

Cyclesolihull South Circular Route

The Cyclesolihull South Circular Route (SCR) is a new route for 2023. It can be started at any point but passes four established Cyclesolihull route and ride start points which are convenient points to join the route:

- **Brueton Park** car park, Warwick Rd B91 3HW
- **Monkspath** Shelly Farm shops B90 4EH
- **Cheswick Green** shops B90 4JA
- **Bentley Heath Park** car park, Widney Rd B93 9BQ

The SCR uses a mixture of traffic-free paths and quiet roads. The 12 mile long route will take about 90 minutes to cycle but there are a number of cafes and pubs along the routes to take a breather! If you want to ride further the SCR links to many other Cyclesolihull routes.

You can cycle the route alone, with family and friends, or join other people on one of the Cyclesolihull ride along the route this summer.

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

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Cyclesolihull Rides

Cyclesolihull offers regular opportunities to join with others to ride many of the routes in this series of leaflets. The rides are organised by volunteers and typically attract between 10 and 20 riders. To get involved, just turn up and ride!

Sunday Cycle Rides take place most Sunday afternoons at 2 pm from April to September and at 1.30 pm from October to March. One of the routes will be followed with a mixture of route lengths being ridden during each month. In autumn and winter there are more shorter rides to reflect the reduced daylight hours. One Sunday each month in spring and summer the ride 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 children and new cyclists.

Evening Explorer Rides are on a midweek evening from early May to mid-August starting at 7 pm. These rides all follow the shorter "S" routes so are about 10 miles long.

Saturday Stretcher Rides take place weekly on most Saturdays, starting at 9.30 am. They are about 30 long, are at a faster pace and do not follow a fixed route, so are suitable for more experienced cyclists.

All Cyclesolihull rides have a refreshment stop for 20 to 30 minutes. We recommend you bring your own refreshments on our rides but where possible the stop is at a pub or café.

For ride dates, routes and starting points download the current Ride Programme from:

www.cyclesolihull.org.uk



SCR

A circular ride through south Solihull

CycleSolihull

Explore your borough by bike



A 12 mile circular ride with starting points at Malvern Park, Monkspath, Cheswick Green & Bentley Heath

Have fun and get fit exploring your local area with this self-guided cycle ride using cycle paths and quiet roads. This guide contains a map and detailed directions to enable you to easily follow the route.

Southern Circular Route (SCR)

How to Use this Guide

To cycle the 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.

The route instructions describe the entire route going anti-clockwise from Brueton Park. The tinted boxes contain additional instructions for the three other starting points which are slightly off the main route. *The return routes to these start points are described in italics.*

Starting at Brueton Park (car park)

A Take the main cycle path through **Brueton Park** passing the **Parkridge Centre**. At the path junction by the tennis courts go L. Follow the path, crossing a narrow bridge, to reach the access road into the **Solihull Sixth Form College**. Turn R.

B At the main road turn R and after 100 yards turn L into **Hillfield Rd**, passing under the railway. Follow this closed road (which becomes **Fielding Lane**), going SO across two residential roads. At the end of the path turn R into Libbards Way, eventually reaching a roundabout.

C Follow the cycle path across two arms of the roundabout and go L passing the **Fieldhouse** pub. Follow the roadside cycle path for 0.5 miles. Cross the road at the second toucan crossing. Turn R to crossing and turn R.

Starting at Monkspath (shops)

From the car park join the cycle path which passes the cycle stands. Follow this path turning L at the end and bearing R at the next path. *Return via the first toucan following the signposted route to Shelly Farm Shops.*

