

**u3a Bike Rides**  
**Waterlink Way to Deptford Creek and Greenwich**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

A fine, mild morning greeted us as we met up at the Clock Café in Dulwich Park, ready for our ride along Waterlink Way to Greenwich.



We headed out of the park via the Fireman's Alley, through the Lordship Lane Housing Estate and across Lordship Lane into Wood Vale.

We passed Camberwell Old Cemetery, crossed Forest Hill Road and into Brenchley Gardens, then turned into Honor Oak Cemetery and Buckthorne Bridge.

Once across Brockley Road we were on pleasant suburban roads that led to the North-East corner of Ladywell Fields, then coasted down the path to reach the Broxbourne River.



Our route was across Ladywell Road and then on minor urban roads that led to the Ravensbourne River again, and on past Lewisham DLR into Ravensbourne Gardens.

Busy Loampit Vale was crossed on lights and led us along the river to Everson Road DLR station, then into the (quite small) Brookmill Nature Reserve.

Then it was across Broadway Fields to Deptford Bridge and Deptford Bridge Road, another busy road but easily negotiated on cycle lights.

The cycle path here has recently been much improved along Deptford Church Road as we turned into Creekside, and on to the A220, Deptford Creek Road, crossed on cycle lights and so to Costa Coffee, for refreshments. Some chose to sit inside, others outside in the sun.



The return ride followed the Thames Path towards Greenland Docks on Cycleway C14 and across Russian Docks path to Surrey Water. It followed C4 towards London Bridge and then along Tanner Street and via Elephant Park to Burgess Park. From Burgess Park people went their own routes home.

A big thank you to Jane Antos for developing this route and leading the Group ride.

**Riders.** *Alex Murdock, Denise Davies. Eileen Hogan, Jane Antos. Joe Antos. John Clements. John Davies, Josie Ralph. Mary Burke, Patrick Mulhern, Tracey Kobayashi*

**Distance:** About 17 miles. Time: 4½ hours

**Ride leader:** Jane Antos

**Report and photos:** John Clements, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## **Notes.**

### **The Ravensbourne River**

The Ravensbourne is 11 miles long with a total catchment area of 180 km<sup>2</sup>. It rises at Caesar's Well, Keston, and flows through the London Boroughs of Bromley, Lewisham and Greenwich. Further downstream it passes through Ladywell Fields, where considerable restoration work was carried out in 2007-2008, with the removal of a long stretch of 1980's concrete channelling, re-routing to more closely match its natural course, and the introduction of terraces and submerged aquatic vegetation to provide animal habitat and improve flood control.