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Wellesbourne's very own road cycling group began life in early 2015 and became an official club in January 2016. The club meets outside The Stag's Head at 10.30am on Thursday mornings, but as the club develops there is scope to extend this to include weekend rides and a ladies section. Weekly rides are of varying distance and include a stop for lunch. Participation averages around eight to ten people and the rides have often been a figure of eight type route with lunch taken at the Stag's Head where a buffet is organised in advance (probably not what Team Sky's dieticians would recommend, but it seems to go down very well with the group!).

Alternatively a variety of other lunch venues are used at the approximate half way point of the ride. There is also group participation in local 'sportive' rides and events. For further information about taking part and a list of local cycle shops,



Other Cycle Clubs; Organisations; **Organised Rides: Cycle Hire**

- The Cyclists' Touring Club or CTC www.ctc.org.uk
- British Cycling www.britishcycling.org.uk
- GoSkyRide www.goskyride.com
- Breeze bike rides for women (British Cycling) www.goskyride. com/Breeze
- Stratford Cycling Club www.stratfordcyclingclub.co.uk
- Kenilworth Wheelers (based at Warwick) www. kenilworthwheelers.co.uk
- Sustrans www.sustrans.org.uk
- Shakespeare Hospice www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk/
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- Napton Cycle Ride (annual festival) www.facebook.com/ NaptonCycleRide
- Ride and Stride for Churches www.rideandstride.org.uk/ counties/warwickshire
- Stratford Bike Hire (The Greenway) www.stratfordbikehire.com
- Stratford cycle hire www.traditionalcycleshop.co.uk/bike-hire
- Kineton Sports and Social Club Cycling Section www. kinetonssc.org.uk/index.php/sports/cycling-club

Going Further and Other Options

Being rural and in the centre of England, Wellesbourne is surrounded by a wonderful network of country lanes going in all directions and it is quite possible to cover considerable distances without any significant use of main roads, however you don't have to go far before finding yourself in the adjacent counties of Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and

Places of note and their distance by country lane (one way) from Wellesbourne include

- Hatton Locks (Warwickshire) 11 miles
- Moreton in the Marsh (Gloucestershire) 19 miles
- Broadway (Worcestershire) 23 miles
- The Fleece, Bretforton (Worcestershire) 19 miles
- Hook Norton (Oxfordshire) 19 miles
- Canons Ashby (Northamptonshire) 23 miles
- Rollright Stones (Oxfordshire border) 20 miles
- Ilmington (Warwickshire) 11 miles

Barford, Warwick and Leamington Spa

Accessible from the marked cycle routes as described in a 'Return Ride to Sherbourne'.

Stratford and the Stratford Greenway

The town is just 1 mile beyond Tiddington (see a 'Round Trip to Alveston') where there are a number of traffic free cycle routes that are worth a try, in particular the well known Greenway. This 5 mile length of old railway line from Stratford Greenway car park to Long Marston via Milcote passes Stratford race course and crosses The Avon, There are also two cafes on the route created from converted railway carriages, cycle hire is also available. At Long Marston you can continue your exploration by joining up with a network of quiet country lanes.

Stratford and Other Cycle Routes You can also follow the old tramway from Bridge Town to Trinity

Way and a longer route makes use of the Stratford Canal from the Birmingham Road as far as Wilmcote.

Places to Visit from Wellesbourne

Chedham's Yard - www.chedhamsyard.org.uk

Charlecote Park - www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecote-park Charlecote Mill - www.charlecotemill.co.uk

Redwings Horse Sanctuary - www.redwings.org.uk/visiting/oxhillvisitor-centre

Compton Verney Gallery - www.comptonverney.org.uk Heritage Motor Museum, Gaydon www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk

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out and back to the village with varying distances rom 5 to 30 miles. The rides mainly follow rural road

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1 The Pillertons

◆ THE ROUTE

Head out of the village along Walton Road (as Short Ride 1) and continue straight on for 4 miles. Cross over the 'Fosse Way' and shortly after take the right fork where the road splits. After 1 mile you enter the village of Pillerton Priors where you turn left onto the Kineton road at the village hall. After 1 mile you enter Pillerton Hersey village and after a bend in the road turn left at the war memorial.

