





## SHARED ROUTE CODE OF CONDUCT

Be courteous and patient with pedestrians and other path users who are moving more slowly than you — shared paths are for sharing, not speeding.

Slow down as needed when space is limited or if you can't see clearly ahead.

Be particularly careful at junctions, bends, entrances onto the path, or any other 'blind spots' where people (including children) could appear in front of you without warning.

Keep to your side of any dividing line.

Carry a bell and use it or an audible greeting — avoid surprising people.

Don't assume people can see or hear you — remember that many people are hard of hearing or visually impaired

In dull and dark weather make sure you have lights so you can be seen.

*The Department for Transport says “As a general rule, if you want to cycle quickly, say in excess of 18 mph/30 kph, then you should be riding on the road.”*

**And a quick note on dogs in the park. As they have come up in discussion previously.**

In East Sussex, over the years 2013, 14 & 15. **1713 people** were admitted to A&E for treatment following a 'dog related incident'. (NHS data)

And, over the same period **28 people** in East Sussex were involved in a collision with a cyclist. (DFT data)

So, on average, annually, 98% more people in East Sussex are admitted to hospital following a dog incident than following a collision with a cyclist. From a safety point of view, cycling in the park should be encouraged, but perhaps dogs should be better controlled?