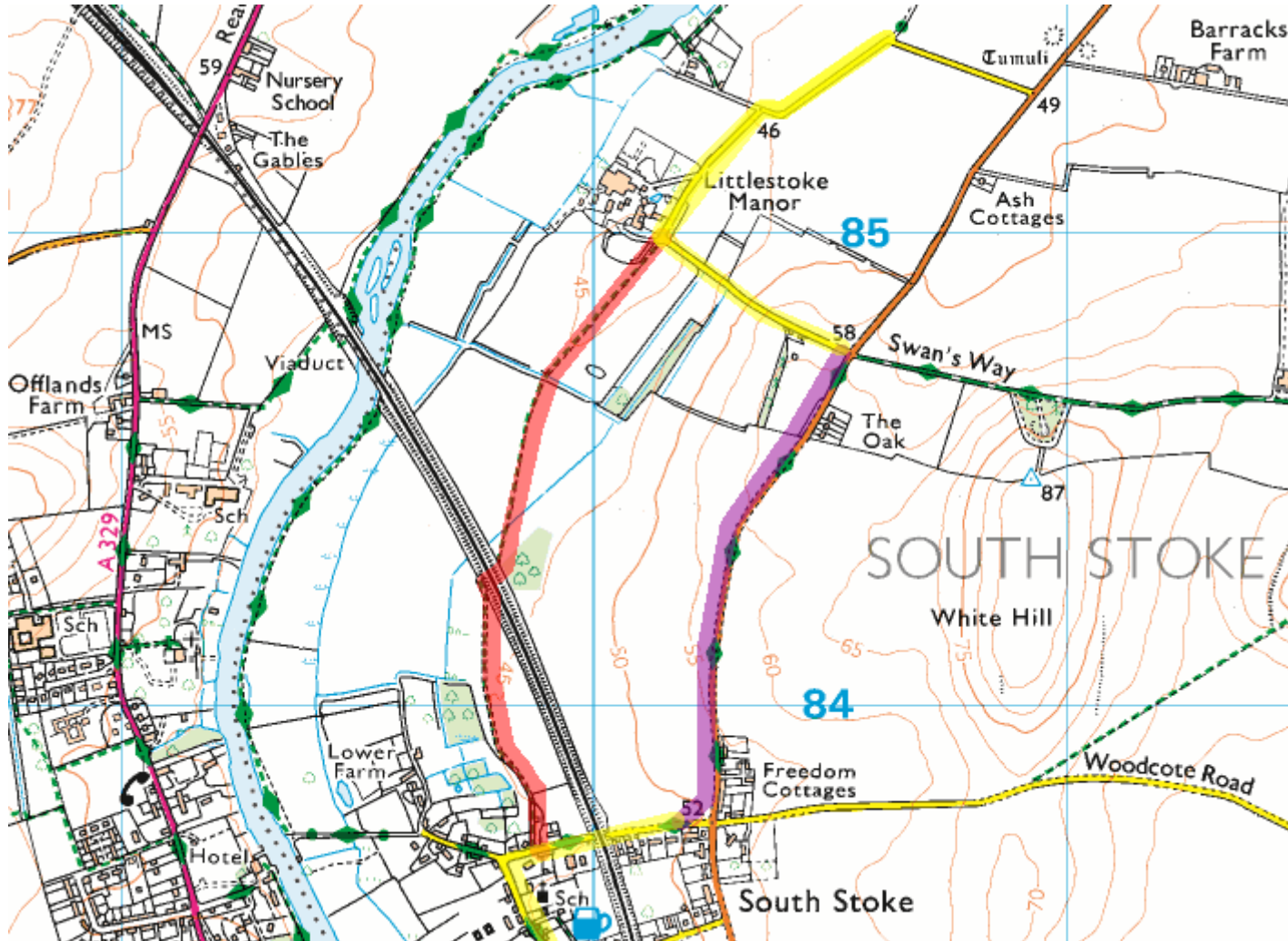
The footpath route runs under the GWR railway



...and has 3 stiles and a footbridge

What?

Goring to Wallingford Greenway



An alternative alignment is under consideration, with the Greenway running along the west side of the B4009

What?

