

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:

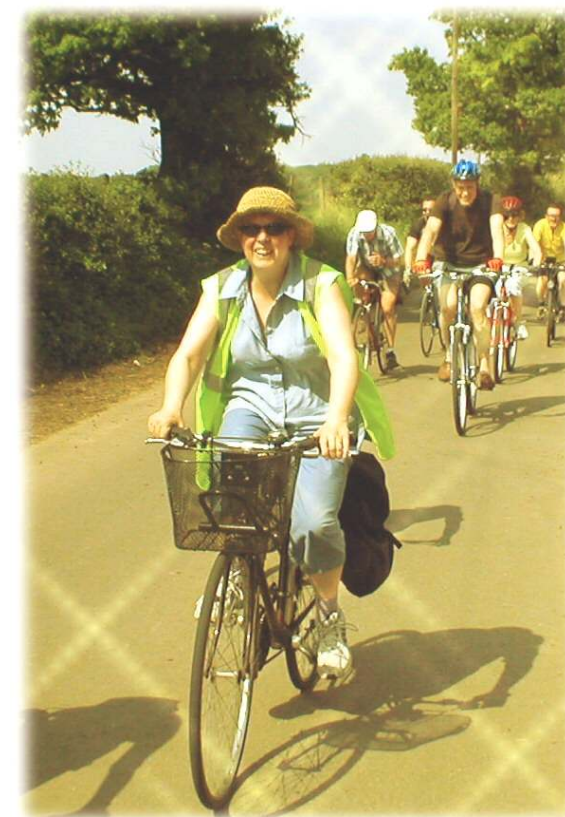
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or pick up a copy of the **Cyclesolihull 'Ride Together'** leaflet on one of the rides or at local libraries and cycle shops.

Route M8

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



Hockley Heath to Tanworth & Ullenhall (17 miles)

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

Route M8

Hockley Heath to Tanworth-in-Arden, Ullenhall & Packwood House

Distance: 17 miles (85-120 mins). **Start:** Hockley Heath Post Office SP153727

Route Summary: A very rural ride via very quiet, narrow lanes to Tanworth-in-Arden and Ullenhall, returning via Packwood House.

Refreshments: There are several pubs along the route.

Parking: There is on-street parking in nearby side roads and a service road. Please do not park in spaces used by visitors to open shops.

The Route

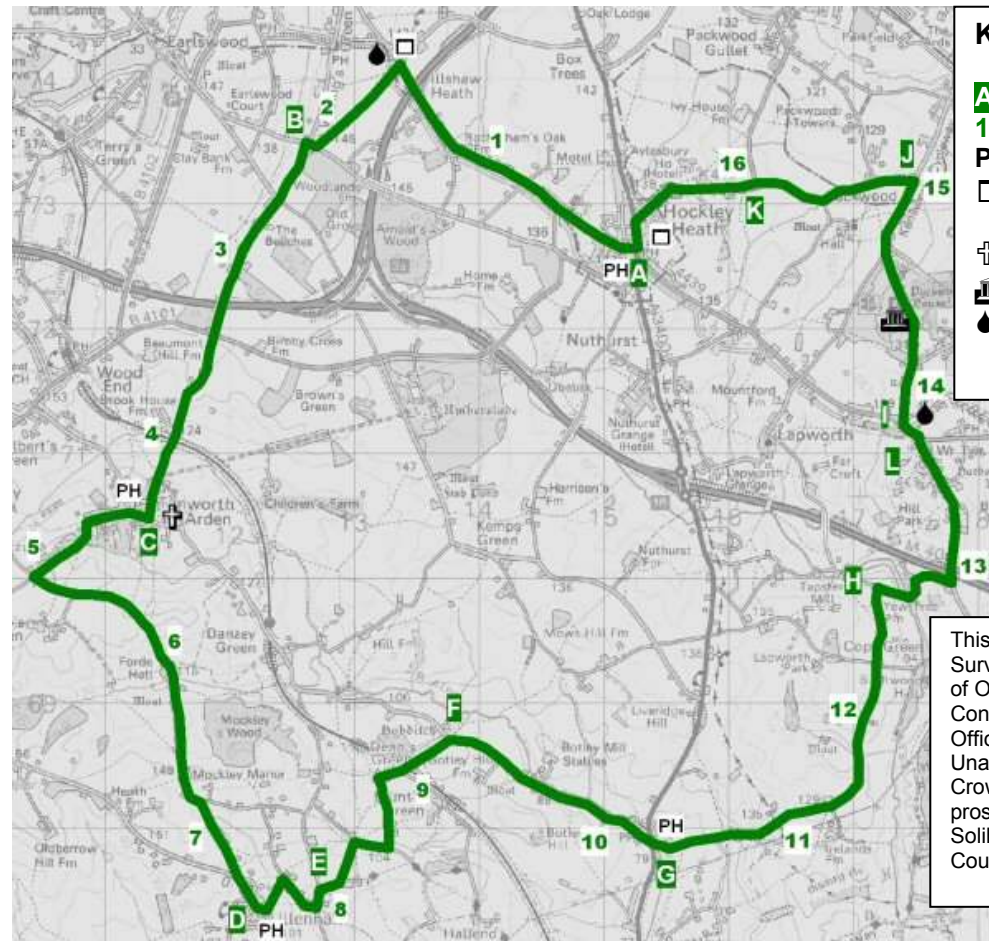
A From outside the post office go right into School Road. Follow this road for 1.5 miles, passing under the motorway. At the crossroads in Illshaw Heath turn left (next to the bakery) into Dyers Lane, going over the Stratford Canal on a narrow bridge.

B At the end of the lane turn right and then first left towards Tanworth. Follow this lane for 1 mile, passing over the motorway. At the crossroads with the B4101, go straight on into Tom Hill.

C Follow the signs to Tanworth village centre, turning right by the church. Take the first left into Bates Lane. At the next crossroads turn left into Forde Hall Lane towards Ullenhall. Follow this road for 2.5 miles. At the end turn left into Ullenhall Street towards Henley.

D Next to the Winged Spur pub turn left and then immediately left again at the 'give way'. At the end of the lane turn right into Perry Mill Lane. After 200 yards turn left towards Blunts Green.

E Turn first right down Chapel Lane towards Blunts Green. Follow this winding lane to the next junction. Turn right, eventually passing under a low railway bridge. Follow this lane to the end.



Key to Map

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

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F Turn right towards Henley and follow the road for 1 mile, eventually reaching the A3400.

G Go straight across the A3400, by the Bird in Hand pub, into Camp Lane. Follow this winding road for about two miles, eventually reaching a staggered crossroads with another lane. Go straight across into Tapster Lane.

H At the end of the lane turn right by Yew Tree Farm. After crossing the Tapster Brook there is a short steep climb next to the motorway. At the end of the lane turn left, crossing the M40,

and follow this road to the end. On reaching the B4439 turn left towards Hockley Heath.

I After 200 yards, turn first right (with care) towards Packwood House. Continue towards Packwood House, bearing left at the next junction.

J After passing Packwood House take the second turning left down Vicarage Road towards Hockley Heath. Follow this lane until the end where it joins the B4101 on a sharp bend. Turn left towards Hockley Heath. On reaching the Stratford Road the starting point is 200 yards to your left.