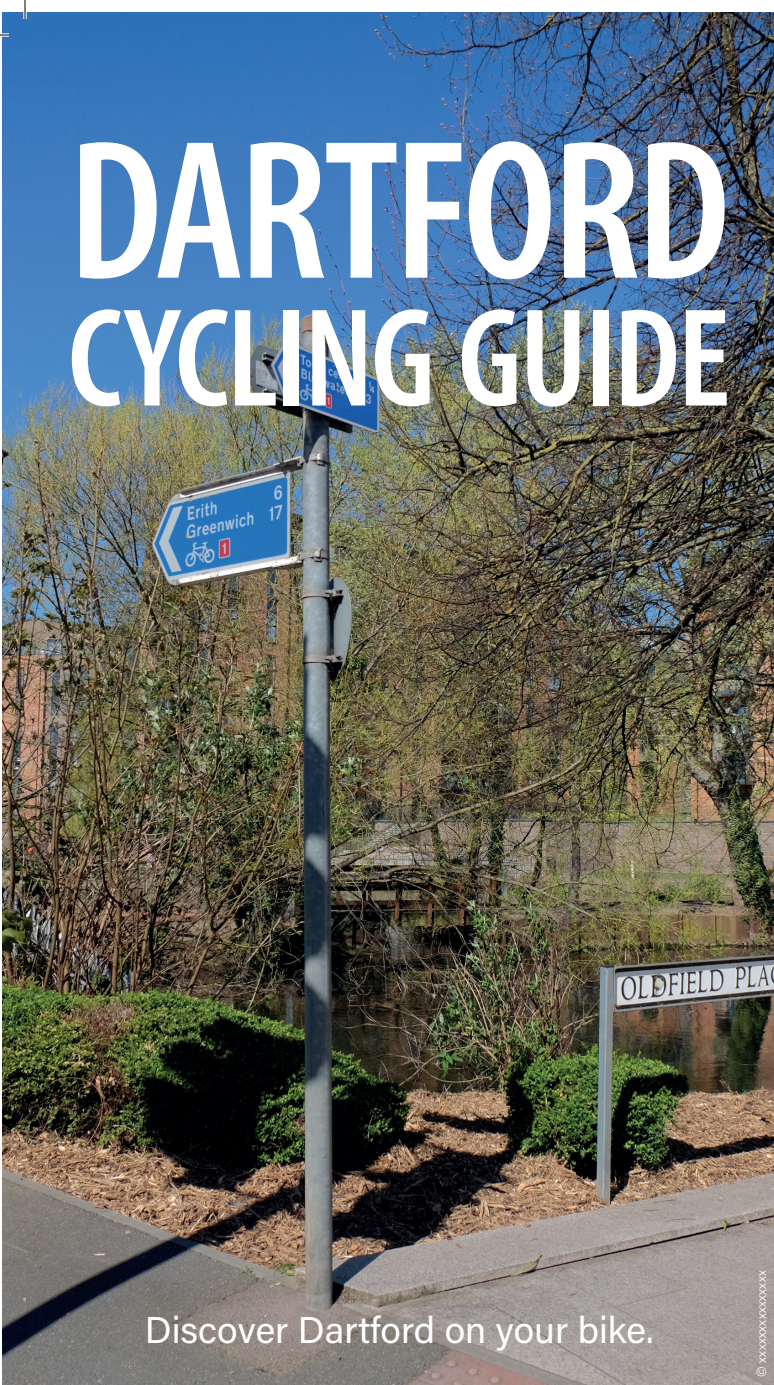


# DARTFORD CYCLING GUIDE

Discover Dartford on your bike.

