



## 6. CYCLING IN BOOKHAM & FETCHAM

### 24. Lower Road - Cobham Road, Fetcham to Church Road, Bookham



Between the school and Glebe Close the footway on the south side has been converted to shared use. This has its problems, e.g. danger of collision between cyclists and pedestrians, danger from cars pulling out blind from residential drives and the need to cross a number of side roads. As a result the path is only really suitable for the slower cyclists and others tend to stay on the road. This would be fine if it wasn't for the poor state of the road and the occasional overhanging flora, both of which force cyclists to veer away from the kerb at numerous locations.

From Glebe Close to the old school entrance it would be possible to continue the shared use path, but the distance is short and the next section, through Bookham Village to Pine Walk has no such opportunities. Again the narrowness of the road is made more dangerous for cyclists by potholes, sunken manholes and inlets and speed tables with a narrow channel next to the kerb.

At Bookham crossroads the square table causes no problems for cyclists going straight on, as they don't need to go over the double-tiered table. But for those turning right, the upstands on the two tiers have to be crossed at an angle making the manoeuvre treacherous. Technical advice on cycle routes clearly states that such upstands when crossed at an angle are dangerous for cyclists.

From Pine Walk to just after Eastwick Park Avenue there is again room in the north verge for a shared use path, but the length is not great and such a facility is unlikely to be well used.

This story repeats along the remainder of Lower Road, i.e. the road varies in width with only occasional sections where off-road paths could be constructed. The one constant along the entire road is the poor state of the pavement.

#### **Suggestions:**

- The existing section of shared use path near Howard of Effingham School provides a safer route for younger pupils and slower cyclists. Further sections could only be provided intermittently and would therefore be of little value.
- It is therefore important that the road is properly and quickly repaired along its entire length to provide safe conditions for all cyclists along this popular route.
- The speed table just west of Bookham crossroads should have the channel along its edge widen to allow cyclists to ride in it.
- The square table at the crossroads should be reconstructed to remove the double set of upstands.
- The entire road should be signed to warn drivers that it is a popular cycle route. Measure suggested in Chapter 2 Section 5 above should be considered.

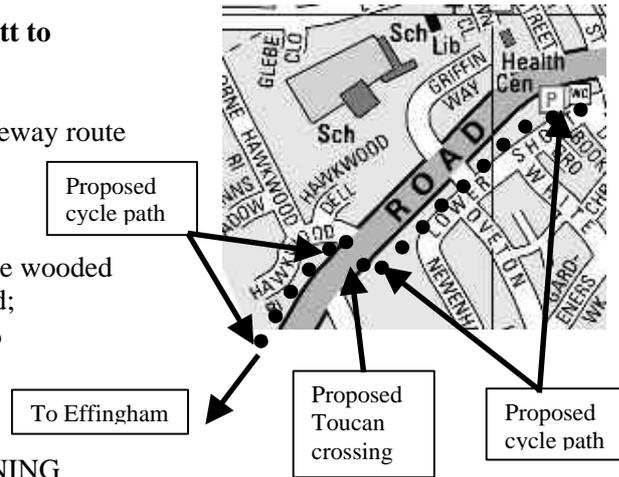
### 25. Guildford Rd, Bookham - Lower Shott to Hawkwood Rise



This main road needs an off-carriageway route and a controlled crossing.

**Suggestions** (as per SCC design ideas) :

- Provide a new cycle path through wide wooded verge on south side of Guildford Road;
- Provide a Toucan crossing adjacent to Hawkwood Rise



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### 26. Guildford Rd - Hawkwood Rise to Effingham



This is a fast main road, which also needs an off carriageway route.

**Suggestion:** The north side pavement should be widened and converted to dual cyclist/pedestrian use.

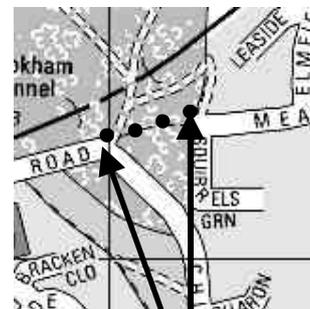
### 27. Meadowside to Church Road, Bookham



There is a short length of public footpath across Bookham Common linking to Bookham Station. This is already used informally by cyclists.

**Suggestion:** This use should be legalised by converting the footpath to a bridleway.

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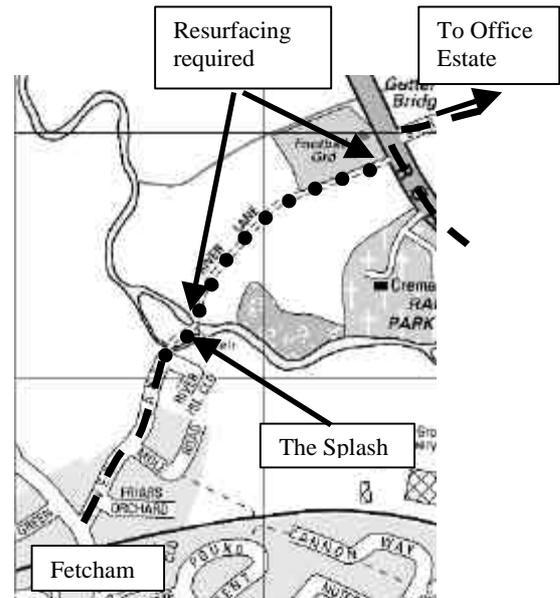
### 28. River Lane - Fetcham to Randalls Road via the Splash



River Lane provides a well used connection, across the River Mole, between Fetcham and Randalls Road. In particular it provides a route to the extensive offices and laboratory estates off Randalls Road. It is used by cyclists, horse riders and walkers. However its excessively brutal surface has given Forum members multiple punctures, ripped tyres and buckled wheels. In addition, the section through The Splash is more suited to bravado mountain bike displays than commuting.

**Suggestions:**

- The kerb from the Fetcham end of The Splash should be lowered to provide smooth access;
- Similarly, access to the two footbridges should be made level;
- The path north of the river should be resurfaced with cinders or similar material (not asphalt).



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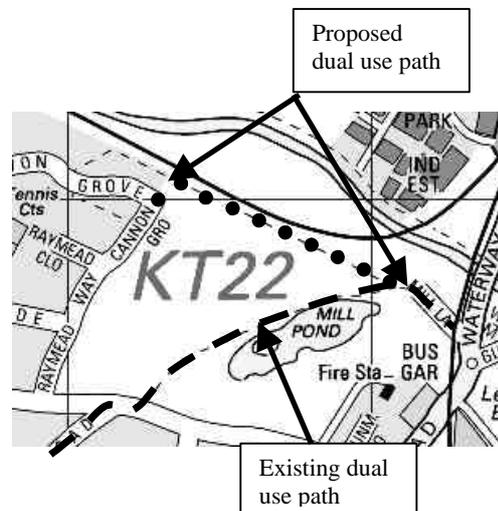
### 29. Mill Lane to Cannon Grove



This is a narrow public footpath running between fences

**Suggestion:** Widen the path to allow for dual cyclist/pedestrian use.

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### 30. Cycle Routes In the Fetcham and Bookham Areas That Just Require Signing



- **Bookham to Cobham & Ripley** (via Bookham Common and Downside)
- **Bookham Sta to Fetcham** (via Meadowside, Eastwick Drive, Spring Grove, Kennel Lane, Cock Lane)
- **Bookham Church to Fetcham** (via Lower Road, Eastwick Pk Av, Spring Grove, Kennel Lane, Cock Lane.)