## Along the route

The Hipper Valley Trail and Holmebrook Valley Trail both lead out to the west from the Queen's Park. They are linked together by an on road section through Ashgate on mainly quiet roads. We suggest cycling anti clockwise to avoid a difficult turn at the roundabout on Storrs Road

This route is intended to provide a pleasant hour or so cycling on a 'circular' route.

The route initially crossing several main roads using Toucan crossings and goes under the arch pictured overleaf to access the route past Mecca Bingo and the gasholders, this whole site was once a gasworks served by a railway line.

The Inkerman Park once had a large 'lake' formed from clay extraction that was the home of the Chesterfield Swimming Club. The area is also known as Wasp Nest and was the site of the Wasp Nest Brickworks. Many houses in the area are built using their bricks as was the old football stand at Saltergate.

Apart from the industry adjacent to the Hipper Valley Trail there is very little evidence now of the areas industrial heritage.

There were once many potteries in this part of Chesterfield together with coal mines and engineering works. Products were notably cannon balls, pottery rum jars for the 1st world war and cardboard packaging. The site of Morrisons supermarket was once J.J. Blow engineering who made dairy equipment and racing go carts.

As you cycle along Goyt Side do look at the decorative railings outside the remaining factory. they show scenes from Robinsons & Sons companies history.

Also along this stretch is Cannon Mill, Chesterfield's oldest industrial building. If you look very closely near the road you can see the waterwheel that powered it.

The cricket pitch in Queen's Park has a track around the perimeter that was used for cycle racing until the early 1960's.

Why not finish off by stopping at the Queen's Park cafe? Try one of Fredericks ice creams!

#### **Further Cycling**

Both the Holmebrook Valley Trail and the Hipper Valley Trail are the subjects of other ride leaflets (numbers 2 & 3). It is possible to access the town centre using the bridge from the Queen's Park. From the Queen's Park cycle track the route continues across Park Road past the skate park and on to the railway station and routes to the north. After the skate park you can also turn right and use the shared route alongside Derby Road and the Rother Washlands path to Storforth Lane.

#### Chesterfield Cycle Network

Look out for additions to the network, the current Chesterfield Cycle Map is available free of charge from the Visitor Information Centre.

#### **Chesterfield Cycle Campaign**

This is one of a series of leaflets produced by the Campaign. Our aim is to improve and increase the provision of facilities for cyclists. We work with both Chesterfield Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to achieve this. We believe that cycling is a healthy low carbon solution to local transport.

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# CYCLE ROUTES AROUND CHESTERFIELD



## Hipper, Holmebrook Triangular Trail

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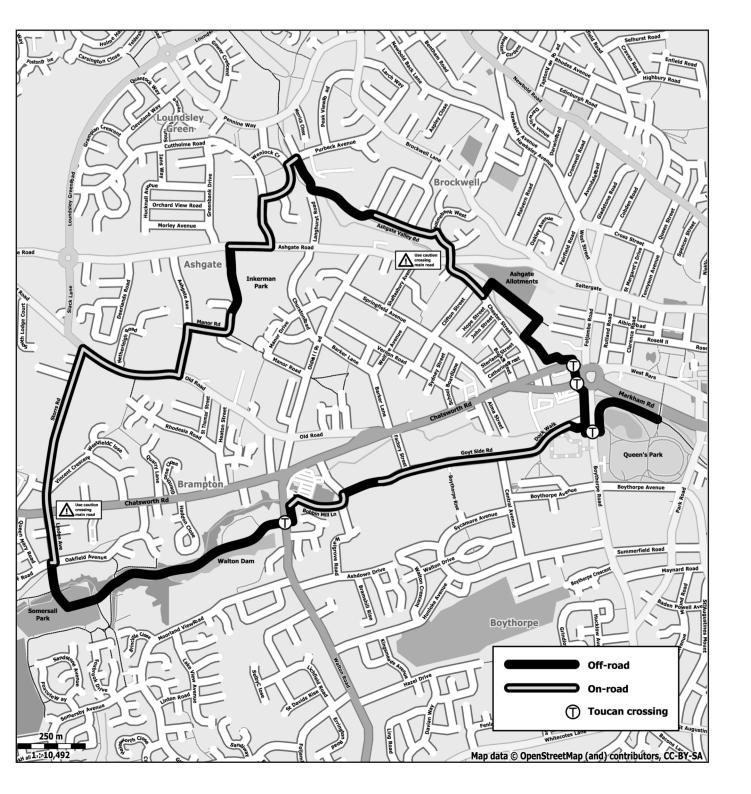
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Easy 4.5 miles Off road, on quiet roads, crossing of busy roads

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Archway into the old gasworks on West Bars



Chesterfield Swimming Club at the Inkerman (this scene has now completely disappeared)



Cycle racing in the Queen's Park (outside the cricket pavilion)



Railings alongside Robinsons works.