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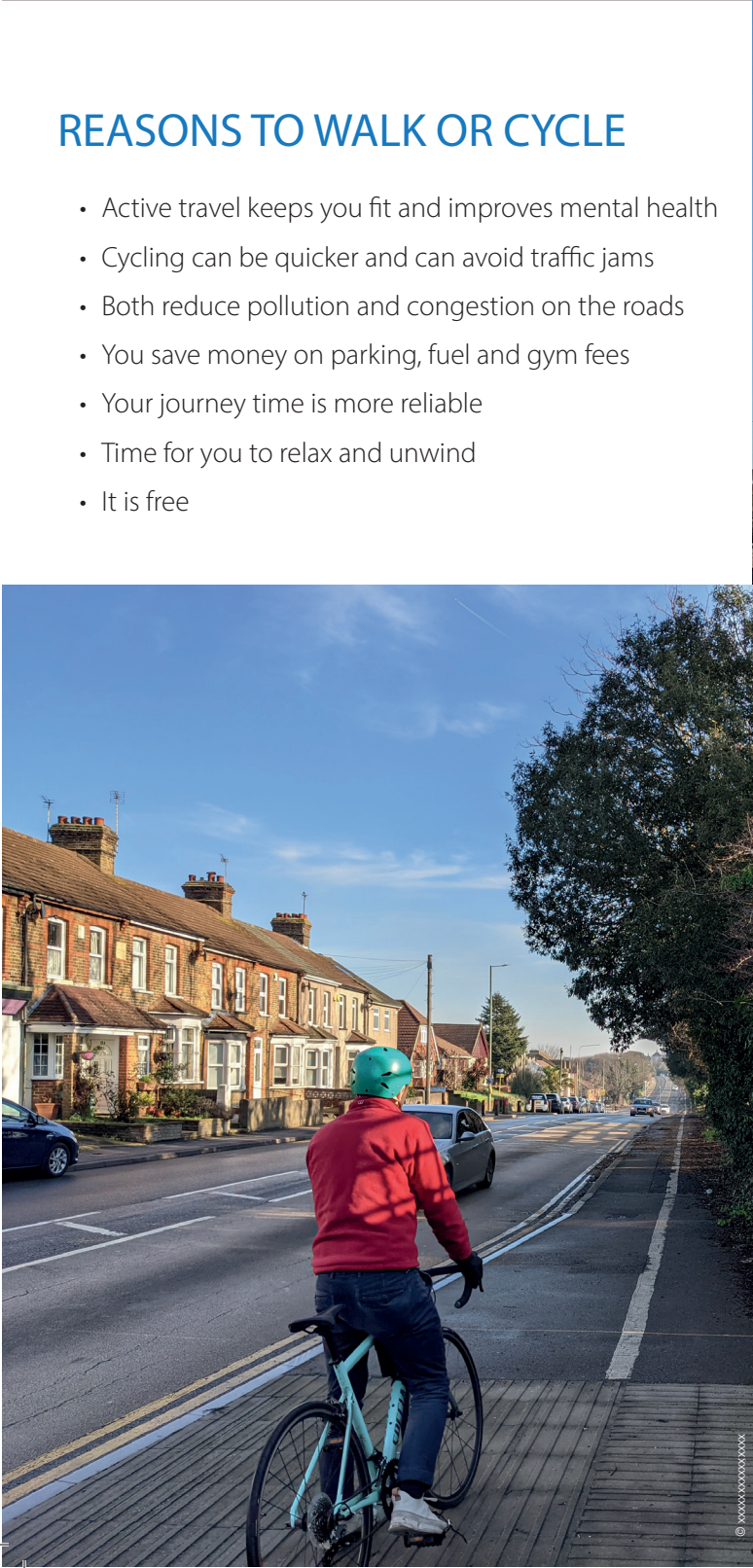


## Discover Dartford!

Dartford, outward facing and forward looking throughout its history of enterprise and growth, offers a highly accessible location on the edge of London. Known for its rich history and dynamic community, Dartford offers a blend of urban convenience and natural beauty.

Nature lovers will find plenty to appreciate in Dartford's green spaces. Dartford Borough includes areas highly rich in history and historic character. Across the Borough, there are approximately 180 listed buildings and 12 scheduled monuments.

