

Greenways and Cyclerooutes Workcamp

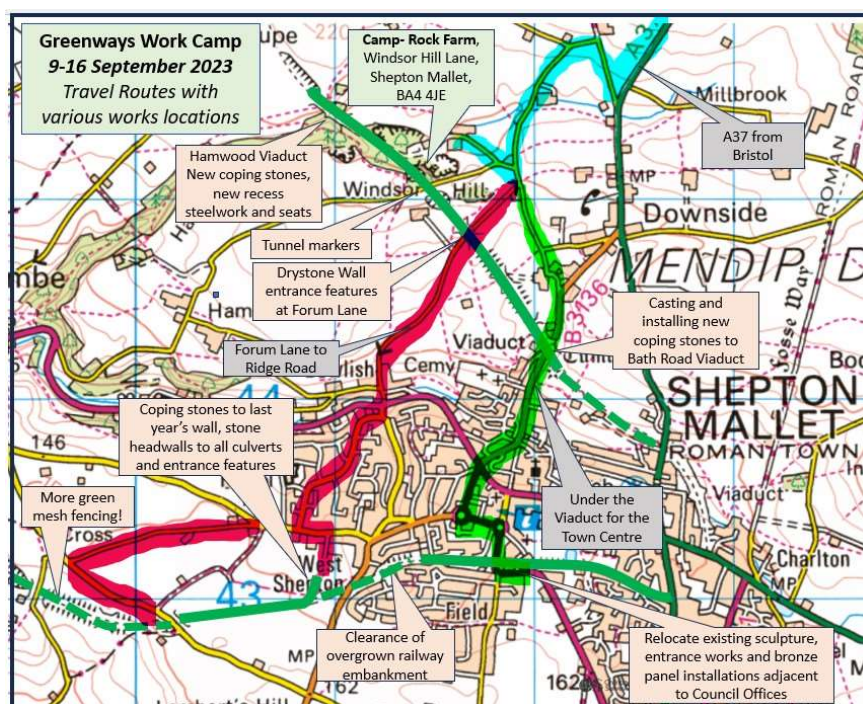
Shepton Mallet – 9 to 16 September 2023

Why: Greenways and Cyclerooutes is a charitable volunteer-led organisation that holds an annual workcamp to help local groups and volunteers to help us to build walking and cycling routes.

What: Our eighth workcamp will be based in Shepton Mallet as in 2022. We will work on the finishing touches to two new routes: a section of the former Somerset and Dorset railway which runs over two viaducts and through the Windsor Hill Tunnel: and the Shepton end of the former Strawberry Line towards Wells at the Council offices and near the Playing Fields in West Shepton.

When: Please join our workcamp, 9 to 5, from Saturday 9 to Saturday 16 September inclusive for as many or as few days as you wish – even if you can only spare a few hours. Join as a day volunteer or bring a tent or campervan and come and stay in our camp. 17 September is our clearing up day.

What: We will be tackling a range of works including casting copings for parapets, installing artworks, fencing, building small retaining walls and headwalls and placing the copings on a dry stone wall at West Shepton, vegetation clearance on a new section of route.



Where: Day volunteers are asked phone in for best place to work that day or to come to the West Shepton Playing Fields, Old Wells Rd, Shepton Mallet BA4 5XN, look for our white and green banner and register with our volunteer coordinator who will be in the carpark from 9 to 10 each morning. If you cannot find anyone there, then please ring John Grimshaw on 07792 714 708 or Caroline Levett on 07514 568 386.

The camp will be based at Rock Farm, Windsor Hill Ln, Shepton Mallet BA4 4JE.

Day visitors should bring:

- a picnic, and a water bottle and strong working gloves if you have them.
- waterproofs as necessary.
- strong boots or shoes and old warm clothes which you do not mind being wrecked.

Who: We welcome everyone. No previous experience is necessary. There will be a wide variety of work. Children are welcome to join in, but only under supervision of a responsible adult. The workcamp will be led by John Grimshaw, who founded Sustrans and the National Cycle Network. The team will include leaders with 40 years' experience of building cycle routes and managing volunteers.

Please contact us greenwaysandcyclerooutes@gmail.com to express an interest, say whether you want to camp or come as a day visitor, and indicate rough days to help us plan and so we can give you last minute joining instructions.

Do not worry if you need to change your mind – we will not hold you to your word.

John Grimshaw and Caroline Levett for Greenways and Cyclerooutes Limited 3 August 2023