

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

The **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 other people on one of the regular **Community Cycle Rides**.

## CycletoSolihull Day



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. For details of this year's event go to:

[www.cycletosolihullday.org.uk](http://www.cycletosolihullday.org.uk)

This is one of a series of cycle ride leaflets produced by **Cyclesolihull** which is a voluntary organisation which aims to encourage people in the Solihull area to cycle more. Cyclesolihull organises free community rides, publicises routes and provides information about cycling.

## 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 typically attract between 10 and 30 riders. To get involved, just turn up and ride!

**Sunday Cycle Rides** take place most Sunday afternoons at 2 pm throughout the summer\* starting from one of a number of different starting points. "S" (short) routes are about 10 miles long, "M" (medium) routes about 15 miles long and "L" (long) routes about 20 miles long. On the second Sunday of the month\* there is a 5 mile **Taster Ride**. This is an opportunity to try a Cyclesolihull ride without going very far and is an ideal introduction to the rides, especially for new cyclists and children.

**Saturday Stretcher Rides** take place twice-monthly\* on Saturdays, starting at 9.30 am from one of 6 different starting points. They are 20 to 35 miles long and do not follow a fixed route, so are suitable for more experienced cyclists.

**Evening Explorer Rides** are on a midweek evening from mid-May to early August starting at 7 pm from one of 12 different starting points. They follow the shorter "S" routes so are about 10 miles long.

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

For details of the current programme go to:

[www.cyclesolihull.org.uk](http://www.cyclesolihull.org.uk)

or pick up a copy of the **Cyclesolihull 'Ride Together'** leaflet on one of the rides.

\* There is a reduced programme rides from November to February with Sunday rides starting at 1.30 pm.



**M11** medium route from  
**Hockley Heath**

# CycleSolihull

*Explore your borough by bike*



**17 miles via Ullenhall, Henley & Lawsonford**

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

## Route M11 Hockley Heath to Ullenhall & Henley

**Distance:** 17 miles (100-130 mins). **Start:** Hockley Heath Post Office B94 6QT SP153727

**Route Summary:** A varied ride to historic Henley, with the option of a section on the Stratford Canal towpath. There is a short length on the busier but still reasonably quiet A4189 at Henley.

**Refreshments:** There are pubs in Ullenhall and Lowsonford plus a full range of facilities in Henley.

**Parking:** There is on-street parking in nearby side roads. Please do not park in spaces provided for shoppers.

### The Route

**A** From outside the post office go R down **School Rd** and after 0.5 miles turn L into **Saddlers Well Lane**. Cross the **Stratford Canal** and at the end of the lane turn L and then immediately R onto the **B4101** towards **Tanworth**.

**B** Immediately before the motorway, turn L down **Spring Lane**. Go up the steep hill, past the **obelisk** and at the end of the lane turn R. Follow the lane over the motorway.

**C** At the end of the lane turn R towards **Kemps Green**. Pass **Mow Hill Lane** on the L and after 300 yards turn L down **Pig Trot Lane** towards **Danzey Green**.

**D** At the end of the lane turn L into **Danzey Green Lane** towards **Ullenhall**. Take the next R, again towards **Ullenhall**, going under the railway. Go next R down **Gentlemens Lane** and next L turn into **Perry Mill Lane**.

**E** For the *Winged Spur* pub (250 yards) go next R down **Watery Lane** and at the end of the lane turn right and then right again at the *War Memorial*. Otherwise continue SO along **Perry Mill Lane**. At the end turn R to Henley.

**F** At the end turn L to Henley. After 0.8 miles turn L onto the **A4189**, eventually passing under the railway.

**G** For a quiet route into Henley, turn first L into **Brook End Drive**. Turn next R by the green and then L into the access road to the garages. Join the narrow path on the R and go through the gap on the R (NOT into Milking Lane) which leads to a residential road (School Lane). Follow this road down to the Henley Ice Cream shop and tearoom.

Otherwise continue along the A4189. At the traffic signals turn L into the High St. There are many shops and pubs

including the Henley Ice Cream shop 300 yards on the left.

**H** Continue, going down the side of **St John's Church** 200 yards further up the High Street. Pass **St Nicholas' Church** on the L and follow the road around to the R into **Alne Close**. At the end of the road use the short footpath link SO to reach another residential road. Follow this, eventually going around to the L. At the end of **Riverside Gardens** turn R. At the end of **Meadow Rd** turn R again.

**I** At the main road (A4189) turn L. There is a short steep hill

(**Blackford Hill**). Take the next turn L into **Edge Lane** towards **Kites Green**. Follow this winding lane for 2.5 miles to **Lowsonford**, ignoring all the side roads.

**J** At the end of the lane turn L towards **Rowington**. The **Fleur de Lys** pub ahead on the R. Follow the road, eventually crossing the motorway.

