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WL11 Winchburgh to Kirkliston

Start, route and finish

This 1.3 mile (2.1km) path goes from the eastern edge of Winchburgh to the council boundary with City of Edinburgh Council and then continues east to the centre of Kirkliston.

Surfaces and features

A tarmac pavement on the north side of the B9080. Its current condition is generally satisfactory although it is rough in places and lacks dropped kerbs.

The experience

A rural road pavement with views of the Pentlands to the south.

Opportunities and constraints

This part of east West Lothian and west Edinburgh will be transformed over the coming 20 years by major expansion of both Winchburgh and Kirkliston. The path, which is probably mainly used for recreation at present, will become more important for local journeys to work and shopping. In order to ensure that the path provides for sustainable transport it will be upgraded by the developers working in both settlements to provide a high quality cyclepath as well as providing a safe and attractive route for walkers, horse riders and the less able. It is likely to be affected by the road connections between the M9 and the second Forth Road Bridge to the west of South Queensferry.



WL12 Threemiletown to Old Philpstoun

Start, route and finish

This 0.9mile (1.4km) path that starts in Threemiletown where it heads north from the B9080 pavement, crosses over the Union Canal before reaching the minor road between Philpstoun and Old Philpstoun.

Surfaces and features

Heading north, the path initially follows a farm track that can be very wet and muddy. Towards the shale bing it becomes an ash path with one gate and is narrow in places.

The experience

The path passes below one of the shale bings, Philpstoun South, for which West Lothian is renowned. It also links to the Union Canal towpath (WL2b).

Opportunities and constraints

There have been problems on this path with motor bikes. The exit onto the minor road at its northern terminus needs to be treated with care as this can be busy at certain times of the day. Some upgrading of this path is required, especially the southern section.





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