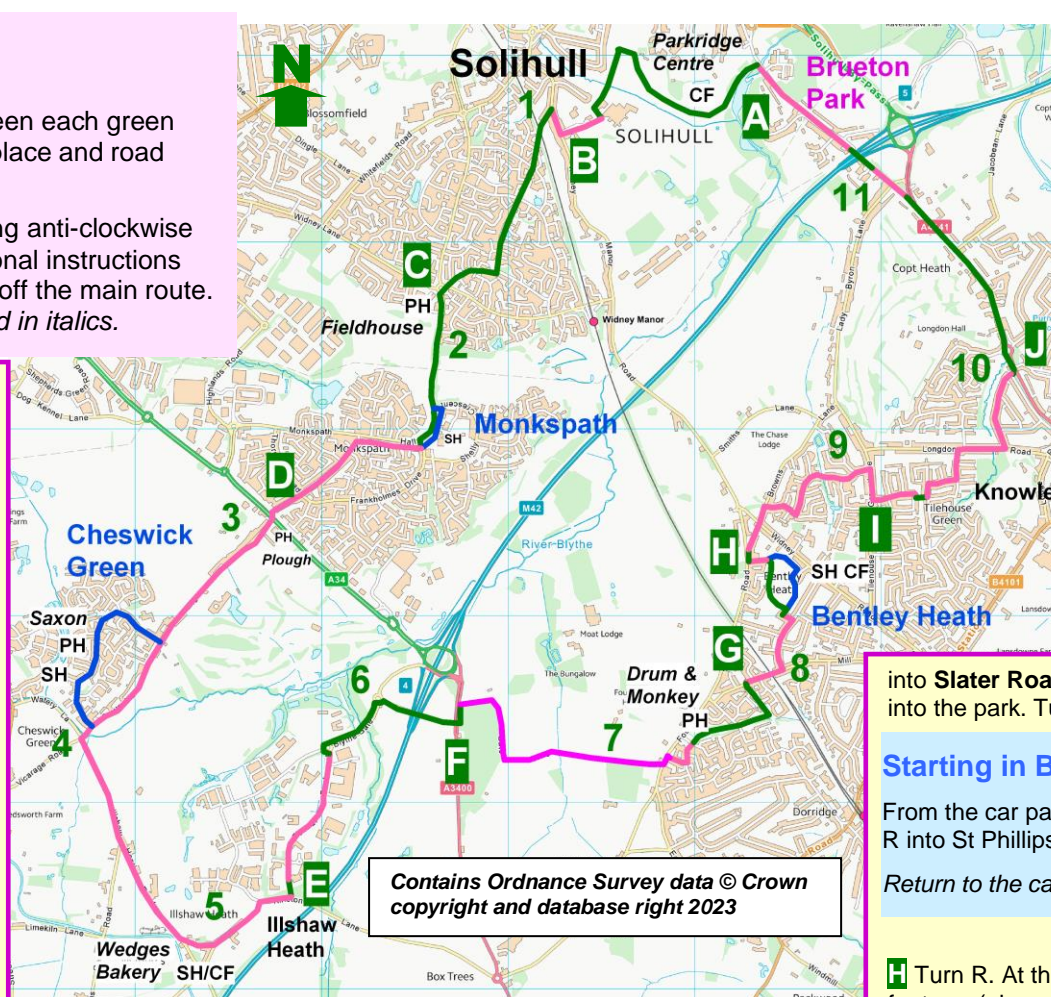
Cross **Frankhomes Drive** and follow the signposted cycle route. At the end of **Hay Lane** turn L. At the crossroads follow the cycle route SO, eventually reaching the busy Stratford Road.

D Cross via the toucan crossing into **Creynolds Lane** opposite, passing **The Plough** pub. Go SO for 1 mile.

Starting at Cheswick Green (shops)

From outside the shops turn R. At the end of the road turn R into **Creynolds Lane**.

Return by turning first R on Creynolds Lane into Cheswick Way. Follow this road back to the shops.



Key to Map

- A/B** Start and route reference point
- 1, 2** Mileage from start point
- Quiet road
- Busier road
- Cycle path or lane

- PH/CF** Public House/café or tearoom
- SH** Shop selling drinks, sweets etc

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

into **Slater Road**. Turn 3rd L into **Redhouse Close** and go into the park. Turn L onto the narrower park path.

Starting in Bentley Heath Park (car park)

From the car park take the path past the playground and turn R into St Phillips Grove.

Return to the car park via the wide path through the park.

H Turn R. At the main road turn R for a few yards on the footway (please dismount) to enter the stub of **Browns Lane**. Go SO at the crossroads and first R into **Moorfield Ave**. Turn 2nd L into **Willowbank Rd** and follow the road to the end.

Turn R (CAUTION busier road!) and first L into **Hallcroft Way**. Where the road goes R go SO onto the narrow path between the houses (be prepared to dismount). At the end go R and first L into **Landor Rd**. Turn R at the end and go SO to reach the main road.

I Turn R and, after 300 yards, L into **Newton Rd**. At the end join the short path to the main road and turn L along the cycle lane.

J After 0.6 miles turn L onto a cycle path (signed to **Solihull town centre**). Go SO at the crossroads and at the end SO up the ramp and across the M42 pedestrian bridge (dismount if necessary). Turn R and go SO for 0.5 miles to return to the start point.

At the crossroads turn L towards **Illshaw Heath**. Bear L at the next junction and at the end of the one-way section turn L. At the next junction turn R.

E After 200 yard turn L on to the path leading into **Blythe Valley (Business) Park**. Go SO along the road. Approaching the second roundabout use the path on the L to cross the L arm of the roundabout and join the wide cycle path on the far side of the roundabout, going R. After the next roundabout cross the entry and exit roads to join the cycle path alongside the exit road.

F At the end, cross Stratford Rd at the signals and turn L along the path and immediately R into **Gate Lane**. Follow the lane for 0.8 miles and at the end cross into the entrance turn left for a short distance along the footway (please dismount) and go right into **Denton Croft**. At the end turn L and at the end of **Pembridge Rd** go SO onto the path through the open space. Go SO at the road crossing and at the next path junction go L onto **Conker Lane**.

G At the end turn R into Mill Lane. Cross the level crossing and turn L