Dartford Borough Council adopted its Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) in 2023. This map represents the cycling routes identified in the LCWIP, as well as the National Cycling Network routes and the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation routes.



|                                              | Dartford railway station        | Darenth V lley hospital         | Bluewater hopping entre         | Horns Cross tone                | Greenhithe ASDA                 | wanscombe High Street            | Wilmington ommon Lane/ High Road | rossways Business Park (Galleon Blvd) | Littlebrook Industrial Park (Albion Road) | The Bridge Development (Dartford Bridge CPS) |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Dartford railway station                     |                                 | 3.9 km / 2.4 miles – 21 minutes | 5.1 km / 3.2 miles – 23 minutes | 4.0 km / 2.5 miles – 20 minutes | 5.5 km / 3.4 miles – 26 minutes | 7.4 km / 4. miles – 35 minutes   | 3.9 km / 2.4 miles – 17 minutes  | 4.2 km / 2. miles – 17 minutes        | 3.7 km / 2.3 miles – 16 minutes           | 2.2 km / 1.4 miles – 12 minutes              |
| Darenth V lley hospital                      | 3.9 km / 2.4 miles – 21 minutes |                                 | 1.6 km / 1.0 miles – 9 minutes  | 1.3 km / 0. miles – 6 minutes   | 2.7 km / 1.7 miles – 15 minutes | 4.7 km / 2.9 miles – 20 minutes  | 4.8 km / 3.0 miles – 16 minutes  | 3.5 km / 2.2 miles – 12 minutes       | 4.5 km / 2.8 miles – 20 minutes           | 5. km / 3.3 miles – 22 minutes               |
| Bluewater hopping entre                      | 5.1 km / 3.2 miles – 23 minutes | 1. km / 1.0 miles – 9 minutes   |                                 | 1.5 km / 0.9 miles – 7 minutes  | 2.0 km / 1.3 miles – 8 minutes  | 4. km / 3.0 miles – 19 minutes   | 4 km / 4.0 miles – 26 minutes    | 3.4 km / 2.1 miles – 15 minutes       | 4.2 km / 2.6 miles – 20 minutes           | 5.3 km / 3.3 miles – 20 minutes              |
| Horns Cross tone                             | 4.0 km / 2.5 miles – 20 minutes | 1.3 km / 0. miles – 6 minutes   | 1.5 km / 0.9 miles – 7 minutes  |                                 | 1.6 km / 1.0 miles – 5 minutes  | 3.4 km / 2.1 miles – 17 minutes  | 5.6 km / 3.5 miles – 31 minutes  | 2.0 km / 1.3 miles – 8 minutes        | 2.9 km / 1.8 miles – 13 minutes           | 3.7 km / 2.3 miles – 17 minutes              |
| Greenhithe ASDA                              | 5.5 km / 3.4 miles – 26 minutes | 2.7 km / 1.7 miles – 15 minutes | 2.0 km / 1.3 miles – 8 minutes  | 1. km / 1.0 miles – 5 minutes   |                                 | 2. km / 1. miles – 11 minutes    | 7.6 km / 4.7 miles – 30 minutes  | 3.7 km / 2.3 miles – 7 minutes        | 2.9 km / 1.8 miles – 12 minutes           | 4.0 km / 2.5 miles – 16 minutes              |
| wanscombe High Street                        | 7.4 km / 4.6 miles – 35 minutes | 4.7 km / 2.9 miles – 20 minutes | 4.8 km / 3.0 miles – 19 minutes | 3.4 km / 2.1 miles – 17 minutes | 2.6 km / 1.6 miles – 11 minutes |                                  | 9.5 km / 5.9 miles – 37 minutes  | 9. 5 km / 6.0 miles – 17 minutes      | 5.6 km / 3.5 miles – 21 minutes           | 7.5 km / 4.2 miles – 26 minutes              |
| Wilmington ommon Lane/ High Road             | 3.9 km / 2.4 miles – 17 minutes | 4. km / 3.0 miles – 16 minutes  | 4 km / 4.0 miles – 26 minutes   | 5. km / 3.5 miles – 31 minutes  | 7.6 km / 4.7 miles – 30 minutes | 9.5 km / 5.9 miles – 37 minutes  |                                  | 4 km / 4.0 miles – 26 minutes         | 9 km / 4.3 miles – 33 minutes             | 5.3 km / 3.3 miles – 25 minutes              |
| rossways Business Park (Galleon Blvd)        | 4.2 km / 2.6 miles – 17 minutes | 3.5 km / 2.2 miles – 12 minutes | 3.4 km / 2.1 miles – 15 minutes | 2.0 km / 1.3 miles – 8 minutes  | 3.7 km / 2.3 miles – 7 minutes  | 9. 5 km / 6.0 miles – 17 minutes | 4 km / 4.0 miles – 26 minutes    |                                       | 1.8 km / 1.1 miles – 8 minutes            | 2.9 km / 1. miles – 10 minutes               |
| Littlebrook Industrial Park (Albion Road)    | 3.7 km / 2.3 miles – 16 minutes | 4.5 km / 2. miles – 20 minutes  | 4.2 km / 2.6 miles – 20 minutes | 2.9 km / 1. miles – 13 minutes  | 2.9 km / 1.8 miles – 12 minutes | 5. km / 3.5 miles – 21 minutes   | 9 km / 4.3 miles – 33 minutes    | 1. km / 1.1 miles – 8 minutes         |                                           | 1.1 km / 0.7 miles – 3 minutes               |
| The Bridge Development (Dartford Bridge CPS) | 2.2 km / 1.4 miles – 12 minutes | 5. km / 3.5 miles – 22 minutes  | 5.3 km / 3.3 miles – 20 minutes | 3.7 km / 2.3 miles – 17 minutes | 4.0 km / 2.5 miles – 16 minutes | 7.5 km / 4.2 miles – 26 minutes  | 5.3 km / 3.3 miles – 25 minutes  | 2.9 km / 1. miles – 10 minutes        | 1.1 km / 0.7 miles – 3 minutes            |                                              |

