

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:

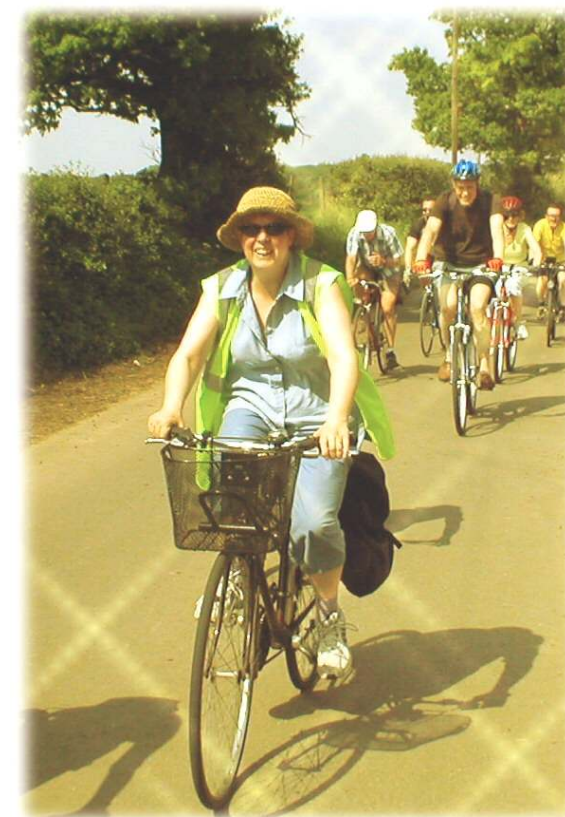
www.cyclesolihull.org.uk

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

Route S5

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



Meriden to Eaves Green & Maxstoke (4, 7 or 10 miles)

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

Route S5 Meriden to Eaves Green & Maxstoke

Distance 4 miles (20-30 mins), 7 miles (35-45 mins) or 10 miles (50-65 mins).

Start: Meriden Green (with the village cross marking the 'Centre of England') SP239823.

Parking: On-street around The Green

Route Summary: An undulating route using mostly quiet country lanes, passing through Eaves Green, Kinwalsey (John Wesley Oak), and Maxstoke (Priory Ruins). There are two shorter versions of this route.

Refreshments: Apart from the facilities in Meriden there are no shops, cafes or pubs on the routes.

The Routes

A With the roundabout on your right, leave the Green left on to Main Road towards Coventry.

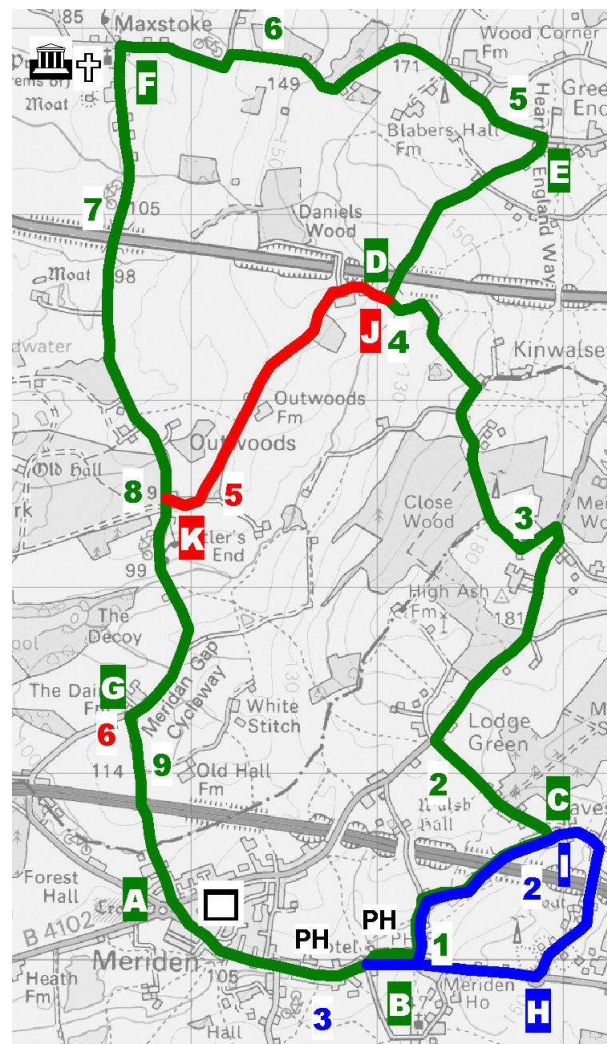
To continue with the shortest route (blue line)

H On reaching the roundabout at the top of the hill turn left into Showell Lane towards Coventry. Cross over the A45 bridge into Eaves Green.

I Bear left into Eaves Green Lane, passing under the A45. Turn left at the next junction then right into Old Lane. At the main road turn right, with care, to return to the Green.

To continue with the main route (green line)

B After 0.7 miles bear left onto Old Road and



after passing the Queens Head pub, turn left into Eaves Green Lane towards Eaves Green soon passing under the A45.

C Turn next left into Lodge Green Lane. At the end of the lane turn right with care onto the B4102. After one mile turn left into Kinwalsey Lane. Follow this bendy lane for about one mile, passing the John Wesley Oak on the right. Here a plaque marks the stump of a large tree where the founder of

Key to Map

- A** Reference point
- 1, 2, 3** Mileage from start, blue and red numbers indicate by the shorter routes
- PH** Public House
- Shop selling drinks, sweets etc
- Historic church
- Historic building

Doing the shorter rides?

Follow the blue route for a short ride that visits Eaves Green. Use the red route to shorten the main route by 3.5 miles.

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To continue with the shorter route (red line)

J At the turning to Green End go straight on, turning left to rejoin the main route at point **K** opposite the entrance to Packington Park). Continue for 0.8 miles to rejoin the main route at point **G**.

To continue the main route (green line)

D At the sign to Green End turn right to pass under the motorway bridge

E At the end of the lane turn left following signs to Maxstoke.

F In 1.75 miles turn left by Maxstoke Church and the Priory ruins into Maxstoke Lane. Go under the M6, passing the Forest of Arden Country Club and Packington Park.

G Bear left at the junction with Shepherds Lane and follow the road which will take you across the A45 on a new bridge. At the new roundabout turn left back into Meriden and The Green.

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