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## **Millennium Greenway re-opens following £320K improvements**

Works to create off-road routes for walkers and cyclists have been completed, now linking The Chester Millennium Greenway, the Shropshire Union Canal towpath and the Deva Link Road.

The £320,000 scheme, joint-funded by Cheshire West and Chester Council, Cycling England and sustainable transport charity Sustrans, has created alternative routes for walkers and cyclists to Sealand Road, Blacon and Mickle Trafford.

The works, adjacent to the University of Chester's campus, close to Parkgate Road, have been carried out on land owned by Railway Paths Ltd, the University of Chester and Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Councillor Lynn Riley, Executive Member for Community and Environment, said: "This scheme has been a huge undertaking and needed the partnership working together to deliver an alternative transport scheme for the city.

"Cyclists and walkers can now enjoy the benefits of being fully off-road, away from vehicles, and can now access miles and miles of beautiful countryside via the Shropshire Union Canal towpath.

"The roads around Chester are often busy and can put people off walking and cycling. The new routes offer a safe and peaceful alternative.

"The scheme has also created complete and direct routes to Sealand Road, Blacon and, in the opposite direction, to Mickle Trafford. These pathways will become regularly used by people who want to avoid the traffic of urban Chester and get away into the countryside."

The new route is designed to be accessible to all users of the pathway, including those with mobility problems, with two shared-use ramps now installed, leading to Deva Link road and the canal path.

Photograph:



On bikes left to right - Cycle Chester Programme Manager Bethan Vaughan, Senior Network Strategy Manager Richard Nickson, Place Marketing Officer Stephanie Jones and Executive Member for Community and Environment Lynn Riley.

Standing left to right - Engineers Guy Balmer and Sarah Corran and University of Chester Vice Chancellor Professor Tim Wheeler.