

WL24 Fauldhouse Rail Path

Start, route and finish

This is a 1.9 mile (3km) path that starts from the B7010 Main Street as it leaves the village for Shotts and heads east to terminate at the A706 just to the south of the crossroads with the B7015.

Surfaces and features

Generally this is a whindust path with some barriers on the western section through the village that were installed to deter off road motor cycle use of the path.

The experience

The western section is on the fringe of the village and there are good views over Greenburn Golf Course to the south and to the hills beyond. Once beyond Croftfoot Drive the path is in open countryside.

Opportunities and constraints

The path has recently been upgraded by the council and aside from the continuing problem of motor bikes is in reasonable condition. Further improvements to path links between this path and the village are required.



WL16 West Calder to Polbeth

Start, route and finish

This 0.5 mile (0.8km) path begins at the eastern end of Harburn Drive in West Calder and terminates at the railway underpass near Chapleton Drive on the south side of Polbeth.

Surfaces and features

This is a whindust path approximately 2 metres wide. Most of the route is prone to flooding and there have been recent attempts by the council to improve the drainage and repair this path.

The experience

This area of open countryside between the two villages is pleasant with the Harwood Water providing an attractive feature. Nearby is the Hermand Estate and its associated network of paths. There is some evidence of past mineral working that includes a former quarry, which is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest for its botanical value.



Opportunities and constraints

The prevalence of flooding and a high water table make the maintenance cost of this path relatively high. However, it is well used and valued by local people as a rural path link between the two communities. It is hoped to keep it as a whindust path to retain its rural character.

