

# EXPLORE TENTERDEN

## WALKING AND CYCLING MAP



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**Tenterden, the Jewel of the Weald, is a charismatic and historic town in the heart of the Kent countryside. Part of the Borough of Ashford, it is well connected to Ashford and Maidstone by the A262 and the A28 and to Tunbridge Wells via National Route 18 of the National Cycle Network.**

Tenterden is rich in history, with the distinctive St Mildred's Church a prominent sight from the High Street. Tenterden High Street is full of historic buildings, independent shops, delicious eateries and coffee shops.

Over 800 years ago Tenterden had access to the sea with a port at Smallhythe. The coastline has changed considerably since then and the sea is now over 10 miles away. As a result of its history Tenterden is a member of the Cinque Ports Confederation and the town's coat of arms includes the Cinque Ports.

Tenterden is a lively town with lots of annual events throughout the year including the Tenterden Folk Festival, the Spirit of Tenterden Festival and Tributes in the Park.

Popular attractions include the Kent & East Sussex Railway which takes you on a nostalgic trip through some of the finest Kent countryside all the way to Bodiam Castle. Tenterden also boasts the award winning Chapel Down Winery which is England's leading wine producer.

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## CYCLE ROUTES

### WEALDEN CYCLE TRAIL

This 42 miles (67km) route is the best way to enjoy Kent's quintessential Garden of England, complete with apple orchards, oast houses and picture postcard villages. The route runs along small country lanes through the High Weald, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Not recommended for novice riders, the ride forms part of the well-signposted Sustrans National Route 18.

To find detailed guides for these routes and more visit [explorekent.org](http://explorekent.org)

### ASHFORD TO TENTERDEN CYCLE ROUTE

This 11.8 miles (19km) route forms part of the well signposted National Route 18, as above. This ride will take in many of the main sights Tenterden has to show. As you cycle from Ashford to Tenterden, places of interest include Victoria Park, Ashford Community Woodland, Biddenden Vineyard and Kent & East Sussex Railway.

## WALKING ROUTES

### HIGH WEALD LANDSCAPE TRAIL

This linear 90 mile route takes you through the High Weald and right through Tenterden town centre. Much of the landscape on this trail has been known to inspire many artists, poets and writers such as William Morris, Siegfried Sassoon and Henry James.

### KENT & EAST SUSSEX RAILWAY WALK – TENTERDEN STATION

This 6 mile (9.7m) circular walk leaves from Tenterden station and takes you across Tenterden and beyond taking in the local countryside. Enjoy refreshments at the Tenterden Station refreshment rooms and the many public houses and cafés in Tenterden.

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## THINGS TO DO

### Chapel Down

Chapel Down are England's leading winemaker with a mission to change the way the world thinks about English wine. Experiences range from guided tours and tutored wine tastings to lunch in the restaurant and overnight stays.



### Smallhythe Place

Steeped in history, this National Trust property is an early 16th century house and cottage gardens, once home to Ellen Terry a popular Victorian actress.

### Tenterden & District Museum

Easily the best place to start your visit to Tenterden! Dip into 1,000 years of local history, from ship-building for the Cinque Ports to recent memories in the 20th century. Check out the latest special exhibition and digital archives.



### Kent & East Sussex Railway

Enjoy this popular heritage railway based in Tenterden and travel through the beautiful Rother Valley as it makes its way to Bodiam.

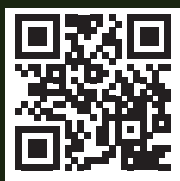


# GETTING AROUND

Walking and cycling aren't just rewarding and fun ways to get around; leaving the car at home for some trips will save you money and reduce emissions. It also allows you to be active as part of your daily routine, helping you to stay fit and healthy. Take a close look at the map and see how easy it is to walk or cycle from your home to your chosen area.



Download the Kent Connected mobile app to help plan your journey. View local cycling and walking routes, bus and train times and all other information on travelling in Kent.



