

# **Balerno to Slateford Path Upgrading Works – expect disruption**

The Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust are to undertake upgrading of the path along the Water of Leith from the Union Canal to Balerno during June to August 2022. These improvements are as identified within the Water of Leith Management Plan 2020-2030 and are being funded by Sustrans and Transport for Scotland as part of improving the National Cycle Network for Scotland.

The 8km route is to be upgraded to a recycled material called Ultitrec (not a sealed surface) that will result in less maintenance requirements and along with drainage and other associated works will result in a surface that will allow better access for all abilities. This surface is recommended by Sustrans when a sealed surface is not feasible, or desired.

**The first section of the path to be upgraded is from the Union Canal, Lanark Road, to Colinton Tunnel, with works starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June for a period of 2-3 weeks. Unfortunately due to the machinery being used and the need for the path surface to settle before use this will mean that the public will need to use alternative routes. Maps of these will be supplied and posted both on-line and on site.**

The next phase of works will be from Colinton Tunnel to the bypass following on from the initial phase of works from approx.. 27<sup>th</sup> June for 2-3 weeks and further phases of work will be timetabled once the supply of the materials is known.

It is unfortunate that these improvements will need to be undertaken at this busy period of the year, however for the path surface material to stabilise it needs to be laid in the warmer weather.