Goring to Wallingford Greenway



Little Stoke to North Stoke

This is actually a public highway. It used to be known as Ipsden Ferry Road



It needs a little work to make it suitable for a Greenway route

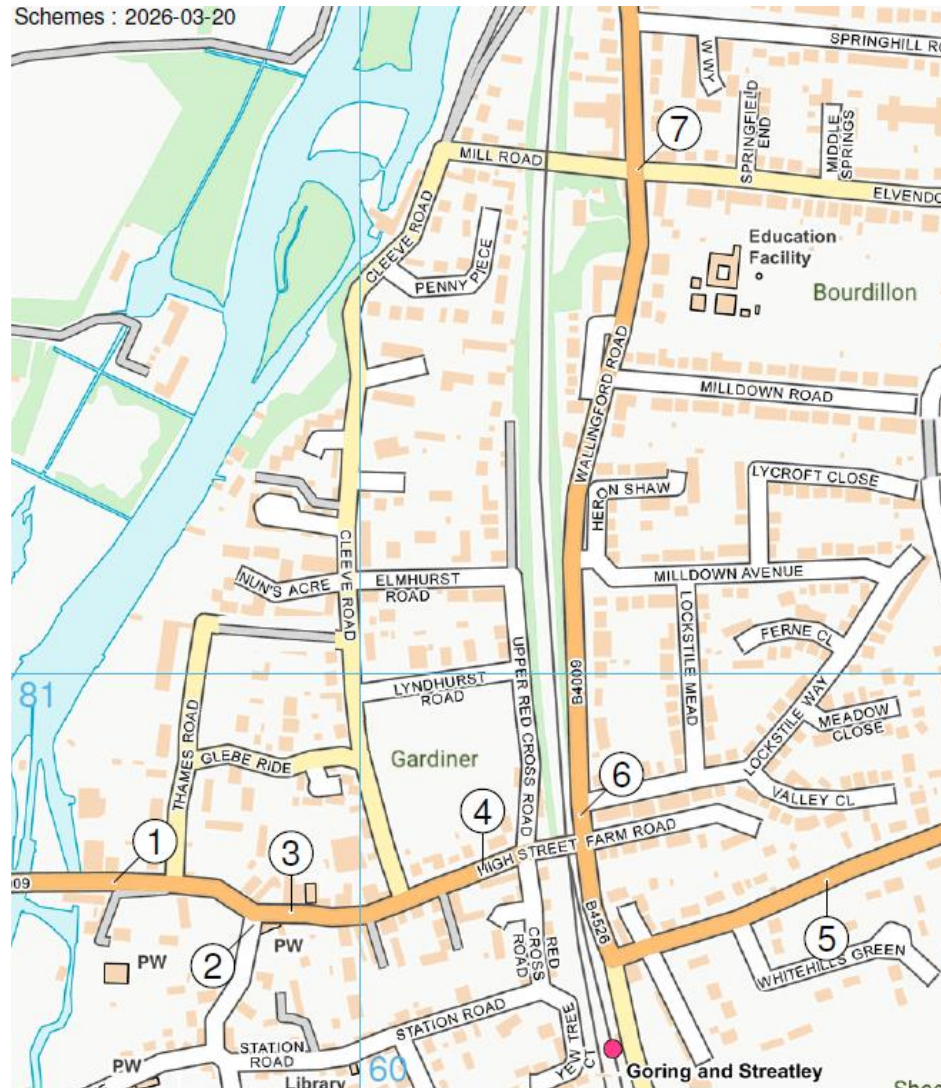
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Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Toby Thurston, Goring Parish Council

What?

