

**The Manchester Cycleway South & East** is an off-road cycle and pedestrian route from Chorlton in West Manchester through Fallowfield and Levenshulme, up through Gorton and East Manchester to the Velodrome and Sportcity. The route follows the disused Fallowfield railway line, (known as the Fallowfield Loop) the infilled Stockport Branch Canal and the Ashton Canal Tow Path. A branch of the cycleway extends from Debdale Park to Fairfield Railway Station.



The route provides not only an ideal route to the Velodrome from the South and East of the City, but also a safe, convenient cycle path for many local trips such as to the shops or school. The path also gives access to several green open spaces including Highfield Country Park and Debdale Water Park making a family ride in green surroundings possible without having to use the car or leave the City.

**'Sports fan?** Then why not use the Manchester Cycleway to get to match!

For Old Trafford follow **Red Route 55** after exiting the Loop, via Chorlton & Firswood.

For Sportcity, follow the Manchester Cycleway East and continue on the Ashton Canal West, exiting at Joe Mercer Way on **Blue Route 86**

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**Friends of the Fallowfield Loop** Formed in 2001, the primary aim of the

'Friends' is to encourage and support all the partners in the Loop in the maintenance and promotion of the Loop, part of the Manchester Cycleway. In addition to the promotion of the loop, the 'Friends' lobby the Loop's partners, local Councillors, MPs and others on issues connected to the route, such as funding, signing and maintenance.



If you would like more information on the Friends and their activities on the Loop, please contact the 'Friends' using the details below:

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**Sir Chris Hoy**, World, Commonwealth cycling champion and triple Beijing 2008 gold medalist winner supports the development of the Manchester Cycleway;



“Cycling is fun, great for health and fitness, plus it's a viable transport option for many people which could ultimately have a positive effect on the environment.”

Sir Chris Hoy, MBE

[www.britishcycling.org.uk](http://www.britishcycling.org.uk)



Chorlton to Sportcity  
via Fallowfield Loop,  
Stockport Branch  
Canal & Ashton Canal



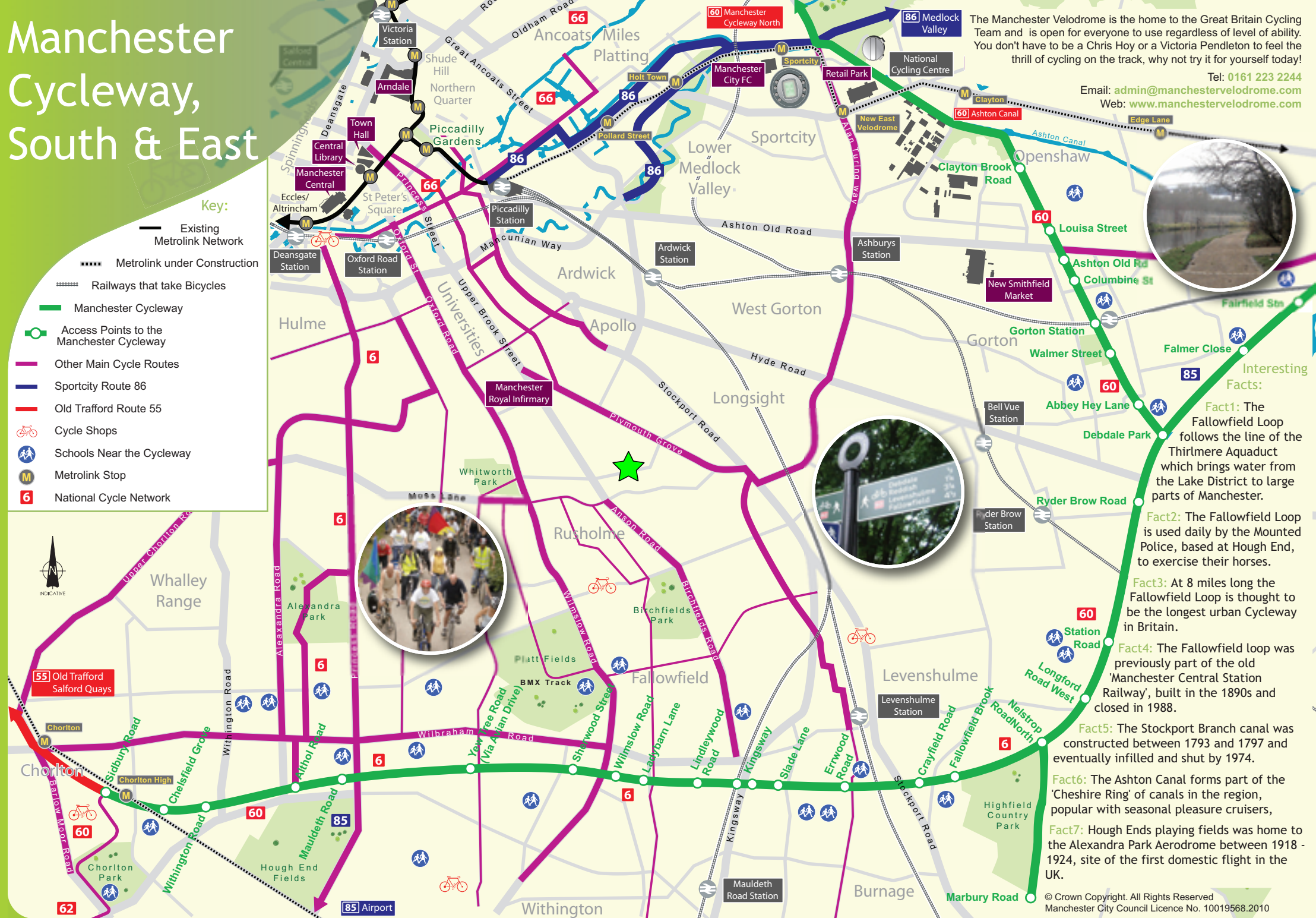
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Routes **6** **55** **60** **85** **86**

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The Manchester Velodrome is the home to the Great Britain Cycling Team and is open for everyone to use regardless of level of ability. You don't have to be a Chris Hoy or a Victoria Pendleton to feel the thrill of cycling on the track, why not try it for yourself today!

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## Interesting Facts:

**Fact1:** The Fallowfield Loop follows the line of the Thirlmere Aquaduct which brings water from the Lake District to large parts of Manchester.

**Fact2:** The Fallowfield Loop is used daily by the Mounted Police, based at Hough End, to exercise their horses.

**Fact3:** At 8 miles long the Fallowfield Loop is thought to be the longest urban Cycleway in Britain.

**Fact4:** The Fallowfield loop was previously part of the old 'Manchester Central Station Railway', built in the 1890s and closed in 1988.

**Fact5:** The Stockport Branch canal was constructed between 1793 and 1797 and eventually infilled and shut by 1974.

**Fact6:** The Ashton Canal forms part of the 'Cheshire Ring' of canals in the region, popular with seasonal pleasure cruisers,

**Fact7:** Hough Ends playing fields was home to the Alexandra Park Aerodrome between 1918 - 1924, site of the first domestic flight in the UK.

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