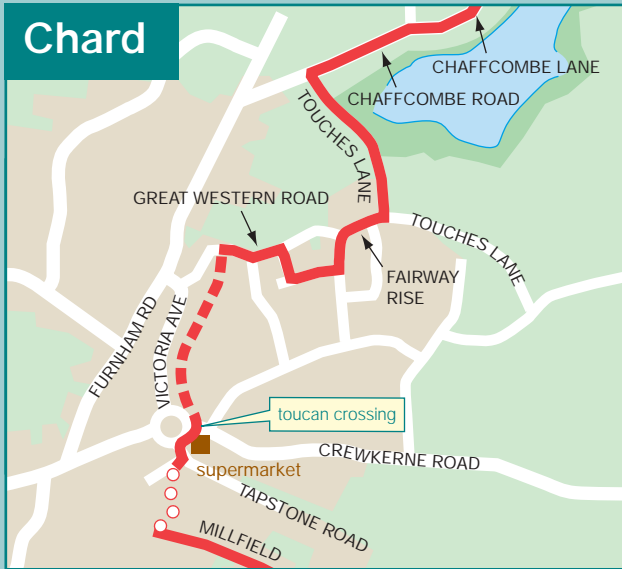
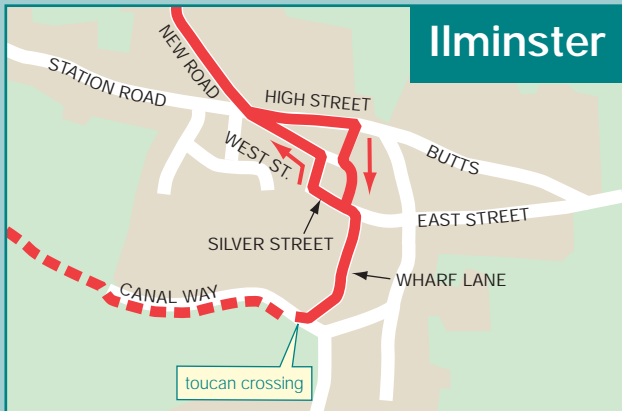


## Chard



## Ilminster



The opening of the Peasmarsh and Chard Reservoir section of railway path now makes it possible to cycle, and walk, from Chard to Ilminster on a direct and beautiful route which wholly avoids the heavily trafficked main road. At Chard the route starts in Stringfellow Park at the toucan crossing over the Crewkerne Road, along the way it links to Donyatt and at Ilminster it ends up at the town centre. It is planned to extend this first phase with a cycle route to reach Ilton passing under the very busy A303 and south from Chard to reach Tatworth.

This route is a partnership between

- Sedgemoor District Council
- Somerset County Council
- South Somerset District Council
- Sustrans



The **National Cycle Network** is a comprehensive network of safe and attractive routes to cycle throughout the UK. 10,000 miles are due for completion by 2005, one third of which will be on traffic-free paths, the rest will follow quiet lanes or traffic-calmed roads. It is delivered through the policies and programmes of over 450 local authorities and other partners, and is co-ordinated by the charity Sustrans.

[www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk](http://www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk)

For more information on routes in your area:

**Sustrans 0845 113 0065**

or visit the interactive mapping on our web site.

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# Chard to Ilminster and Bridgwater



Part of the  
Wessex Way  
Cycle Route

Near Donyatt

# BRIDGWATER

# Chard to Iminster and Bridgwater

The **Wessex Way** is a coast to coast cycle route planned from Weston-super-Mare to Seaton and Lyme Regis. The Chard and Bridgwater section was opened on 19 September 2003. The route follows the purpose built railway path between Chard and Iminster, the South Somerset Cycleway on attractive and mostly level minor roads to Langport and thence beside the River Parrett to Bridgwater.

At Langport the route intersects with 4 Pedal the Levels routes, details of which can be found at the cycle hire and visitor centre. The development of this first section of route construction was funded by South Somerset District Council and co-ordinated by Sustrans.

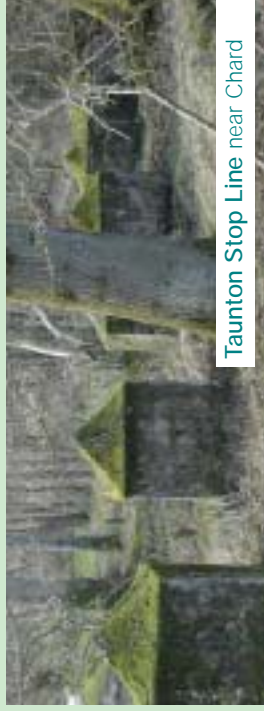


Bridgwater to Taunton Canal

**Sustrans** - the sustainable transport charity - works on practical projects to encourage people to walk, cycle and use public transport in order to reduce motor traffic and its adverse effects.

As well as the National Cycle Network, Sustrans is working on Safe Routes to Schools, home zones and other practical responses to the transport and environmental challenges we face. Sustrans' work relies on the generous donations and monthly standing orders of nearly 40,000 Supporters, and the support of charitable trusts, companies, the National Lottery and local authority programmes.

Taunton Stop Line near Chard



Following the evacuation of the Allies from Dunkirk, France, the coast of Devon and Cornwall was considered too long to defend so the stop line was constructed across the West Country. The infrastructure included pillboxes, machine and anti-tank gun emplacements, road and railway blocks. The anti-tank ditch was in-filled but many of the concrete structures remain along the line and are visible from the cycle route.

