

Speech given in the public meeting on 30/06/2026 by Steve Harvey

Sherston Velo CC is a local cycle club with over 70 active members.

I am speaking to you as an avid cyclist and ex chair of the club who has huge concerns on rider safety as a result of the proposed project.

The benefits of club cycling is not only the companionship but is the safety. As a club we monitor risk constantly and is the main factor when planning a club ride. Members can be rest assured we have safety at the foremost of our minds.

We organise both weekend and midweek rides. All of our rides start and finish in Sherston. We are currently privileged to be surrounded by safe roads.

It is with total dismay that the 'Lime down' project will completely destroy all of that. And will put all of our rides in jeopardy as well as other riders passing through the village.

The altering of the roads leading to Sherston in particular the fosse way between Grittleton and the un mettled road by Ladyswood will now mean there will be hoards of large vehicles in the area never before seen. The general traffic will increase. It will almost be impossible to undertake rides without fear and trepidation of being involved in an accident.

Large vehicles create a vortex which cyclists can get sucked into and so with the vast increase of such traffic in the area, the chances of cycling accidents will significantly increase.

This will also be a lasting legacy as other businesses will now see this area as a 'rat run' that can be utilised so the danger to cyclists and other road users will be here forever. This legacy cannot be over emphasised. Cyclists will not want to pass through Sherston so readily and that will also affect small businesses such as the 'Court yard café' (Lucy Tom's) that rely on cyclists for revenue.

Our relatively safe roads for cycling will disappear and cyclists will be faced with white knuckle rides, particularly along the fosse way as vehicles of all sizes fly passed at speed which they could not do before as the road was too narrow.

There is a large cohort of cyclists that pass through Sherston commuting to work. I am one of them.

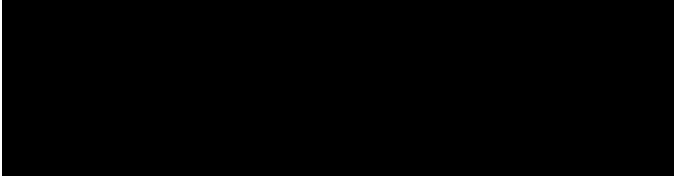
As a result of this project, I may have to stop that and become another vehicle adding to the countries emissions issue as I would be scared of the inherent danger.

Overall, this project will have a massive effect on the ability to cycle with safety in the local area. I really believe this could affect sustainability of the club. This will ultimately

undermine the very ethos of the club of bringing like minded people together to enjoy their sport, promote fitness and well being in a safe environment.

Regards

Steve Harvey



Action: Provide route maps for cycle routes used

Strava Segments:

The following are some statistics of cycle segments along a few of the roads likely to be affected by Lime Down.

These timed segments selected are along the main routes that most cyclists use to enter and leave Sherston.

These segments are obviously only parts of the road used where someone has added a timed section which cyclists attempt, but obviously the whole road would be used.

It is the only way to show figures.

Each of these show the location and show how many cyclists that are on Strava have attempted the segment. However, this is just a flavour as the following has to be considered.

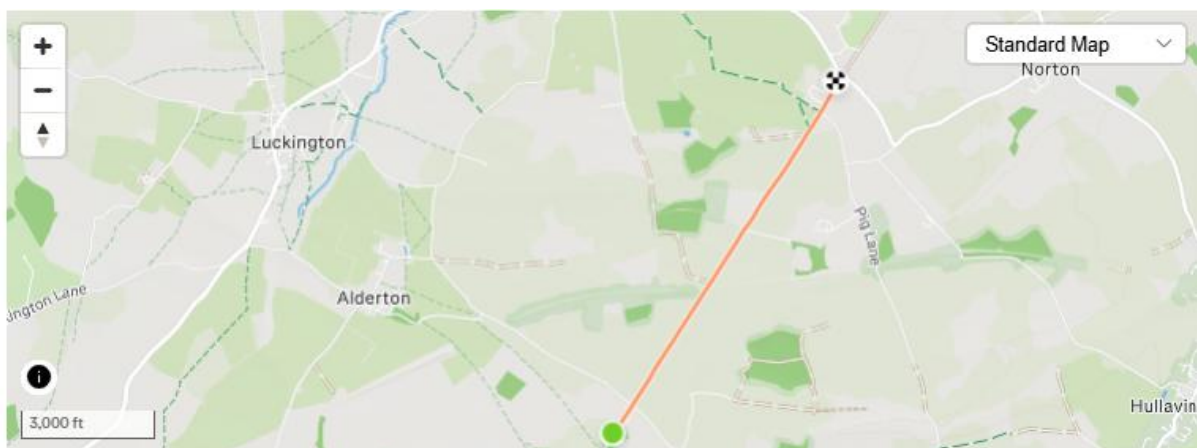
- The figure is the best effort along the segment by the rider. It does not show the number of efforts in total that person rode it. So, if a person rides it 20 times it will just show their best time as the effort recorded.
- It obviously only shows those riders that are on strava.