Follow this road for 1 mile where you meet the fork in the road again and then the 'Fosse Way'. Cross back over the 'Fosse Way' and continue back towards Wellesbourne. After 1½ miles turn right when you see the stone gate pillars (signposted Walton Hall and Hotel) and enter the grounds of Walton Hall. Continue along the driveway and return to Wellesbourne as Short Ride 1.

TOPOGRAPHY

A steep climb, 4 miles from Wellesbourne takes you out of the Dene Valley and up and over the 'Fosse Way'. ½ mile later there is a steady climb up into Pillerton Priors. Otherwise the route is gently graded with some descending on the return.

ADVISORY

A hill start is needed to cross the 'Fosse Way', traffic on this road travels fast so less experienced riders should consider dismounting and walking across.

LOOK OUT FOR

- The estate village of Walton and the picturesque Dene Valley. - Walton Hall and the styled grounds including 'Jubilee Drive'
- St Mary the Virgin's parish church in Pillerton Hersey. - Extensive views of rolling Warwickshire country side.

V REFRESHMENTS

- Pillerton Hersey church (Sunday afternoons in August and other occasional times).
- Bars and restaurants in Walton Hall.



THE ROUTE

Take the Charlecote Road out of the village (as Short Ride 2) and continue to The Charlecote Pheasant Hotel and turn right at the T-junction. After ¼ mile turn left and head to Hampton Lucy. In just ½ mile you will cross The Avon and enter Hampton Lucy village. Follow the road as it goes round to the right and up the hill as it leaves the village (Snitterfield Street). In 1/3 mile there is a small lane on your right. Take this right turn (Fulbrook Lane) and follow it for 2½ miles to Sherbourne.

You enter Sherbourne on Fulbrook Lane and take a right turn nto Church Road and go up to All Saints Church. You can also take the small loop around the village by taking Vicarage Lane from Fulbrook Lane on your left after Church Road, Keeping right you return to Sherbourne on Watery Lane and then right back nto Fulbrook Lane.

Return to Wellesbourne on the same route used out to Sherbourne, Additionally you may wish to visit Barford or Warwick which you can reach from Sherbourne by following the cycle route signs; the cycle track parallel to the A429 takes you nto Barford and in the opposite direction to a cycle bridge over the M40 and into Warwick. From Sherbourne there is also a cycle track under the western end of the Longbridge traffic island connecting with the B4463 which links to the Warwick to Henley

TOPOGRAPHY

The roads are relatively flat at each end of the route but in between there is a steady climb out of Hampton Lucy followed by the long climb up Copdock Hill which is steeper on the return.

ADVISORY

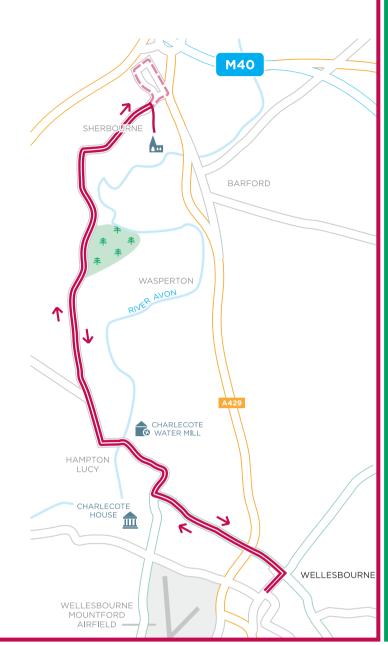
Care is needed crossing the roundabout on the Wellesbourne bypass and take care of oncoming traffic after Hampton Lucy as the junction for Fulbrook Lane is on a sharp bend.