Pedestrian Safety Improvements



1. Parklet outside Pierreponts café
2. Pedestrian / wheelchair refuge at Manor Road junction with High Street
3. Marking the raised table by the cash machine
4. Marking a crossing just above the Social Club
5. Extending the pavement along the Reading Road as far as the Farm Road steps and a build out to make it safer for children to cross

Two "extra" ideas that did not make it onto our short list that we discussed with OCC Highways

6. Marking a crossing by the existing dropped kerb between the railway bridge and Lockstile Way
7. Something to make the Mill Road / Elvendon Road junction safer for children

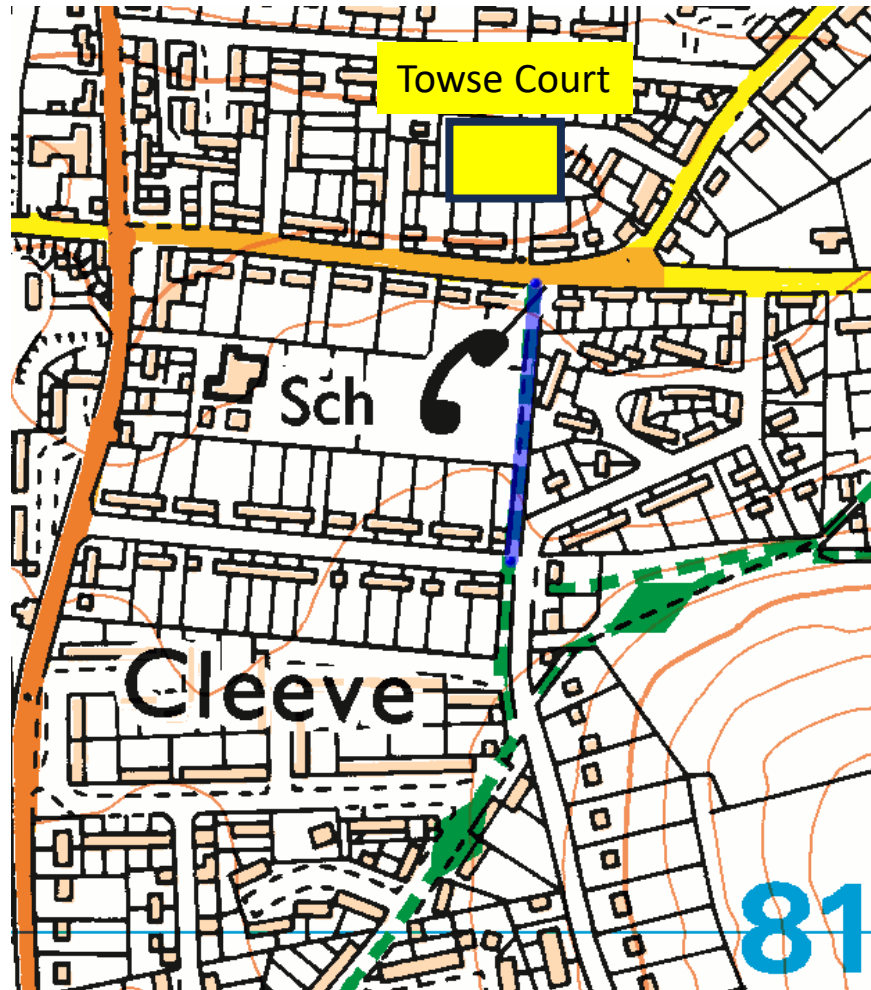
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Access Improvements

Steve Rock

What?