Please note:

Cycle times are based on real routes a cyclist may take. They are calculated for an average pedal cyclist using typical cycling speeds and may vary depending on conditions.

## CYCLING CLUBS IN AND AROUND DARTFORD

- ### Team Darenth

  - Audience: Kids and youth
  - Focus: Youth development
  - Website: <https://www.teamdarenth.co.uk/about-us/>
  - Contact: Online form

- ### Woolwich CC GoRide

  - Audience: Youth
  - Focus: Skill building
  - Website: <https://www.woolwichcyclingclub.org.uk/>
  - Contact: Online form

- ### Cyclety (Community Cycle Club)

  - Audience: All ages
  - Focus: Social / community cycling
  - Website: <https://www.cyclinguk.org/group/dartford-cyclety-club-ccc>
  - Contact: [cycletyfun@gmail.com](mailto:cycletyfun@gmail.com)

- ### West Kent Road Club

  - Audience: Adult
  - Focus: Social Cycling and Competition Cycling
  - Website: <http://wkrc.org.uk/>
  - Contact: Online form

## KEEP YOUR BIKE SAFE

- Buy a good lock and make sure you always lock the frame of the bike to the parking stand.
- Take removable lights with you.
- A good rule of thumb is that your lock should cost around 10% of the value of your bike, or to look out for 'Sold Secure' ratings.
- You can insure your bike on your home insurance policy or buy specialist cycle cover.
- Make sure you record your cycle frame number and consider registering your bike on a recognised bike register which can help police return stolen bikes.

### Bike Maintenance

There are friendly bike shops in Dartford who can help you keep your bike running smoothly. Learning some basic bike maintenance is useful for keeping your bike in good condition:

- #### Every time you use your bike

  - Check the air pressure in your tyres and pump up if needed.
  - Make sure your brakes are working.

- #### Weekly (for frequent cyclists)

  - Oil your chain.