REFRESHMENTS

- The Boars Head, Hampton Lucy
- Charlecote Pheasant
- The Joseph Arch, Barford
- The Granville, Barford

LOOK OUT FOR

- Deer in Charlecote Park
- Charlecote Water Mill and the iron bridge over The Avon. - Views from Fulbrook Lane of Sherbourne church; Wasperton
- and Barford villages
- Hampton wood.
- Victorian Gothic All Saints Church, Sherbourne



3 A round trip to **Alveston** 13.7 miles

THE ROUTE

Take the Charlecote Road out of the village (as Short Ride 2) and continue to The Charlecote Pheasant Hotel and turn left at the T-junction, ½ mile later, cross over the Stratford Road onto Loxley Lane and follow it as it runs alongside the airfield. When you have passed the airfield turn right at the Wellesbourne Road. Continue for 2½ mile passing Loxley church on your right. After passing The Croft School turn right at the second cross roads and head down into Tiddington. In the village you will come to a T-Junction where you turn right. Continue through Tiddington and after the allotments (on your right hand side) take the left fork into Alveston Lane at the war memorial. Follow the lane through the village and when you get to the Ferry public house follow the road round to the right and then turn right when you

and then cross over the Stratford to Wellesbourne Road onto Pimlico Lane, Just after 3/4 miles you reach the Loxley Road again where you turn left. Continue straight on for 3 miles back into Wellesbourne (in the village take the second right into Dovehouse Drive just before Sainsbury's and follow Short Ride 2 to get back to Chestnut Square). As a diversion on the return to Wellesbourne

get to the T-junction with Kissing Tree Lane. Take the next left

and if your legs are warm enough turn right in Loxley just before the church (signposted 'Village Centre') and go up a very steep climb and pass through the village. Just over 1 mile you come to the summit of Long Hill and view point.

▲ TOPOGRAPHY

Except for a notable climb each side of Loxley Church (and into the village if taking the option) this is a gently graded ride.

ADVISORY

Care is needed crossing the roundabout on the Wellesbourne bypass.

LOOK OUT FOR

♥ REFRESHMENTS

- Touchdown Cafe (airfield)

- Charlecote Garden Centre

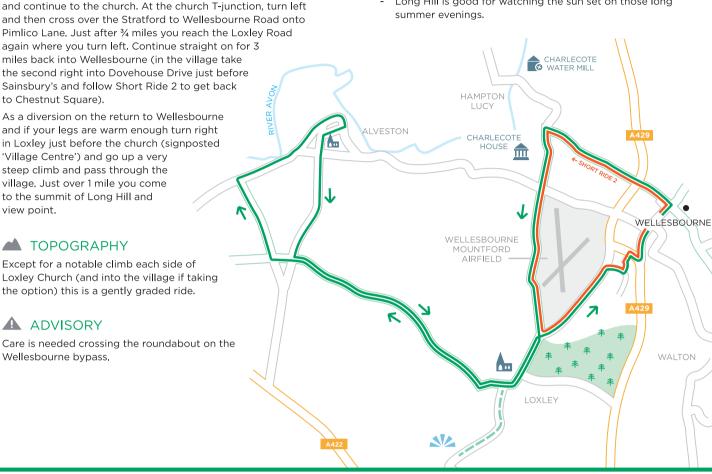
- The Ferry, Alveston

- Hemingford's (YHA, Alveston)

- Connolly's Deli (Tapas Bar), Tiddington

You will already be familiar with Charlecote Park and Wellesbourne Airfield however there are plenty of other things to

- St Nicholas church in Loxley dating back to 1286 in a
- prominent position with extensive views beyond. - The pretty villages of Alveston and Tiddington.
- If you do the option, the attractive village of Loxley and at the summit of Long Hill, extensive views out over the Vale of Evesham, Stour Valley, Ilmington and Meon Hills.
- Long Hill is good for watching the sun set on those long



4 Ashorne and Chesterton Windmill 18 miles

THE ROUTE

Take Bridge Street north east and after 1/4 mile follow the gyratory by going left along Church Street and then right into Warwick Road (after the sharp right hand bend). Continue straight on passing the shops (the road becomes Kineton Road) and after 1/3 mile turn left into the road signposted 'Moreton Paddox etc.

