

Cycling is a great way to keep fit whilst at the same time getting from A to B or exploring your local area.

The 19 **Cyclesolihull** routes in this series of leaflets will take you along most of the network of quiet lanes in and around Solihull, introducing you to some places you probably didn't even know existed!

The routes have been carefully chosen to avoid busier roads so are ideal for new cyclists and children learning to cycle on the road.

You can cycle the routes alone or with family and friends, or join one of the regular **Community Cycle Rides**.

Cycle^{to}Solihull Day

Sunday 13 September 2009



A chance to join other cyclists in Solihull town centre for a cycling afternoon. Join one of the special rides or simply head to the town centre on your bike. More details at:

www.cycletosolihullday.org.uk

This is one of a series of ride leaflets devised by Solihull Cycling Steering Group which is helping Solihull Council to increase the amount of cycling in the area and consists of representatives from: Birmingham International Airport, Cyclists Touring Club, Pushbikes, Solihull Cycling Club, Solihull Care Trust, Solihull Residents Association and Sustrans.

Community Cycle Rides

Cyclesolihull offers regular opportunities to join with others to ride the routes in this series of leaflets. The rides are organised by volunteers, and during 2008 nearly 900 people (including over 100 children) took part in over 40 rides. To get involved, just turn up and ride!

Sunday Cycle Rides take place most Sundays* throughout the summer starting at 2 pm from one of 13 different starting points. "S" (short) routes are about 10 miles long, "M" (medium) routes are about 15 miles long and "L" (long) routes about 20 miles long.

Evening Explorer Rides are on alternate Wednesdays from mid-May to mid-August starting at 7 pm from one of 8 different starting points. They follow the short "S" routes so are about 10 miles long.

Saturday Stretcher Rides take place on the first Saturday of every month at 10 am from one of 4 different starting points. They are 20 to 25 miles long and do not follow a fixed route, so are suitable for more experienced cyclists.

Taster Rides are an occasional opportunity to try a Cyclesolihull ride without going very far. They are about 5 miles long starting at 2 pm from one of 3 different starting points – an ideal introduction to the rides for new cyclists and small children.

Refreshment Stops All Cyclesolihull rides have an en-route refreshment stop of about 30 minutes, either at a pub or a tearoom.

** all except those weekends when there is a Saturday Stretcher or Taster Ride.*

For full details of current rides go to:

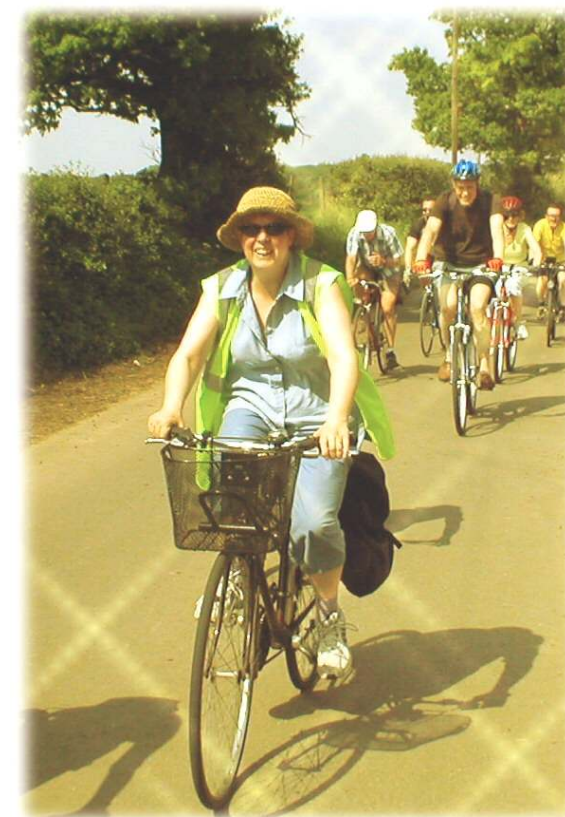
www.cyclesolihull.org.uk

or pick up a copy of the **Cyclesolihull 'Ride Together'** leaflet on one of the rides or at local libraries and cycle shops.

Route M1

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



Shirley to Hollywood & Forhill (15 miles)

Have fun and get fit exploring your local area with this self-guided cycle ride.

Route M1 Shirley to Hollywood & Forhill

Distance: 15 miles (75-100 mins). **Start:** Shirley Park (car park behind Aldi supermarket) SP118792.

Route Summary: A varied ride, via the Midlands very own Hollywood, into the open countryside and narrow lanes around Forhill. There are a couple of steep hills in this area.

Refreshments: There are a number of pubs on the route and shops in Hollywood.

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Key to Map

- A** Reference point
- 1, 2** Mileage from the start
- PH** Public House
- Shop selling drinks, sweets etc.
- +** Historic church
- Waterway with access point

The Route

- A** Start in the car park behind Aldi. Go through the gap in the hedge and follow the cycle path to the left through the park. At the end of the path turn right on to Grenville Road. Follow the road to the end and turn left, then first right into Hazeloak Road.
- B** At end of Hazeloak Road turn right and first left in to Loxley Avenue. Follow the road to the end. Turn left into Neville Road and the immediately right to reach the main road. Turn right and go under the railway bridge.
- C** At the main road turn left. Turn next right just before the Drawbridge pub (take extra care with this turn). Cross the canal bridge bearing left. At the end of the lane turn left.
- D** Take the next turning on the right into Truemans Heath Lane towards Hopwood and Wythall. Go straight ahead at the roundabout by the Jet garage. Take the first turning right into May Lane.
- E** At the end of May Lane go straight ahead past the Pack Horse pub on your left. At next crossroads go

straight on, passing over the A435. At the end of Packhorse Lane turn right towards Kings Norton on to Middle Lane and then first left into Bell Green Lane toward Northfield.

F At the end of the Lane turn left on to Ickneld Street towards Wythall. At the end of the road turn left and then first right following the cycle route sign to Redditch. Immediately turn right keeping the Peacock pub on your left. Go down the steep hill.

G Bear left at the next two junctions and follow the road for a mile. At the end of the lane turn left.

H Follow the road, past the crossroads and the Coach and Horses pub on the left, then up a very short steep hill to a crossroads. Carry straight-on.

I Take first left into Chapel Lane towards the large

church. Follow the road round to right and at the end of the lane turn left passing the cemetery.

J At the roundabout turn right into the very narrow Willmore Lane. Go over bridge and follow the road to left. At end of the lane turn right onto Silver Street towards Drakes Cross.

K Go straight on at the crossroads next to the White Swan. After 0.75 miles cross Hollywood Lane continuing along Houndsfield Lane, crossing the ford and going under the railway.

L At the end turn left and then first right into Tythebarn Lane.

M Follow the road until it bends to the right in the new development, from there bear left to continue along Tythebarn Lane which becomes a cul-de-sac. Go through the road closure at the canal bridge, and turn left onto the cycle path. Follow this, keeping left past the Cheswick Arms pub into Tanworth Lane and then keeping left through the two road junctions.

N Turn first left into Stretton Road. Follow the road past the supermarket.

O At the end turn right and then first left into Shottery Road. At the end turn left and then immediately right in to Portia Avenue.

P At the main road turn right and immediately left into Shirley Park Road. At the end of the road turn right and rejoin the cycle path through Shirley Park back to the car park.