- #### Less frequently

  - Oil any moving parts of the bike. Take care not to get oil on your brake pads or wheel rims.
  - Check your brake pads for wear. They should contact squarely with the wheel rim not the tyre.
  - Check the frame for damage and make sure any bolts are securely tightened.
  - In wet or gritty conditions, clean and reoil your chain more frequently to reduce wear.

It is worth making sure you carry some basic equipment with you on any rides such as repair patches, tyre levers and a pump and valve.

## CYCLE PARKING

Convenient cycle parking close to Dartford town centre is available on **Lowfield Street**, **High Street** and **Market Street**, with additional provision at **Dartford Station**. Secure cycle parking is available within the station's Cycle Hub, managed by Southeastern Railway and accessed via a fob (registration required at the station ticket office). It is advisable to check in advance whether cycle parking is provided at your destination.



## TRAVELLING BY TRAIN/BUS

- Dartford offers a variety of public transport options to help you get around the area efficiently:
- ### Bus Services

  - Fastrack is a reliable bus service that offers fast and frequent connections across Dartford and the surrounding areas.
  - Arriva operates several key routes within Dartford, providing frequent services to various destinations.
  - Transport for London (TfL) also runs bus services that travel through Dartford, connecting it to London.

- ### Train Services

Dartford is well-connected by train, with Southeastern trains providing regular services to London, Gravesend, and other destinations. Bikes are permitted on any off-peak services, including weekends and Bank Holidays. If you have a folding bike, you can take it on any train at any time, as long as it is folded. Dartford Station offers a secure cycle hub where you can park your bike. These hubs are fully enclosed, equipped with dedicated lighting and CCTV, and guarantee a space for your cycle. A small fee is required to register for this service. For more information, visit [www.southeasternrailway.co.uk](http://www.southeasternrailway.co.uk).

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SHARED-USE PATHS IN DARTFORD

Shared paths in Dartford are used by people walking, wheeling, cycling, exercising, commuting, and enjoying green spaces. Many routes are well used and can be busy at different times of day.

Please be considerate and look out for each other.

- ### When you are cycling, please:

  - Give way to walkers and wheelchair users, including people with mobility aids, and leave them plenty of room when passing.
  - Take particular care around children, older people, dogs, and groups, who may move unpredictably.
  - Be patient near horse riders, especially when approaching from behind – slow down and pass wide.
  - Be prepared to slow down or stop, especially on busy routes, near towncentre links, parks, and river paths.
  - Don't cycle at excessive speed on shareduse paths.
  - Take care at junctions, bends, entrances, drives and crossings, or anywhere people may appear suddenly from side paths, play areas or gates.
  - Don't assume everyone can see or hear you, including people with visual or hearing impairments.
  - Use your bell or call out clearly to let others know you are approaching – bells are a warning, not a right of way.
  - Avoid surprising people and thank those who make space for you where it is safe to pass.
  - Keep to your side of any dividing line, where markings are provided.
  - Use lights in the dark or poor weather and make sure you can be seen.