After 11/3 miles turn left at the signpost for 'Moreton Morrell' and continue for \(^3\)4 mile into the village centre where there is a right turn into Brook Lane signposted 'Lighthorne'. After ½ mile cross over the Fosse Way and then continue on this lane for 1 mile into Lighthorne where you turn right at the church and then left at the village green. Then, after ½ mile you come to a cross roads with the B4100. Go straight across continuing over the M40 and a number of cattle grids to the hamlet of Chesterton Green where you turn right at the T-junction.

At ½ mile after the junction you pass the isolated Chesterton church on the left after which is the end of the classified road ADVISORY where there is a gate (usually closed), dismount and pass through Take care when crossing the B4455 'Fosse Way' on the way out. the pedestrian gate. After the gate continue and after $\frac{1}{3}$ mile Similarly there is also a short stretch of riding on the 'Fosse follow the road around a sharp left hand bend at a large house Way' later on before crossing the main B4100 at a traffic gston Manor Farm), ignoring the right hand turn, go up the roundabout which has five exits. Also take extra hill and continue until you come to a farm and houses where care on the B4087 through Newbold Pacev you keep left and eventually 1/3 mile after this you take as traffic travels relatively fast on the right hand fork where the road splits. The road this road. re-joins the public highway at a multiple junction where four roads meet. This last section from the pedestrian gate to the public highway has restricted rights of way so you must follow the footpath and bridleway signage and note that only the middle part from the top of the hill to the fork in the road is bridleway, the first and latter parts are designated footpath and you must be dismounted through these Take the road directly opposite signposted Harbury, but immediately take the left turn 'Bush Heath Lane', taking you to the southern outskirts of Harbury. When you come to a T-junction in the village either turn right (Park Lane) to explore WELLESBOURNE the village centre or turn left (Temple End) to continue. 1 mile after leaving

Harbury take the second left into Windmill Hill Lane (signposted Chesterton and Ashorne) and you will see the windmill and its access on your right. Continue down the hill and carry on for

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11/4 miles when you come to a T-junction with the B4455 'Fosse Way' where you turn left, crossing over the M40 and down to a roundabout. Take the third exit signposted Ashorne which is 11/4

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miles after a short steep hill. You enter the village after going over Pass through the village with The Cottage Tavern on your right hand side and at ½ mile you come to a T-junction where you turn

left into the B4087 which takes you back via Newbold Pacey ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile) to Wellesbourne (2 miles). In Wellesbourne you come to a T-junction where you turn right and immediately left into Bridge Street and a further $\frac{1}{4}$ mile brings you back to Chestnut Square.

TOPOGRAPHY

This is an undulating ride with two notable short but steep climbs, one at Staple Hill just after leaving Wellesbourne (a tip is to warm up first) and then after the B4100 roundabout on the way to Ashorne.

> THE ROUTE left into the small lane (not signposted),

> > In Oxhill village take the right turn where it is signposted 'Oxhill Village Only' and cycle through the village centre passing The Peacock on your right and then turning left after the church on

LOOK OUT FOR

- St Giles church and deserted plague village of Chesterton.
- Harbury village attractions including 13th century All Saints church, pubs and eclectic mixture of stone cottages and
- Chesterton Windmill which dates back to 1632.
- Attractive villages of Ashorne, Lighthorne and Moreton Morrell
- St George parish church, Newbold Pacey.

■ REFRESHMENTS

- Cottage Tavern, Ashorne - The Black Horse, Moreton Morrell
- The Antelope Inn, Lighthorne
- And in Harbury;
- Biblio's cafe at Village Library (check times as these are limited)
- Pubs including The Crown Inn, The Shakespeare Inn, The Old New Inn and The Gamecock

5 Tysoe and The Vale of Red Horse 29 miles

Follow the route of The Pillertons until Pillerton Priors village where you turn right at the village hall. Cycle up to the T-junction with the Banbury Road (A422) and turn right. In the village take the next left signposted Halford and Stow and turn immediately

After ¾ mile at a cross roads turn left. Continue for 2¼ miles passing through Whatcote and then entering Oxhill.

the road to Tysoe.

