

# MAC

## Midhurst Area Cycling

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Dear Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of MAC in the hope that you may be able to support us financially this year.

We have been continuing to make progress with several schemes which serve to improve Active Travel in and around Midhurst, most notably:

### **Stedham to Midhurst multi-use route**

Having installed bollards to make the Midhurst crossing of the A272 more visible, MAC has submitted a Community Highway Scheme proposal to widen the last part of the path from Manor Cottage towards June Lane. Additionally, we have applied for a speed limit reduction to 40mph from Midhurst to 150m West of the Woolbeding junction. The scheme is currently being worked on by WSCC.

### **Jubilee path and Midhurst Greenway**

Following the initial public consultation on improving the Jubilee Path, upgrading it to a multi-user path, MAC has been working closely with local groups to ensure that suggestions are incorporated into the final consultation due to take place early next year.

Jubilee Path will link to the Midhurst Greenway allowing off road access to the centre of Midhurst and Easebourne via the Wharf and Cowdray Ruins.

### **Connecting communities**

SDNPA, local landowners and volunteers from MAC have evaluated and identified a network of existing & proposed routes for safe cycling into Midhurst. These routes will be especially beneficial for school children and form the basis of a long-term plan.

Members of MAC have also been instrumental in setting up the new Rother Valley Way group which is working on creating a non-motorised route largely following the old railway line linking Petersfield to Pulborough and from Midhurst to Chichester via The Centurion Way.

We are confident that we will shortly be able to brief you in more detail on both these projects.

We are all volunteers, but in order to continue MAC needs funding to pay for meeting venues, a badly needed website and for small improvement projects.

A grant from your council not only benefits MAC financially, but also demonstrates to higher authorities the support we have from local parishes.

We are also very keen to have more volunteers from the parishes to help with ideas and with practical tasks – do please send a representative to our meetings (our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18th January 2023 6.30 pm at the Midhurst Grange Centre).

Yours sincerely

*Angela Henslow*

Treasurer