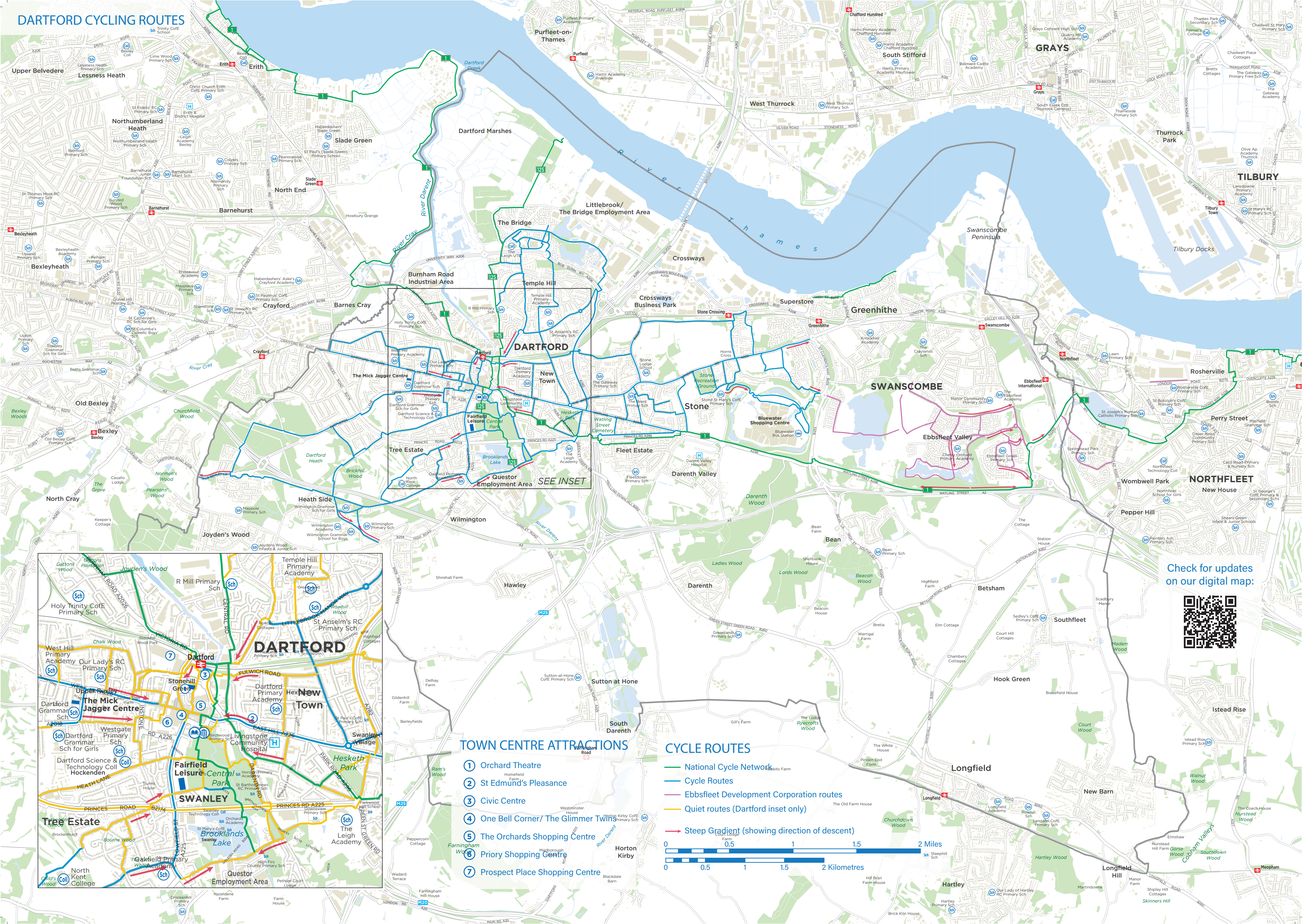
- ### When you are walking, please:

  - Be aware of your surroundings, especially on busy shared routes and at peak times.
  - Listen for bells or calls from cyclists – these are to make you aware, not a demand to move.
  - Allow cyclists to pass when it is safe to do so, bearing in mind they need time and distance to slow down.
  - Keep dogs under control and close to you, particularly near junctions, paths, and other users.
  - Keep to your side of any dividing line, where provided, and please be tolerant where space is limited.

### A shared message for everyone

Shared paths work best when everyone looks out for each other. A little patience and consideration helps make Dartford's paths safer and more enjoyable for all.

DARTFORD CYCLING ROUTES



TOWN CENTRE ATTRACTIONS

- 1 Orchard Theatre
- 2 St Edmund's Pleasance
- 3 Civic Centre
- 4 One Bell Corner/ The Glimmer Twins
- 5 The Orchards Shopping Centre
- 6 Priory Shopping Centre
- 7 Prospect Place Shopping Centre

CYCLE ROUTES

- National Cycle Network
- Cycle Routes
- Ebbsfleet Development Corporation routes
- Quiet routes (Dartford inset only)
- Steep Gradient (showing direction of descent)

