

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

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 25 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

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.



M9

medium route from
Cheswick Green

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**17 miles via Earlswood,
Tanworth & Ullenhall**

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

Route M9 Cheswick Green to Ullenhall & Tanworth

Distance: 17 miles (100-130 mins). **Start:** Cheswick Green Village Shops B90 4JA, SP127756

Route Summary: A varied ride, mainly on very quiet roads, going between the lakes at Earlswood en-route to Tanworth and Ullenhall.

Refreshments: There are several pubs on the route and a general store approaching Earlswood Lakes. The bakery at Ilshaw Heath also sells drinks and fruit.

Parking: There is ample parking at the shops in Cheswick Green.

The Route

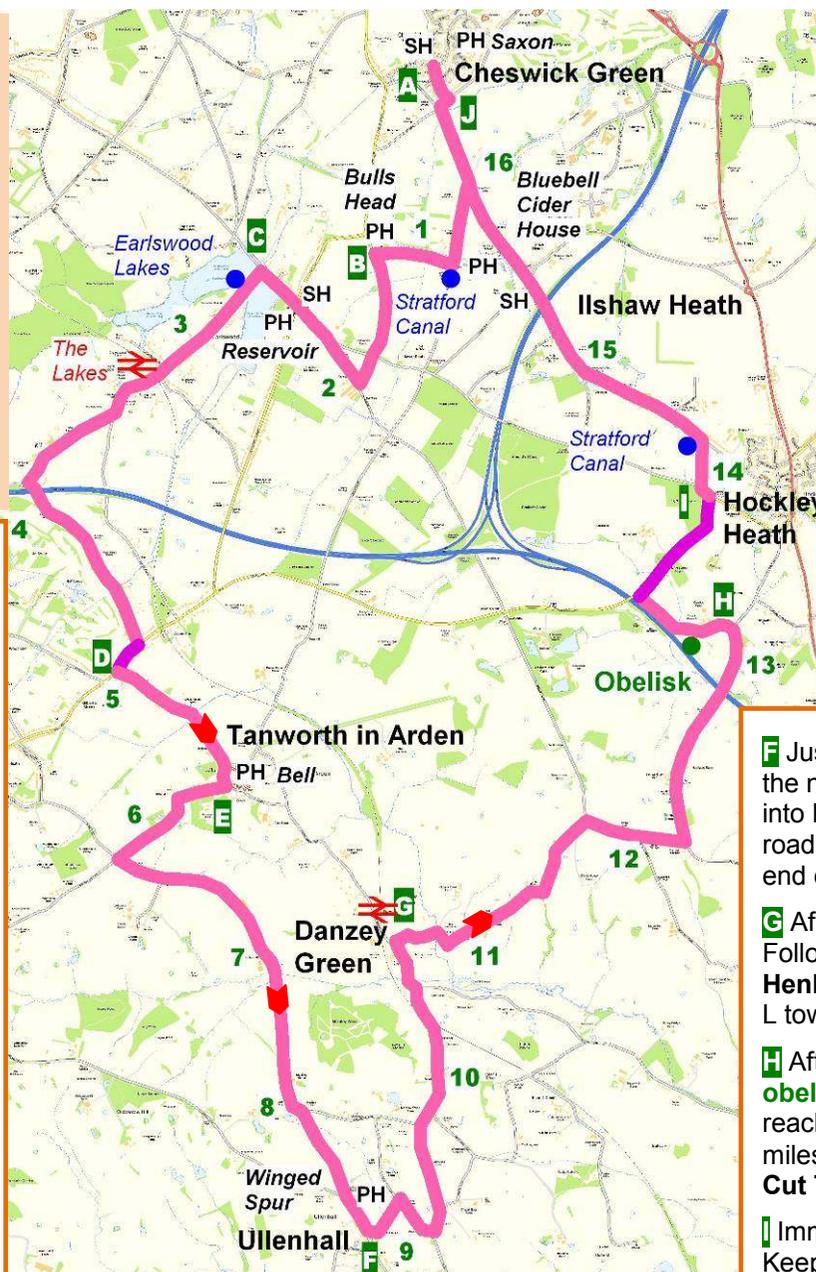
A From outside the shops turn R. At the end of the road turn R into **Creynolds Lane** and at the crossroads L into **Ilshaw Heath Rd**. At the next junction follow the road, bearing R into **Waring Greens Rd**. Cross the **Stratford Canal** and turn immediately R (by the **Blue Bell Cider House**) into **Lime Kiln Lane**.

B At the end of the lane turn L by the **Bull's Head**. Go SO at the next crossroads and turn R at the end of the lane. Cross the **B4102** near the **Reservoir** pub and then immediately bear L onto the narrow road along the reservoir dam.

C Turn L to join the road passing between the two lakes and follow this road, passing **The Lakes rail station**, for 1.5 miles. At the end turn L over the motorway and continue until you reach the **B4101**.

D Turn R towards **Tanworth** and follow the B road for 200 yards before turning next L towards **Tanworth**.

E Approaching the village turn R into **Bates Lane**, towards **Ullenhall**. At the next crossroads turn L into **Forde Hall Lane**. Follow the road for 2.5 miles. At the end of the road turn L into **Ullenhall Street** and follow the road into **Ullenhall** village.



Key to Map

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

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

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F Just beyond the **Winged Spur** pub turn L. Turn L at the next 'Give Way' and at the end of the lane turn R into **Perry Mill Lane**. After 200 yards turn L. Follow this road for 1 mile, passing under the railway, and at the end of the lane turn L into **Danzey Green Lane**.

G After 400 yards turn first R into **Pig Trot Lane**. Follow this lane for a mile until the end. Turn R towards **Henley**. Ignore the turning on the R and then turn first L towards **Hockley Heath**.

H After crossing the motorway go first L. Pass the **obelisk** (once linked to Umberslade Hall) and on reaching the **B4101** turn R into **Spring Lane**. After 0.5 miles, as the road bends sharply to the R, turn L into **Cut Throat Lane**.

I Immediately turn R and at the end of the lane turn L. Keep going SO under the motorway. At the crossroads by the bakery go SO into **Ilshaw Heath Rd**. At the end of the lane bear R to continue on **Ilshaw Heath Rd**.

J At the crossroads turn R to **Cheswick Green** and first L to return to **Cheswick Green** village centre.