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MaD for WaG!

How the Wolverton and Greenleys Young People's Volunteer Group Made a Difference...



The Wolverton Viaduct

The most spectacular of railway artefacts in Wolverton is the listed viaduct that crosses the River Great Ouse a few hundred metres north of Old Wolverton Road. Designed by Robert Stephenson and built by the London & Birmingham Railway Company in 1838, at a cost of £30,000, its six major arches each span 18m. The adjacent embankment was constructed with great difficulty because of slippage and spreading. Once, it even caught fire as a result of the spontaneous combustion of the material used.

Number 2: Why get involved?

Milton Keynes Council's Heritage Team set young **MaD** Volunteers from the Wolverton and Greenleys group – '**WaG**' – the challenge of creating a brand new city cycle route.

The **WaG** group wanted to highlight the heritage of their town, especially its unique railway origins, and the surrounding area.

So... they designed a 9-mile Heritage Cycle Trail around Wolverton with photos and videos of key sites.

'Through taking part in this project the 'WaG' young people have a better understanding of the area in which they live, where it's come from, and where it's going, too!'

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