

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 Programme** on one of the rides.

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



L11

long route from
Hockley Heath

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



**21 miles via Tanworth,
Lowsonford & Packwood**

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

Route L11 Hockley Heath to Tanworth and Lowsonford

Distance: 21 miles (125 to 160 mins)

Start: Hockley Heath Post Office on Stratford Road B94 6QT, SP153727.

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.

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

Refreshments: There are several pubs along the route.

The Route

A From outside the post office go immediately R into **School Road**. Follow this road for about 1 mile and turn L into narrow Rotherhams Oak Lane passing over the **Stratford Canal**. At the end of the lane turn R eventually passing under the motorway

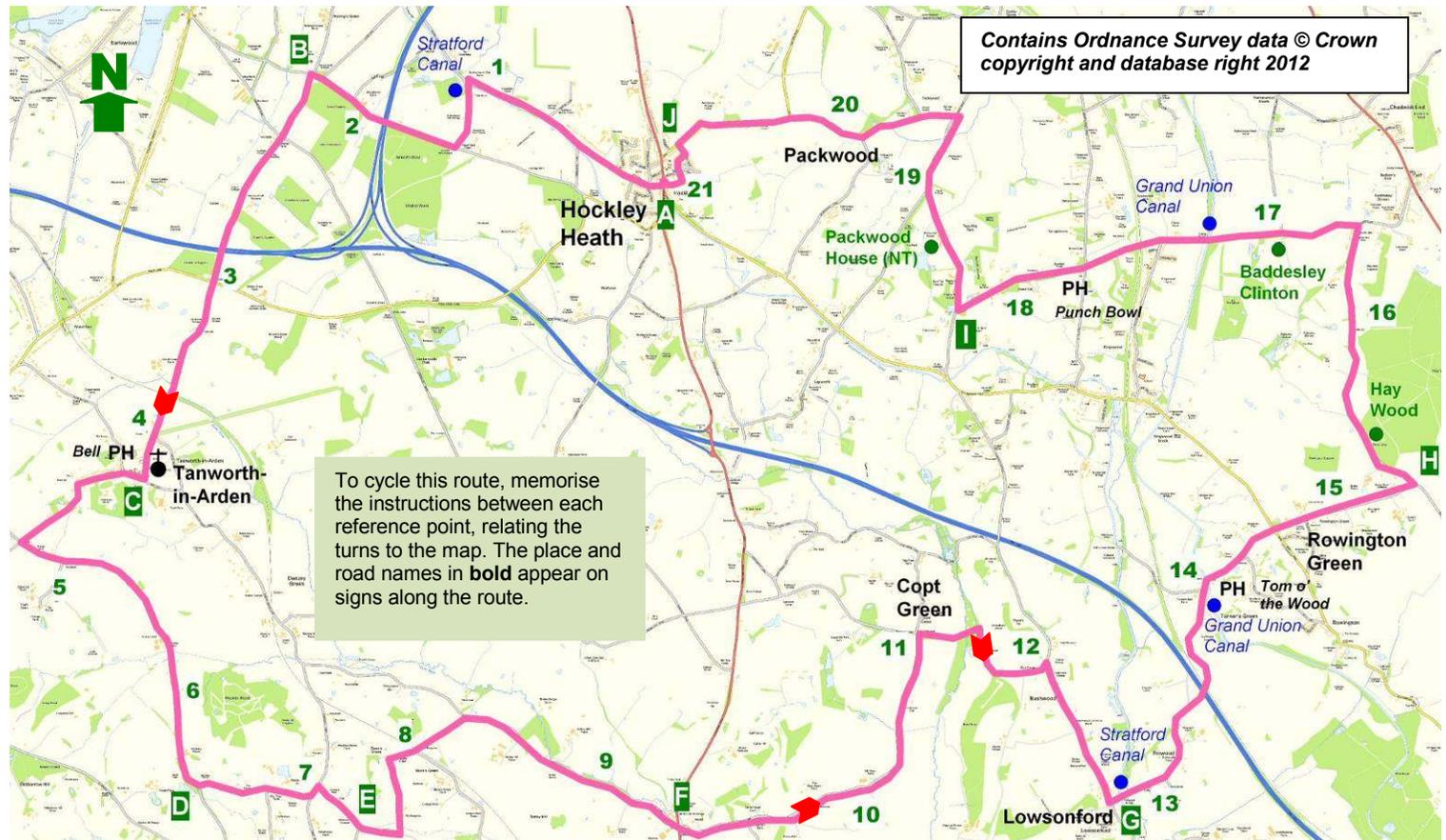
B At the crossroads turn L towards **Tanworth**. Continue SO, eventually passing over the motorway. At the crossroads with the **B4101**, go SO into **Tom Hill**.

C Follow the signs to **Tanworth** village centre, turning R by the church. Take the first L into **Bates Lane**. At the next crossroads turn L into **Forde Hall Lane** towards **Ullenhall**. Follow this road for 1.5 miles

D Turn first L into **Gentlemans Lane**. Follow the lane towards **Danzey Green** and at the end turn L and then immediately R into a narrow lane.

E At the next junction bear L and follow the winding road, eventually passing under a railway. Follow this lane to the end. Turn R towards **Henley** and follow the road for 1 mile, eventually reaching the **A3400**.

F Go SO at the **A3400**, by the **Finest Catch** fish restaurant, into **Camp Lane**. Follow this hilly winding road for about two miles, eventually reaching a staggered crossroads with another lane. Go R into **Bushwood Lane**. At the end of the lane



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turn R towards **Lowsonford**.

G In **Lowsonford** turn first L to **Rowington**, passing over the **Stratford Canal**, motorway and railway. Continue over the **Grand Union Canal**, passing **Tom o' the Wood** pub. At the **B4439** go SO.

H At the end of the lane turn L towards **Chadwick End**. Continue SO for 1.25 miles passing **Hay Wood**. At the next turn L to Lapworth. Go SO for nearly 2 miles, passing **Baddesley Clinton (NT)** and the **Punch Bowl** pub.

I Turn next R towards **Packwood House (NT)**. After passing the historic house take the second turning L down **Vicarage Road** towards **Hockley Heath**. Follow this lane until the end where it joins the **B4101** on a sharp bend. **J** Approaching the village turn L in to **Park View** and first R into **Meadow Close**. Just before the end turn R and go past the bollards to the path which leads to the service road opposite the start point.

Key to Map

A B	Start and route reference point
1, 2	Mileage from start point
	Quiet road
	Busier road
	Cycle path
	Significant hill climb (in direction of travel)
PH/CF	Public House/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.