Segment 1:

Fosse way – distance 1.76 miles

Riders recorded 2026 – 1,406

All time (since 2019) – 13,092



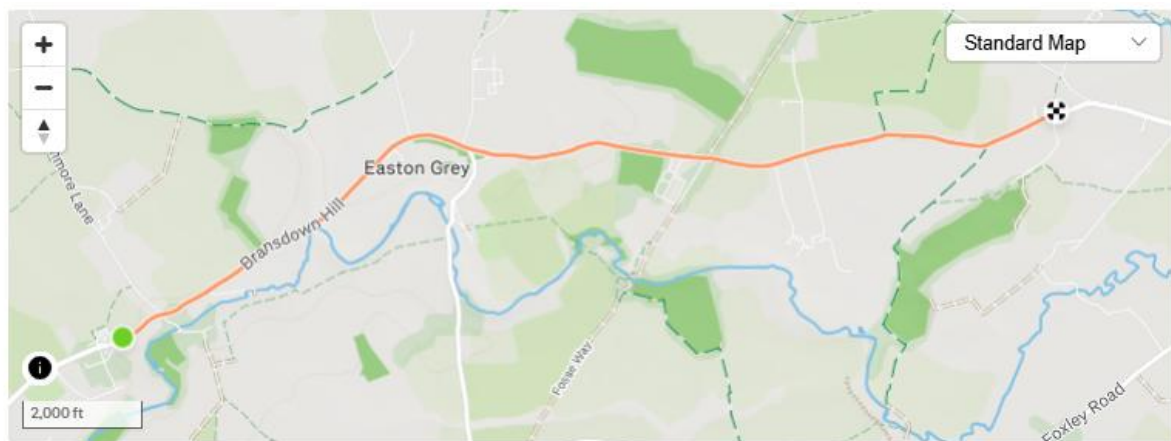
Segment 2:

B4040 – Sherston – Red Bull PH

Distance – 3.22 miles

Riders recorded 2026 – 878

All time (since 2019) – 10,164



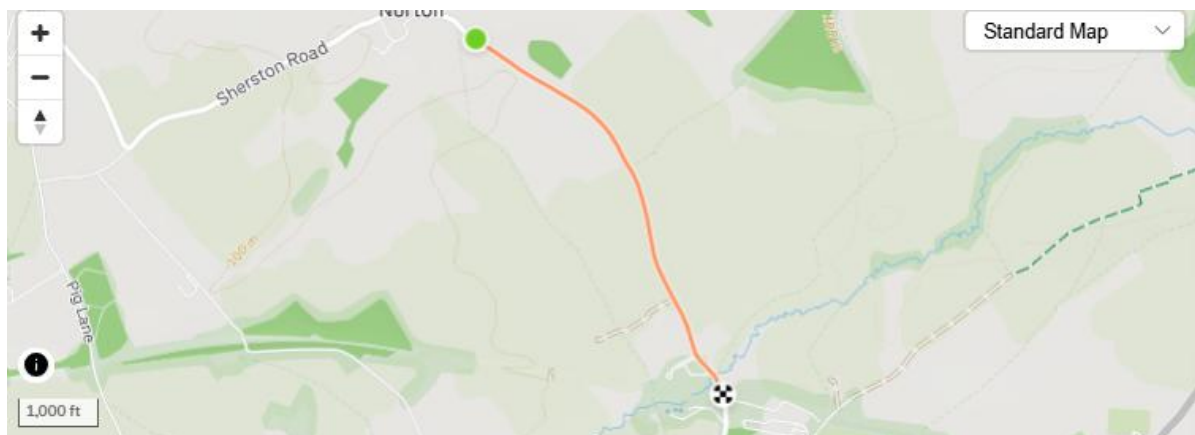
Segment 3:

Sherston road – Norton towards Hullavington:

Distance 1 mile

Riders recorded 2026 – 967

All time (since 2019) – 7,564



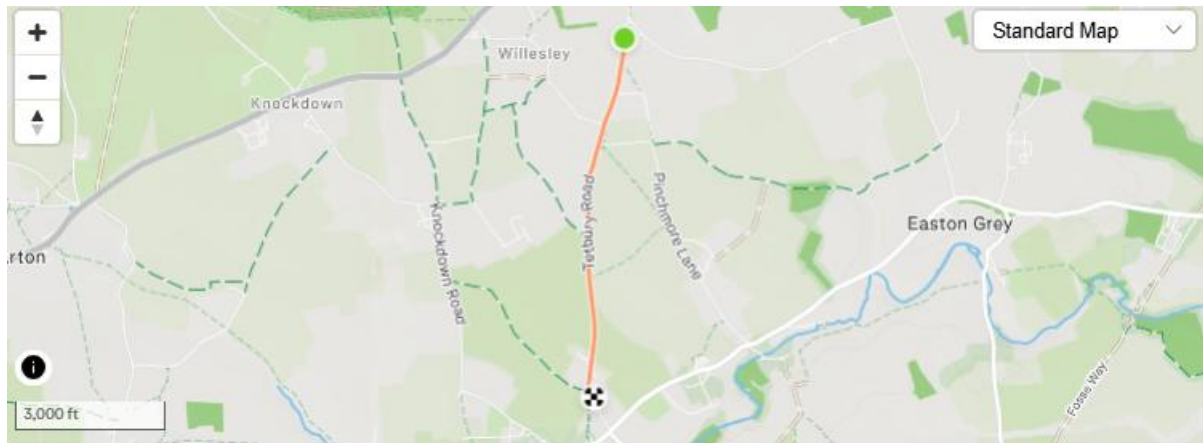
Segment 4:

Tetbury road – Westonbirt - Sherston

Distance 1.39 miles

Riders recorded 2026 – 610

All time (since 2019) – 6,432



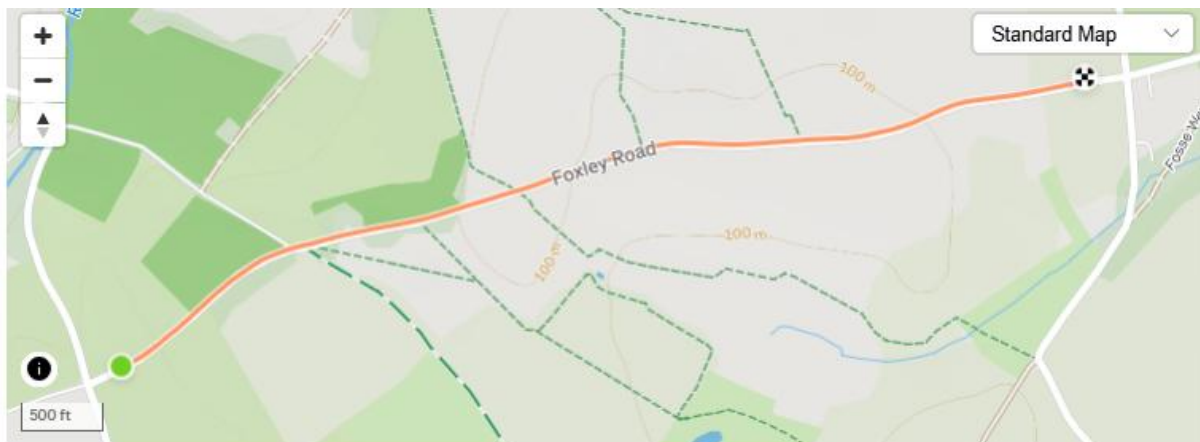
Segment 5:

