

# THE CLAUDIA CHARTER

FOR SAFER CYCLING IN OXFORD



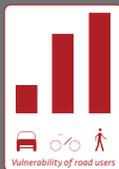
VISION: FEEL SAFE

This charter sets out a vision for feeling safe and being safe when cycling in Oxford. No loss of life or serious injury is acceptable. Let's make cycling here an everyday reality for all ages and abilities.

## WE WANT TO SEE...

### 1 GREATER RESPECT FOR VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

- Everyone needs to move around safely. Let's recognise that some road users are more vulnerable than others and we all have *Rights and Responsibilities* when using the roads.
- It's important that all voices are heard. Reporting all near misses, close passes, and aggressive interactions to the authorities will raise awareness of the conditions faced by those who choose to cycle.
- All road users are people. Let's progress the conversation: cyclists are people on cycles and drivers are people in vehicles, and lots of people do both. Let's all get home safely.



### 2 A DECISIVE POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO INCREASE CYCLE SAFETY IN AND AROUND OXFORD

space for cycling

- By spending a minimum of £10 per head, per year on cycling safety.
- By teaching the three levels of *Bikeability* in all Oxfordshire schools and update current cycle training in schools to Bikeability standard.
- By implementing Cycling UK's "*Space for Cycling*" and "*Too Close for Comfort*" campaigns across Oxfordshire.

### 3 FAR SAFER HIGHWAYS FOR CYCLE USERS

- Through continuous, segregated cycle ways that are at least as good as in the '*Oxford Transport Strategy*' and the '*Oxfordshire Cycling Design Standards*'.
- Through high standard cycle provision at junctions (see Oxfordshire Cycling Design Standards).
- Through properly prioritising vulnerable road users in all parts of Oxford, not just the centre. Previous step changes in regulating motor traffic a quarter of a century ago noticeably benefitted the centre. Comparable step changes are now long overdue.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ▶ **Share the space:** every road user is a person, pedestrians are people on foot, cyclists are people on cycles, and drivers are people in cars
- ▶ **Report:** incidents to the police, bus and taxi companies, and local authorities
- ▶ **Chat:** with someone who doesn't cycle regularly about your experiences
- ▶ **Speak up:** on social media, engage with local politicians - your voice matters
- ▶ **Join:** a cycling club (*Condors*, *Wheels For All*), advocacy group (*CycloX*, *CyclingUK*), or community workshop (*Broken Spoke*)
- ▶ **Ask:** for Bikeability cycle training from your employer or your school
- ▶ **Cycle!**



Visit [claudiacharter.uk](http://claudiacharter.uk) to see our action plan & for more information



This charter is one response to the death of Claudia Comberti, who was killed on Botley Road while cycling on 9th May 2017. Our intention is to spark conversations, support dialogue, and create positive change - things that Claudia was always working towards.



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