

## Shelton Lock to London Road

The OS map below was published in 1904 and as can be seen many changes have taken place. If, for example, you look at Allenton, it was little more than small area around the Crown Hotel. The increase in the number of houses took place in the first fifty years of the twentieth century and coincided with the rise of the Rolls-Royce factory where many of Shelton Lock's inhabitants worked. Interestingly, part of the Midland Railway works can be seen on the map and at the bottom left hand corner, it is possible to see the now disused Derby to Ashby railway line which forms the route of the southern portion of the Cloud Trail. The following photographs cover the route of the trail as it follows the old Derby Canal's route starting at Shelton Lock (green dot) and finishing at London Road by the bridge next to the Wickes DIY (red dot).



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Above is a view looking back to the bridge at Shelton Lock. Below the trail continues towards Allenton. The banks of the trail make a corridor for nature and there is a feeling of peace despite being quite close to the busy road passing through Shelton Lock.







Through a gap in the trail's banks, it is possible to see land that is being reclaimed by nature which, I believe, is called Hippo Wood. Below, a glimpse of one of the new buildings built near to the trail.







Above, a pedestrian crossing on Boulton Lane which would have been the site of the Boulton Lane canal bridge. Below, the trail continues through an open space towards Bracken's Lane.







Above and below, the trail is almost at Bracken's Lane and it's difficult to believe that one is so near to the busy Allenton shops.







Above, the trail reaches Bracken's Lane. This was the site of the Moorhead canal bridge, although today, nothing remains of this bridge. Below, for a short distance, the trail runs on public roads.



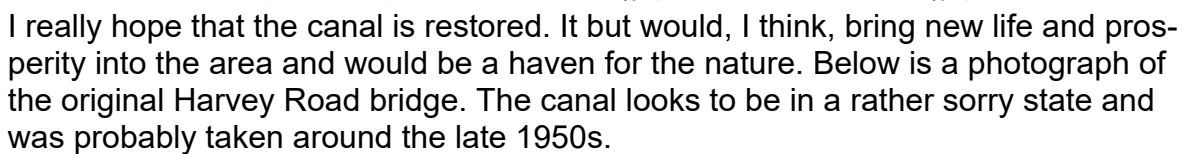
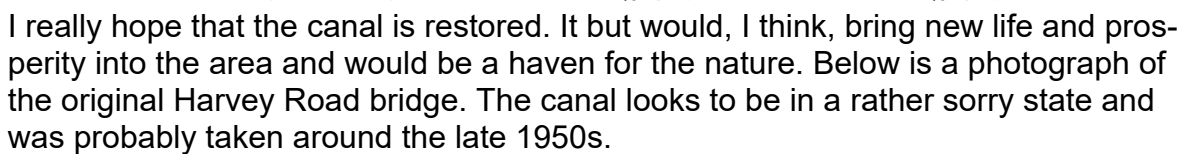




Above, the trail reaches Harvey Road. Today, there is a pedestrian crossing, but it was the site of the Harvey Road bridge over the canal. Once crossed, there is the Aldi and near to Harvey Road, you will find a information board on the plans for restoring the canal (see next page).











After the Aldi store the trail has a beautiful flat surface which is ideal for cycling along. The scenery is pleasant and remarkably peaceful.







After a relatively short distance, the bridge that carries London Road comes into view. To the right of the bridge is Wickes DIY store.

