

# Cycling in Milton Keynes

Residents today enjoy miles of traffic-free cycling on the Milton Keynes Redways. Cycling as a leisure activity has a long history in the area with local clubs being established soon after the machine's invention. Many village blacksmiths became adept at undertaking repairs and even set up cycle sales and repair shops along side the forge.

The 1950's was the heyday of Cycle Speedway with youths fighting fiercely to win coveted league pennants. Teams of six riders and two reserves, who had to be in possession of a Cycling Speedway Association licence, competed on grass (dirt) tracks. The Yardley Aces were the premier team of the area, but other local league teams included the Wolverton Wasps, Deanshanger Moonrakers, Linford Pirates and Bradwell Eagles.

In September 2008 Milton Keynes hosted part of 'The Cycling Tour of Britain'. Stage Two of the race began in front of the central railway station before heading to Newbury.



Participants in The Cycling Tour of Britain, 2008



Bicycles c1940 at Bletchley Park  
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Members of the Mazepru Cycling Club, Wolverton  
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