

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.



S9

short route from
Cheswick Green

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**10 miles via Ilshaw Heath,
Danzey Green & Tanworth**

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

Route S9

Cheswick Green to Ilshaw Heath, Danzey Green & Tanworth-in-Arden,

Distance: 10 miles (60-80 mins). **Start:** Cheswick Green village shops B90 4JA, SP127756.

Route Summary: A very rural ride from suburban Cheswick Green via quiet lanes to Tanworth-in-Arden village.

Refreshments: There is a pub in Tanworth and near to the end of the ride alongside the Stratford Canal. Wedges bakery at Ilshaw Heath also sells drinks.

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

The Route

A From the shops turn R. At the end of **Cheswick Way** turn R into **Creynolds Lane**. At the crossroads turn L towards **Ilshaw Heath**.

B After 0.3 miles turn L towards **Ilshaw Heath**. Go SO at the next junction and SO at the crossroads towards **Hockley Heath**, passing the bakery and eventually going under the motorway.

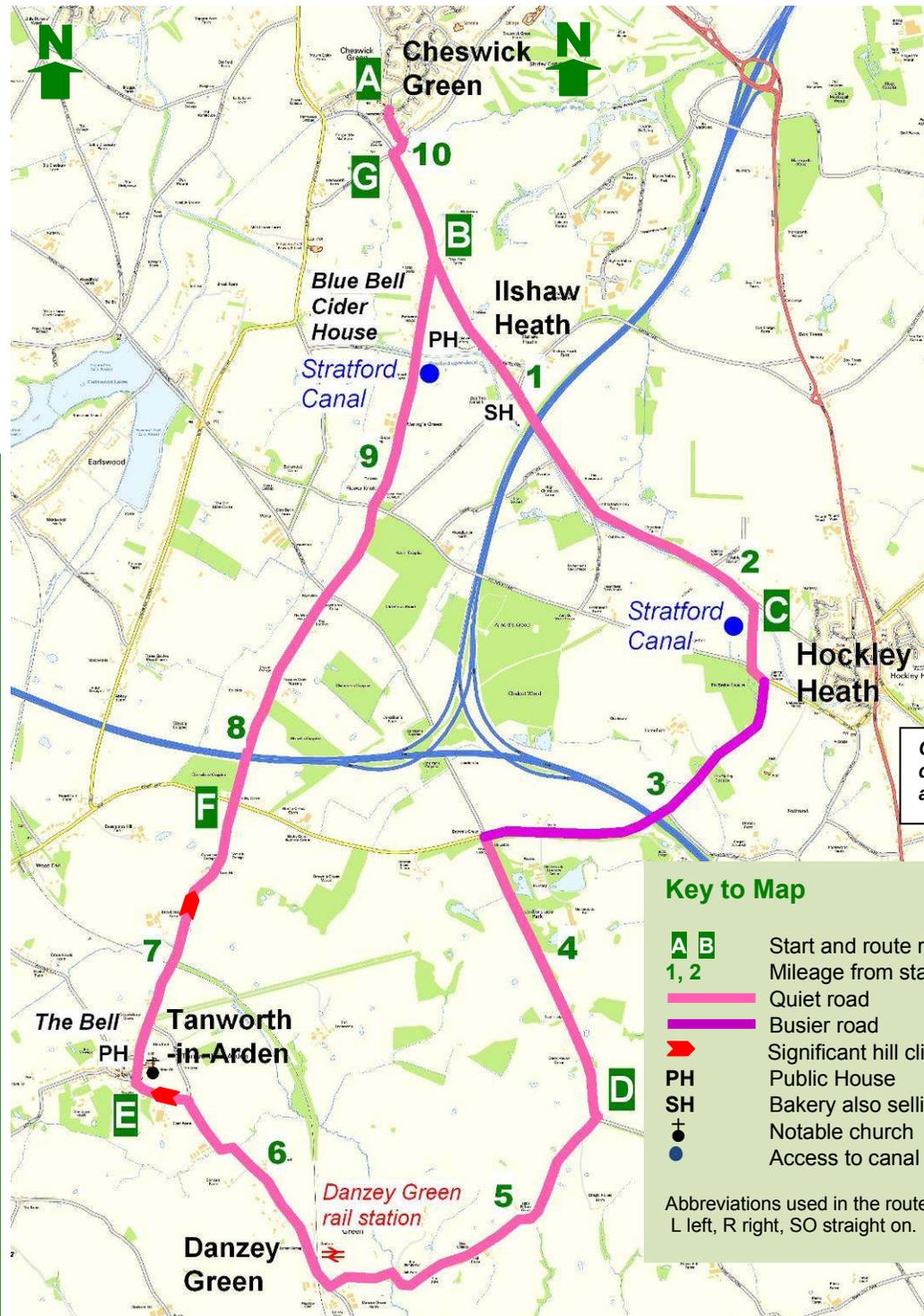
C After a further mile turn R into **Sadlerswell Lane**, crossing over the **Stratford Canal**. At the end turn L and then immediately R onto the **B4101** towards **Tanworth**. Cross over the motorway and turn next L into **Umberslade Road** towards **Kemps Green**.

D After 1.25 miles turn R into **Pigtrot Lane** towards **Danzey Green**. Follow the narrow winding road to the end. Turn R towards **Tanworth**, continuing SO up the steep hill to the church in the village centre.

E Turn R at the church and go down the hill, passing under the railway. There follows a steep climb up **Tom Hill**.

F Go SO across the **B4101** into **Tithe Barn Lane**. Go SO for 1.5 miles, going over the motorway and eventually crossing the **Stratford Canal** at the **Blue Bell Cider House**. Continue SO for 0.5 miles.

G Turn R at the crossroads into **Creynolds Lane**. Turn first L to return to **Cheswick Green** shops.



To cycle this route, memorise the instructions between each green reference point, relating the turns to the map. The place and road names in **bold** appear on signs along the route.

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