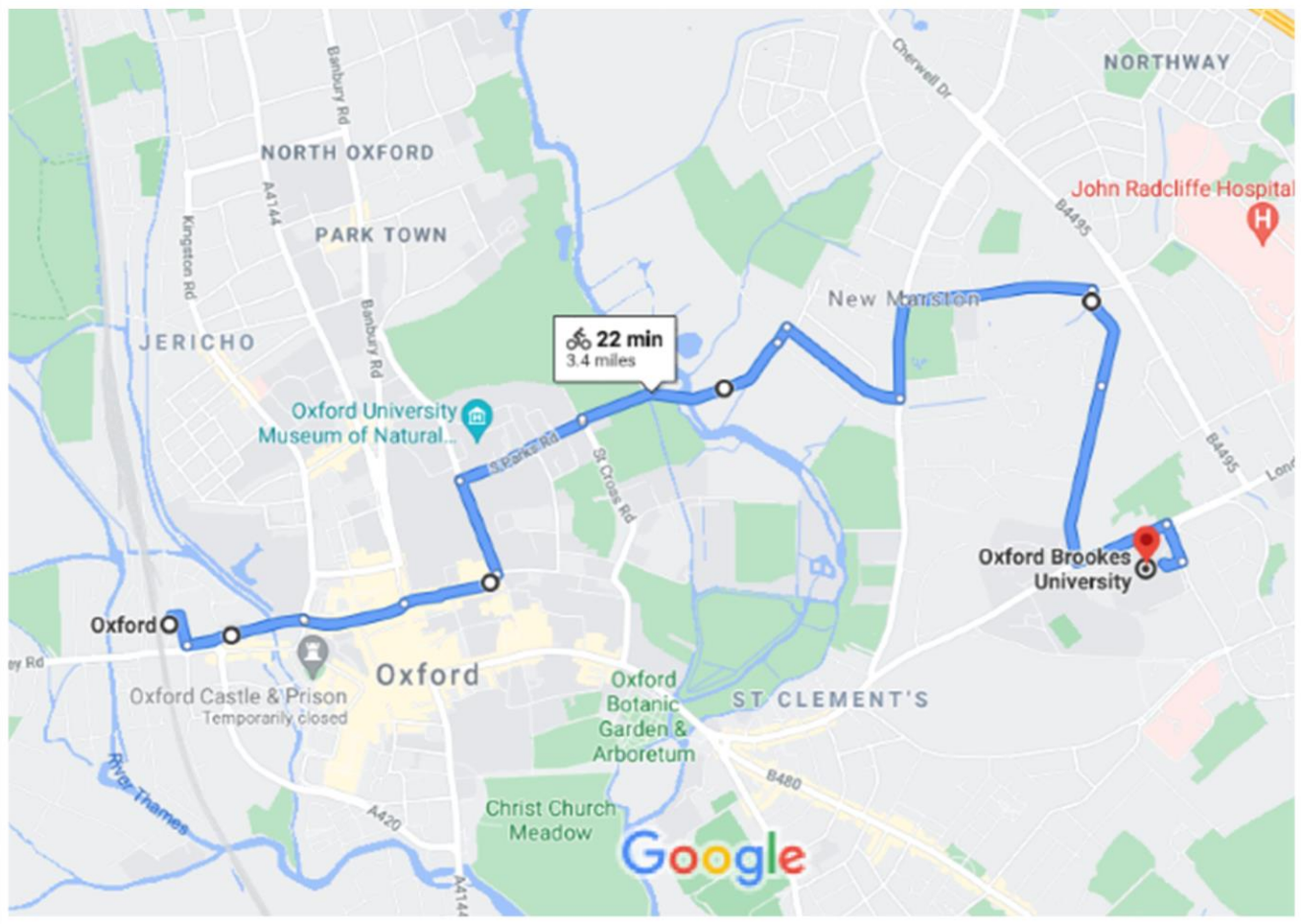


# Oxford Station to Headington

---



Cycling route

---

Daniel Burton

**BROOKES  
ACTIVE**

---

Before lockdown, I used this route on a weekly basis between work and the railway station. Jack Straws Lane is certainly quieter than Headington Road!

Start is at Oxford station before heading down Hythe Bridge Street and marking the right hand turn by the Job Centre / George Street. Gloucester Green market is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays (more here <https://lsdpromotions.com/oxford-outdoor-market>). You usually just share George Street with buses.

Go straight ahead by Waterstones (watch out for the buses) and you are on Broad Street. In the summer Broad Street is quiet busy with lost tourists, ring your bell! At the junction of Parks Road, you can either:

1. Turn right and right again at South Park Road or
2. Go straight ahead, turning right by 'The Alternative Tuck Shop' and up Mansfield Road. You then need to turn right on South Parks Road.

This is the heart of the (Oxford) University quarter, with University departments abound.

On South Parks Road, a cycle lane appears. Lots of science buildings along here. You then come off the road by the traffic lights and onto the 'Marston Cycle path'.

Path is paved, but can be a bit narrow in places, I would ring your bell going over the River Cherwell Bridge. Then over the cattle grid, pass the odd cow (only in Oxford!) and through the field. This occasionally floods after spells of bad rain. Then cattle grid number 2 and you are on Ferry Road.

Take the second right turn onto Edgeway Road (going straight ahead takes you to Ferry Road) and go straight ahead. At the end of the road, turn right onto Marston Road. The pavement on both sides of the road is marked as a cycle route. On the right hand side is the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences (Marston Road) campus.

If you pass a car garage and an Orthodox Church, don't worry, just turn right at the end of the road by the 'The Up in Arms' pub and you are back on Marston Road.

It's now time to climb Jack Straws Hill by turning right at St Michael and All Angles Church. The hill is quiet gentle and certainly not as busy as Headington Hill. Hopefully, you have now recovered and you now need to right onto the Private – no Through Road also marked as Jack Straws Lane. If you go straight ahead you will end up at the JR Hospital.

There is still a slight hill to the rest of Jack Straws Lane and it becomes Pullens Lane. Don't give up. You are almost at work! You will pass Rye St Anthony School and an EF Language Campus on the slight hill up.

At the end of Pullens Lane is Headington Road. To the right is the Richard Hamilton Building. To the left and over the road is Headington Campus. Journeys End