## EXPERIENCE

# Ashford & Tenterden

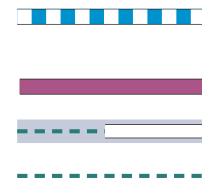
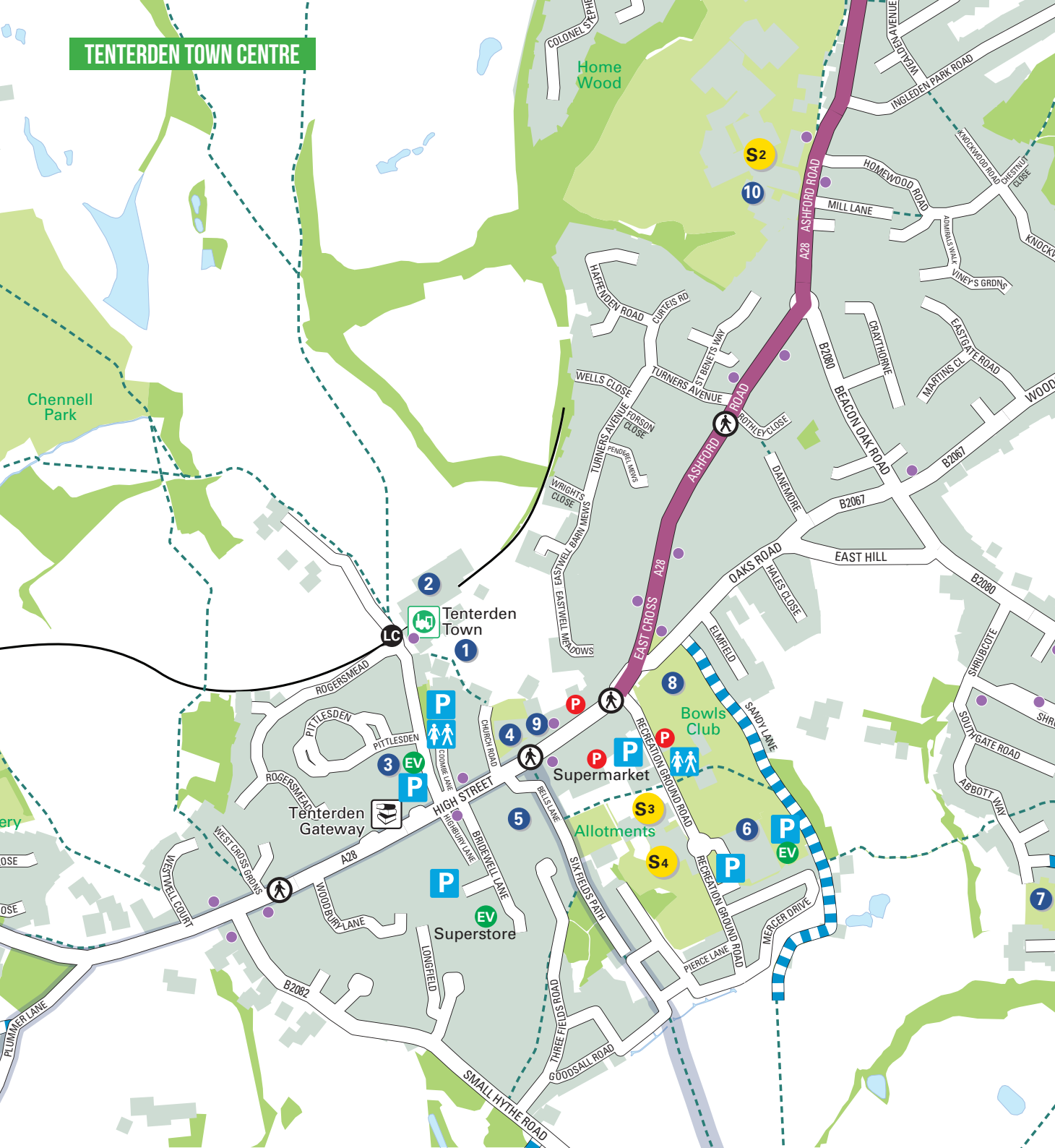


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## PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 Kent & East Sussex Railway
- 2 Col. Stephens Railway Museum
- 3 Tenterden Museum
- 4 St Mildred's Church
- 5 Tenterden Millennium Garden
- 6 Tenterden Leisure Centre
- 7 Kiln Field Nature Reserve
- 8 Tenterden Recreation Ground
- 9 Tenterden Town Hall
- 10 Sinden Theatre
- 11 St Michael's Recreation Ground
- 12 McCanns Brewery & Hukins Hops
- 13 Biddenden Vineyards
- 14 Hole Park Gardens in Rolvenden
- 15 The CM Booth Collection (Motor Museum) Rolvenden
- 16 Chapel Down
- 17 Smallhythe Place, National Trust
- 18 Rare Breeds Centre
- 19 Woodchurch Wine

# TENTERDEN TOWN CENTRE



\* Guides available for download from [explorekent.org](http://explorekent.org)

- S1 School  
Named and numbered
- 1 Place of interest  
Named and numbered
- Bus stop
- Historic railway with station
- LC Level crossing
- Pelican crossing
- Library
- P Car park
- Toilets
- EV Electric vehicle charging point
- P Cycle parking







