

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.



L2

long route from
Knowle

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



21 miles via Beusale, Hatton & Little Shrewley

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

Route L2 Knowle to Beausale and Hatton

Distance: 21 miles (120-160 minutes). **Start:** Knowle Parish Church in the centre of the village B93 OLN SP183767.

Route Summary: A pleasant ride along quiet lanes with the chance to visit **Hatton Country World**. There is a short section on the busier A4177 near Honiley.

Refreshments: In addition to shops and cafes in Knowle, there is a cafe in Hatton Shopping Village next to Hatton Country World.

Parking: There is a free car park behind the church (the vehicle entrance is at other end of the High Street next to the Greswolde pub).

The Route

A From outside **Knowle Parish Church** go L down **Kenilworth Road**. Cross over the **Grand Union Canal** and after 0.5 miles turn second R into **Cuttle Pool Lane**.

B At the end of the lane turn R into **Chadwick Lane** and bear next L into **Old Green Lane**. At the next junction go SO towards the ford.

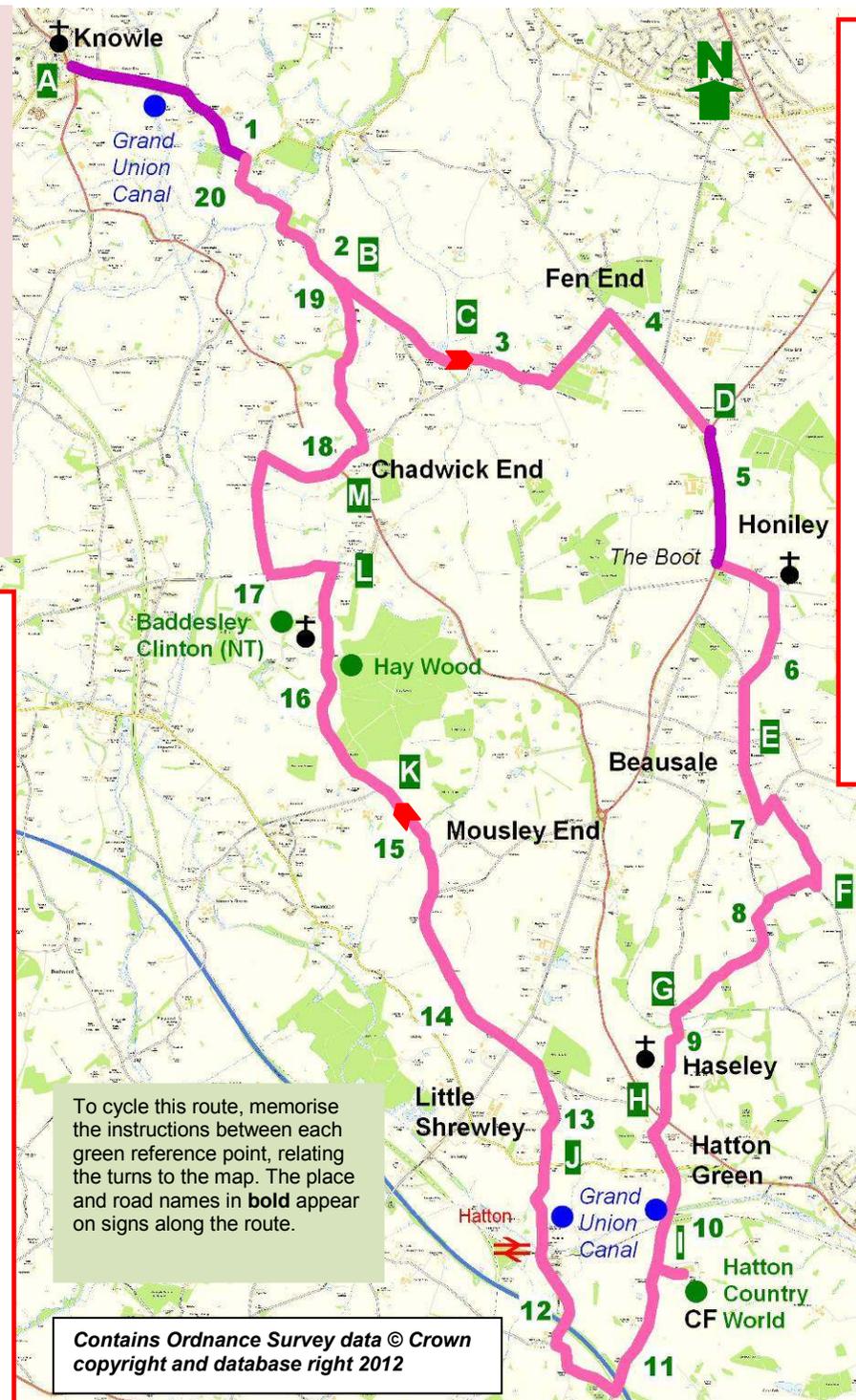
C At the end of the lane turn L into **Oldwych Lane**. Follow the road to the crossroads and turn R towards **Honiley**.

D At the end of the lane turn R on to the **A4177** (caution this is a busier road). After 0.75 miles turn L into the narrow lane opposite **The Boot** restaurant. Follow the lane around to the R, passing **Honiley Church** in the distance. At the end of the lane turn L.

E At the crossroads in **Beausale** go SO towards **Warwick**. At the end of the road turn L and then first R into a narrow lane.

F After 0.5 miles turn first R and at the end of this lane turn L in **Beausale Lane**. After 0.25 miles turn first R.

G At the next junction follow the road L past



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Haseley Mill. Continue past **Haseley Church** to reach the **A4177**.

H At the **A4177** go SO towards **Hatton Green**. At the next crossroads go SO again towards **Norton Lindsey**. Cross the **Grand Union Canal** and turn first L to visit **Hatton Shopping Village & Country World**.

I Leaving **Hatton Country World** turn L. After 0.6 miles go over the motorway and turn immediately R towards **Pinley**. Turn next R towards **Hatton rail station**, passing over the motorway, railway and canal.

J At the **B4439** go SO towards **Little Shrewley**. At the end of **Mill Lane** go L towards **Mousley End**, going SO at the next crossroads. Follow the narrow lane for 1.5 miles, heading towards **Chadwick End**.

K Ignore the next left turn and go SO towards **Chadwick End**, passing **Hay Wood**.

L At the end of the lane go L towards **Lapworth** and then first R opposite **Baddesley Clinton (National Trust)**. After 0.6 miles turn R into **Netherwood Lane**.

M Go SO at the **A4141** into **Oldwych Lane West** and then first L towards **Temple Balsall**. Follow the lane for 1 mile. Turn first L towards **Knowle**, retracing your outward route by turning L on reaching the **B4101**.

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.