Access Improvements: Bourdillon footpath



Resurface the path from Elvendon Road to Milldown Road

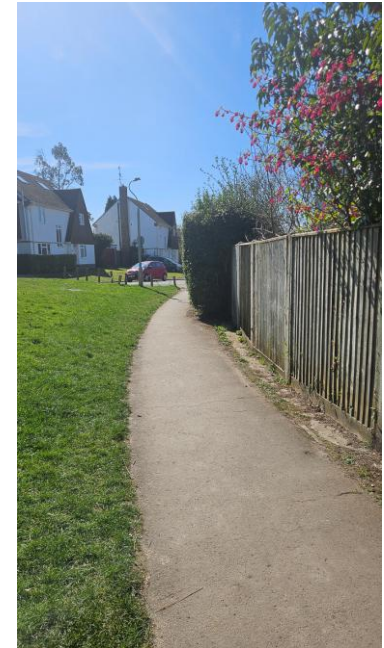
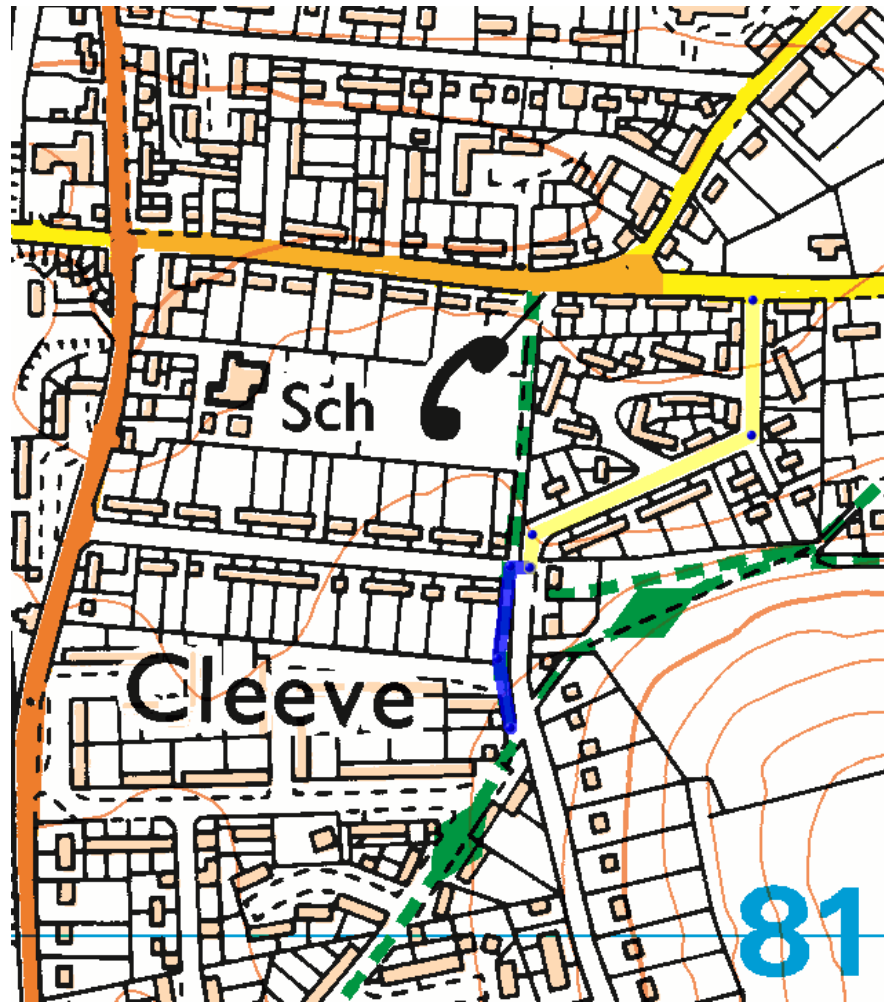
This will improve accessibility for users of mobility scooters and baby buggies

The tarmac is in very poor condition, and the field section has been encroached by the grass

The No Cycling signs should remain either end of the narrow section

What?

