

Cycling

Cycling provides an alternative way to access local facilities. The Tarka Trail also provides a valuable facility for leisure and commuter cyclists.

One of the keys to encourage cycling is by the provision of safe and convenient routes. We asked whether there were any improvements that could be made in your community? From the many comments, the main issues were:



- ➔ A lack of bike parking facilities in the village, particularly in the central shopping streets and car parks.
- ➔ Cyclists were concerned about their safety when using the main village roads, particularly along Caen Street and Exeter Road. There were many requests for more cycle lanes.
- ➔ Pedestrians were concerned about cycling on the pavements in the village and also of conflicts with cyclists on the shared paths like the Tarka Trail. It was thought that cycles should have bells to alert pedestrians and that cycling on pavements should be prevented. Generally, there was a feeling that rider-training is needed.

ACTIONS

- ➔ **13** To identify, together with Braunton residents, suitable cycle parking locations in Braunton and at potential journey destinations.
- ➔ **14** To complete the cycle route from the village centre to the Sports Field on Saunton Road.
- ➔ **15** To connect the National Cycle Route to Knowle village.
- ➔ **16** To continue to develop the Tarka Trail and National Cycle Network links to Braunton by working with Sustrans Rangers and the North Devon Coast and Countryside Service.
- ➔ **17** To work with partners on a Safe Cycling Campaign in Braunton, including Driver and Rider Education and identifying safe routes to overcome pinchpoints.