Foxley road

Distance 1.18 miles

Riders recorded 2026 – 491

All time (since 2019) – 5,110



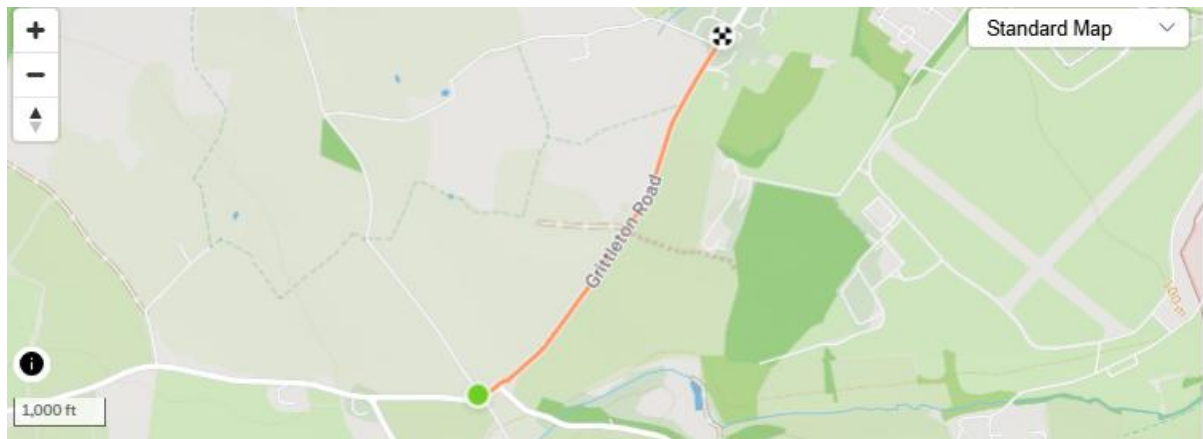
Segment 6:

Grittleton to Hullavington

Distance - 0.9 miles

Riders recorded 2026 – 864

All time (since 2019) – 7,630



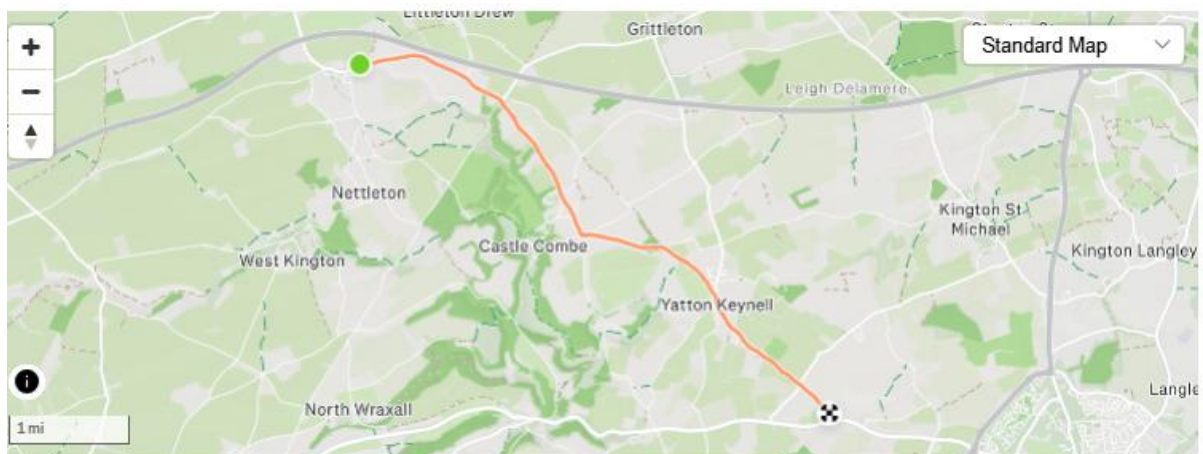
Segment 7:

Through Burton to A420

Distance - 5.32 miles

Riders recorded 2026 – 112

All time (since 2019) – 2,236



Regards

Steve HARVEY