Access Improvements: Lockstile Way

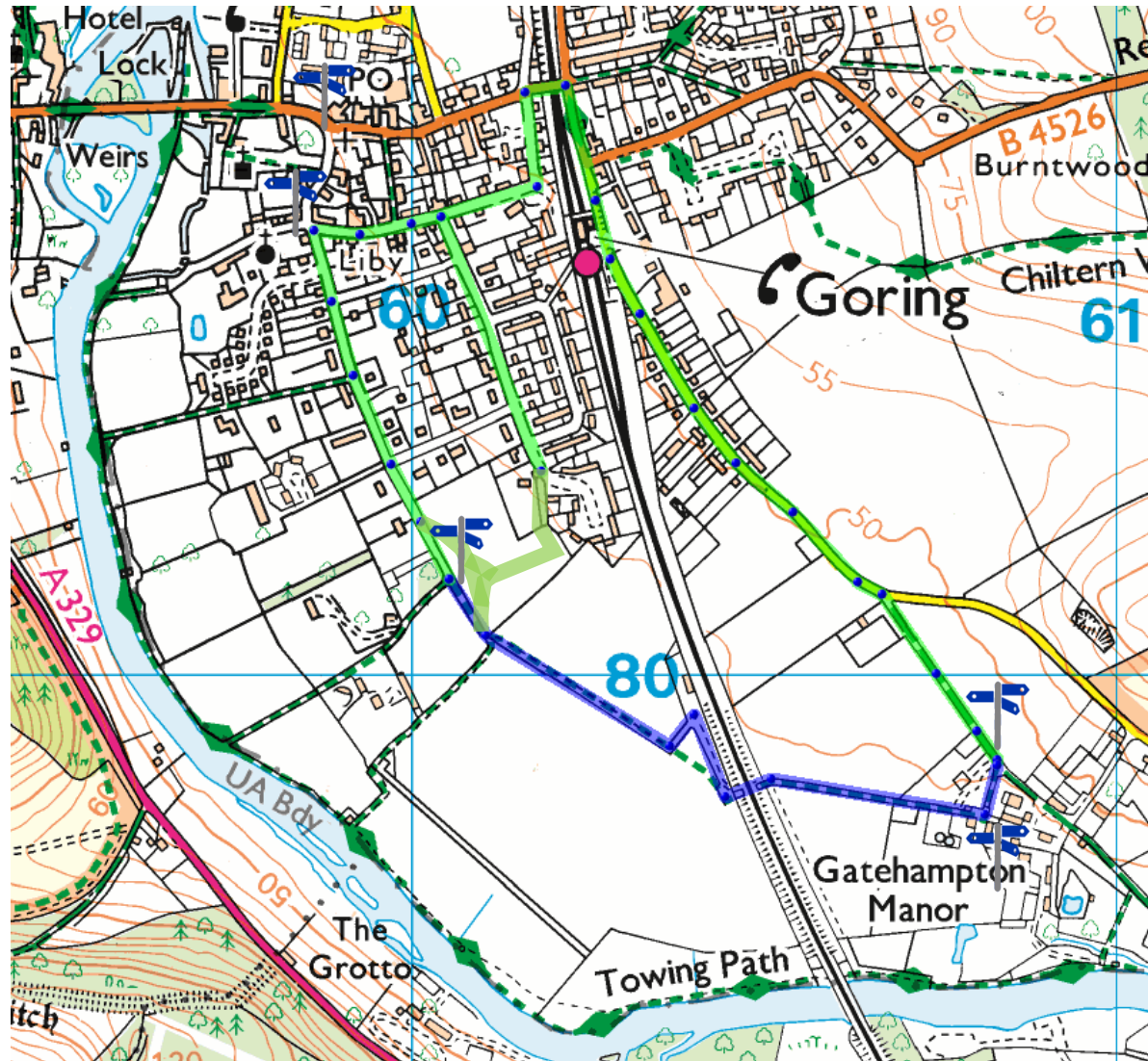


Allow cycling on the wide section of path from Lockstile Way to Milldown Road. This is as wide as many purpose-built cycle paths. The hedge needs to be cut back to the property line.

Provide signage to direct cyclists to use Cleeve Down

What?

Access Improvements: Gatehampton Fields



The recent development of Greenwell Field and Hartslock Close at the end of Manor Road provides an ideal location for new cyclists to practise, with a quiet 1.3 km loop available via Croft Road, Station Road and Manor Road.

The track across the fields from Manor Road to Gatehampton has been used for years by ramblers, dog-walkers and cyclists. It is a public footpath, so cycling on it is currently a civil trespass.

Negotiating permissive access for cycling would allow this route to be signed, which in turn would discourage cyclists from using the riverside footpaths, which are very unsuitable for cycling.

Improving the surface would also make it suitable for users of mobility scooters and baby buggies.

What?

Other Access Improvements



A pump track for Goring
on the Sheepcote field?



Government consultation on
Reviewing the law for powered mobility devices
closes 22 April 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reviewing-the-law-for-powered-mobility-devices>

What?