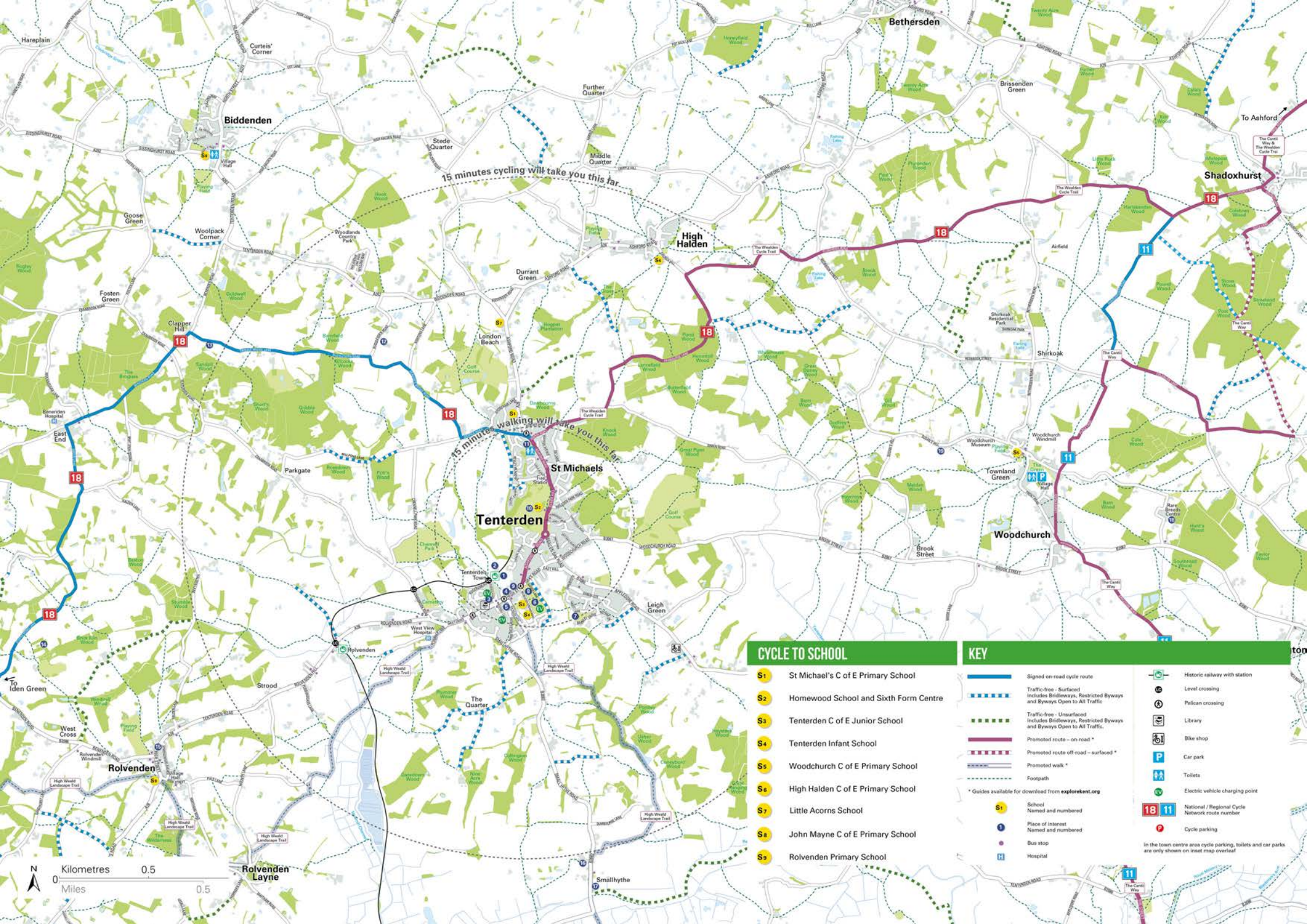
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15 minutes cycling will take you this far

15 minutes walking will take you this far

### CYCLE TO SCHOOL

- S1** St Michael's C of E Primary School
- S2** Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre
- S3** Tenterden C of E Junior School
- S4** Tenterden Infant School
- S5** Woodchurch C of E Primary School
- S6** High Halden C of E Primary School
- S7** Little Acorns School
- S8** John Mayne C of E Primary School
- S9** Rolvenden Primary School

### KEY

- Signed on-road cycle route
- Traffic-free - Surfaced Includes Bridleways, Restricted Byways and Byways Open to All Traffic
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- Promoted route - on road \*
- Promoted route off road - surfaced \*
- Promoted walk \*
- Footpaths
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- Pelican crossing
- Library
- Bike shop
- Car park
- Toilets
- Electric vehicle charging point
- National / Regional Cycle Network route number
- Cycle parking

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Kilometres 0 0.5  
Miles 0 0.5

In the town centre area cycle parking, toilets and car parks are only shown on inset map overlaid