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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **JUST 350 MILES TO GO – BY BIKE!**

A new, 350-mile cycleway opens this week, and Colne is on the route. Around 80 cyclists riding the Pennine Cycleway from Derby to Berwick-upon-Tweed on the Scottish border will arrive in Colne on Saturday [12 July]. Among them will be a member of newly-formed Colne Cycling Campaign, which wants to improve cycling facilities in the town.

Roy St Pierre, a member of the Campaign's steering committee, is riding the whole route over eight days, spending Saturday night in his home town. He said:

“The route follows quiet roads and traffic-free paths for almost all its length. It's a good way to cycle, to enjoy the countryside and towns en route. And I'm especially pleased that the route will also be coming through Pendle.”

Steve Lax, chair of the Campaign, said:

“Colne Cycling Campaign is really pleased that the Pennine Cycleway comes through Colne. We want to see more people cycling in the area, and part of encouraging that is to develop a network of routes free from heavy traffic. We hope the Cycleway will be an impetus to developing more routes and a much higher profile for cycling, which in turn will entice even more to take to two wheels. It could be a virtuous circle!

“The riders are staying overnight in Colne, and Campaign members will be joining Roy on Sunday morning to ride some of the section between Colne and Ingleton. We hope other cyclists in Pendle will also take part.”

With some of the riders camping overnight at Colne Rugby Club, the Colne to Ingleton section begins from Alkincoats Park through to the canal towpath, and riders will be leaving from around 9.30am.

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