Other Activities



Promote use
for everyday
activities



Confidence Building
(eg Bikeability)



Easy bike
maintenance



Couch to 50k

Some of these activities require insurance,
.....which is why we need a formal group to organise them

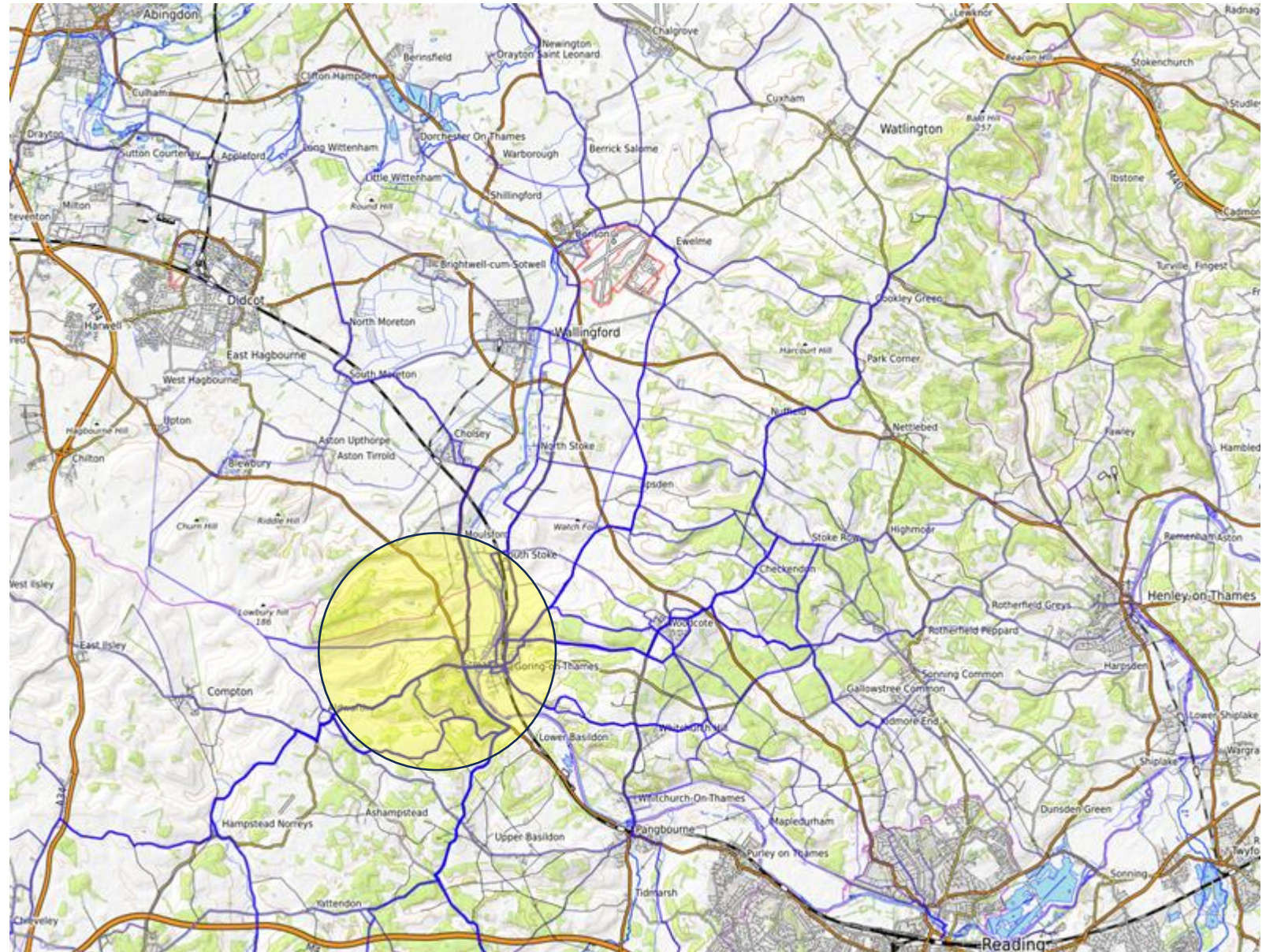
Any suggestions for other things we should be doing, eg a Bike Bus?

**What
About
Streatley?**

Where?

Goring and Streatley is the initial focus, but it depends on who wants to get involved

The map shows frequently - cycled routes in the goringgapcycling.co.uk library



Who?



It could be you!

What useful skills do you have?

Scan the code and fill in the form

When?

The future starts now

Sign up to be involved

Questions and Suggestions