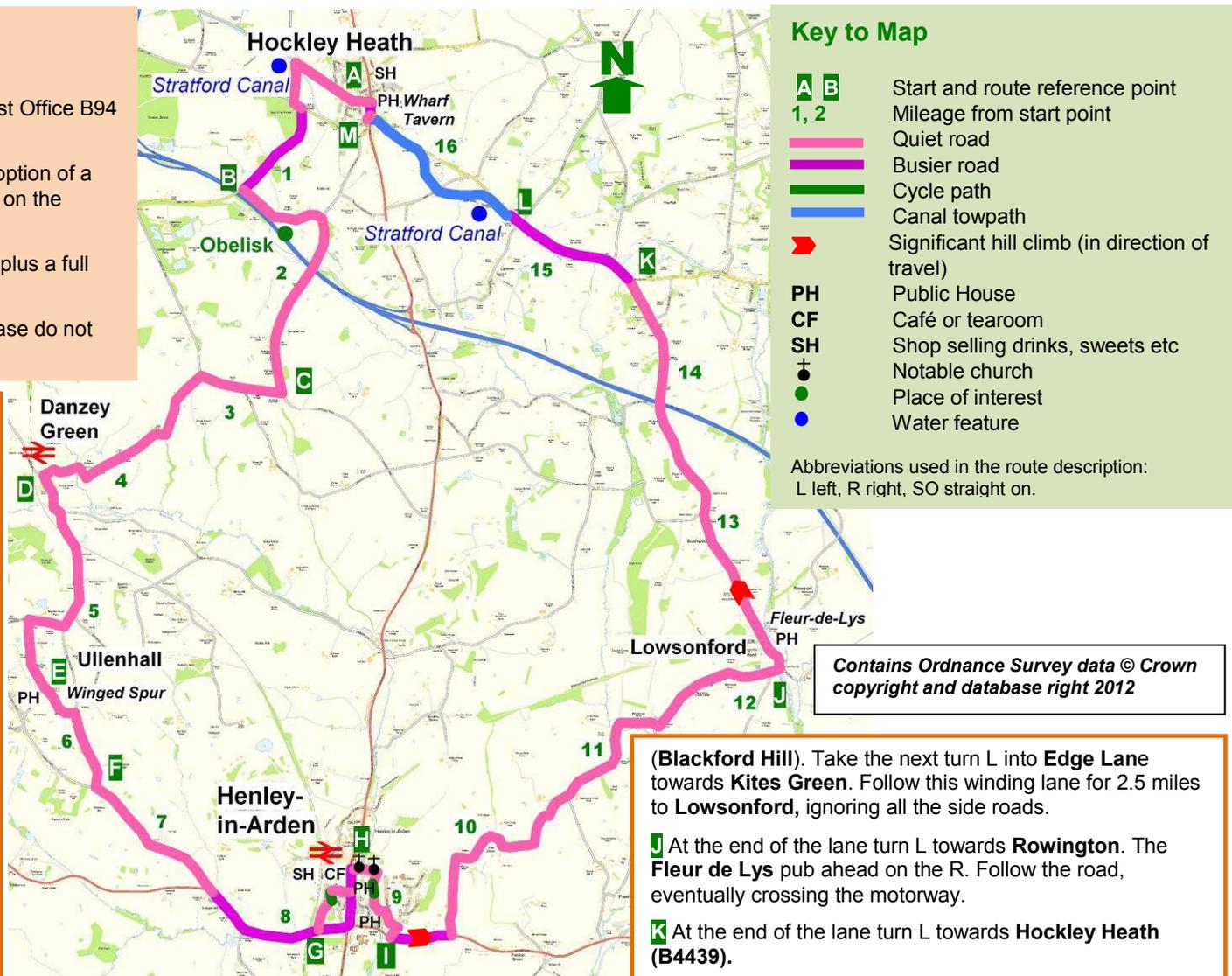
**K** At the end of the lane turn L towards **Hockley Heath (B4439)**.

**L** After 0.5 miles there is a crossroads. Go SO and, after 50 yards, turn L onto the **Stratford Canal** towpath. Turn R (canal on L).

**M** After 1 mile, go under bridge 25 and then R into the car park behind the **Wharf Tavern**. At the main road turn L and the post office is a short distance on the L.

### Alternative road route avoiding canal towpath

From **L** continue along the road for 1 mile. On reaching the **A3400**, turn R. The post office is on the L.



### Key to Map

- A B** Start and route reference point
- 1, 2** Mileage from start point
- Quiet road
- Busier road
- Cycle path
- Canal towpath
- ➔ Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)
- PH** Public House
- CF** Café or tearoom
- SH** Shop selling drinks, sweets etc
- +** Notable church
- Place of interest
- Water feature

Abbreviations used in the route description:  
L left, R right, SO straight on.

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