# The Bee Network in Rochdale Castleton-Rochdale Walking and Cycling Corridor

### What is the Bee Network?

It is Greater Manchester's vision to create an integrated London-style transport system which will join together buses, trams, rail as well as cycling and walking.

The vision is to create the perfect neighbourhood and the Bee Network will connect up every area and community in Greater Manchester, making it easy, safe and attractive for people to ride, scoot, walk or wheel will create a transport system that joins up buses, trams, cycling, walking and rail.

The scheme will make trips by foot and bike a safe, pleasant experience, contributing to the delivery of the UK's largest cycling and walking network.

#### **Progress**



Phase I of the Cycleway scheme continues to progress well along Manchester Road towards Castleton. Phase 2 of the works have commenced with an anticipated finish date of I I <sup>th</sup> May 2023.



After many weeks of battling inclement weather, and the minus 4 temperatures, the brand-new car park opposite Nixon Street was successfully opened in December 2022 as planned and is now available for everybody to use.

## **New Hires**

We are pleased to welcome our new excavator driver, Mark and our new apprentice mason, Callum, both of whom are from the Castleton area.

We are also recruiting for the following roles:

- Assistant/Trainee Traffic Safety Officer (full training will be provided)
- Kerbers/Pavers/Masons
- General Labourers

Please submit your CV to <a href="mailto:hr@gcox.co.uk">hr@gcox.co.uk</a>.

#### Social Value

Littleborough Rugby Club approached us at George Cox to see if we could assist in helping them upgrade their existing car park. We agreed to transport to the Rugby Club all the concrete kerbs we have excavated so that they could be re-cycled and used to form a new kerb line to their car park. We have also agreed to supply new hardcore for the carpark once the Rugby club are ready for it.





Councillor Shahid Mohammed requested through our RBC Project Manager (Alex Whittaker) could we assist in laying new hardcore to a back street at the rear of a row of terraced houses on New Barn Lane, Rochdale. The back street had been in a state of disrepair for some time and prevented residents from driving their vehicles on it, and extremely difficult manoeuvring their wheelie bins over the rough terrain. George Cox therefore stepped in to assist, and we excavated the rough ground and then laid

new hardcore to the whole length and width of the existing back street.

"I just wanted to drop you an email to thank you, your crew and of course your company George Cox for agreeing to surface the alley at the rear of New Barn Lane as part of your 'Social Value' service. I know Alex Whittaker from Rochdale Council's Highways team has been liaising with you, and I thank him for his diligence and helping get this project agreed and completed.

Your crew have done an amazing job, the residents and I are really happy with the outcome and very grateful for your generosity. I know the lads had to endure freezing conditions whilst working on site — please thank Kevin and all the others who have been involved in this scheme." - Councillor Shahid Mohammed



For more information about the scheme visit <a href="www.rochdale.gov.uk/BeeNetwork">www.rochdale.gov.uk/BeeNetwork</a> or to sign up for our monthly newsletter send your email address to <a href="mailto:beenetwork\_rochdale@gcox.co.uk">beenetwork\_rochdale@gcox.co.uk</a>.





