

The Fallowfield Loop railway line opened in 1892

The line closed in 1988 and remained derelict until the late 1990s

The Fallowfield Loop was born as well as the Friends group in 2001. Barriers on the route were installed as request by GMP to appease security concerns regarding antisocial behaviour.

Pre-trial Open-All-Barriers day events. Both events were well attended with no incident 19.09.15 & 31.10.15

We are here! March 2016 - Barriers remain along the Fallowfield Loop with some having been added to or slightly adapted since 2001.

Period in which to engage with stakeholders and prepare locking points for securing barriers along the Loop open

Open-All-Barriers Trial commences: **6 Weekends (Sun-Mon)** 10.04.16 - 15.05.16

- Social events organised by Sustrans, FotFL and users to encourage access and discovery of the Fallowfield Loop by as many user groups as possible.

- Volunteers, as members of the local communities, to engage with key stakeholders of the F. Loop such as primary and secondary schools, accessed off the F. Loop, in preparation of the 3 months long opening

Open-All-Barriers Trial: 3 Months 22.05.16 - 21.08.16

Examples of events:

- Social bike rides

- Social family-friendly bike rides ("Kidical Mass" rides)

- After-school cycling activities, engaging local schools located along the Fallowfield Loop

- Breeze-rides and other commuting/leisure cycling activities to encourage the F. Loop as a sustainable transport infrastructure

- Walking events: Discovering The Fallowfield Loop and the wildlife it fosters

- Mobility events "Open-All-Access": Encouraging as many varied user groups to use and enjoy the Fallowfield Loop

- Share & Care events: Sustrans led events to encourage all users to share with care the Fallowfield Loop

- Maintenance events: FotFL led events to encourage as many people to care for, maintain and enhance the Fallowfield Loop

Fallowfield Loop Festival. (date TBC) A weekend-long celebration of the F. Loop as an asset for the whole community and all users, as well as the "Open-All-Barriers" trial.

Formal evaluation of the trial

Moving forward: Beyond the trial... Maintaining a barriers-free F. Loop