2¼ miles from Oxhill you reach Tysoe and a T-Junction where you turn left. Continue through the village and ½ mile after the church the road has a sharp left hand bend, however take the lane on the right as if you were going straight on, signposted Radway. Continue pass the natural burial ground until you reach the A422 Banbury Road (where this road is at the foot of Sun Rising Hill) where you turn left and then right into the lane to Radway.

Continue for 13/4 miles along this lane and when you get to Radway village turn left into Langdon Lane opposite the bus shelter. At 1 mile there is T-junction with the B4086 (the Banbury to Kineton Road) where you turn left and head towards Kineton. In Kineton turn left at The Swan Hotel and then immediately left into Bridge Street opposite the church.

Follow this road for 2½ miles through Little Kineton and Butlers Marston to Pillerton Hersey where you turn right at the war memorial and head back to Wellesbourne as per The Pillertons

TOPOGRAPHY

A steep climb, 4 miles from Wellesbourne takes you out of the Dene Valley and up and over the 'Fosse Way'. ½ mile later there is a steady climb up into Pillerton Priors. Otherwise the route is gently graded with some descending on the return.

ADVISORY

A hill start is needed to cross the 'Fosse Way', traffic on this road travels fast so less experienced riders should consider dismounting and walking across. Be careful when crossing The Fosse Way and when turning onto the A422 Banbury Road particularly between Tysoe and Radway as traffic can travel fast

There are two railway level crossings on the B4086, care should be taken going over these.

LOOK OUT FOR

- Jurassic ironstone escarpment of Edge Hill flanking the south eastern side of the 'Vale of Red Horse'.
- Memorial to the English civil war battle site of 23 October 1642.
- The charismatic structure of the Castle Inn on the top of the scarp slope built in 1742
- Attractive stone churches of Kineton, Oxhill, Tysoe and Radway. - Stone cross war memorial in Butlers Marston.
- Little Kineton village and its large
- green and duck pond - Examples of 'ridge and furrow' encapsulated in the pasture.
- Kineton village centre, market square and St Peter's church. - The historic St John's castle mound in Kineton.
- Bridges over and under the long disused Stratford Midland Junction Railway.

♥ REFRESHMENTS

- Tysoe Village Store Tea Room
- Oxhill Horse Sanctuary
- The Peacock, Oxhill
- The Coffee Stop and Sandwich Deli in Kineton
- Occasional farmers market in Kineton
- The Swan and Shukurs Restaurant in Kineton

SHORTER ROUTES

- Continue straight on in Oxhill, cross over the A422 Banbury Road and carry on all the way to Little Kineton where you turn left at the village green and pick up the route again.
- Continue through Kineton on Southam Street for approximately 1/4 mile and turn left into Lighthorne Road (no signpost). At 2½ miles cross over the 'Fosse Way' and continue back to Wellesbourne through Moreton Paddox).
- To the west of the Lighthorne Road you will see the parkland of Compton Verney and to the east evidence of the old Gaydon airfield, once home of the V-bomber.



Short Rides

There are two rides close to the village of approximately 5 miles to get your legs stretched and familiar to riding on the road. For clarity the ride directions are all based on Chestnut Square (The Stag's Head) as a start and finish point.

SHORT RIDE 1

Route shown on Map 1, The Pillertons

Take Ettington Road south west and after 1/4 mile turn left into Walton Road. At 1 mile you pass through Walton village and continue for a further ½ mile to the access to Walton Hall which can be found through a pair of stone gate pillars (signposted Walton Hall and Hotel).

When you enter the hall grounds you will first go on a stone bridge over the lake and then you must keep left and follow the road around a large lawn. Once you are on the tree lined 'Jubilee Drive' follow it for 1½ miles where you turn left into the Kineton Road at a T-junction. Continue for ½ mile into Wellesbourne and when in the village turn left into Bridge Street (after the pedestrian crossing) and a further ¼ mile brings you back to

SHORT RIDE 2

Chestnut Square

Route shown on Map 3, A round trip to Alveston

Take Bridge Street north east and after 1/4 mile follow the gyratory by going left along Church Street and then left into Warwick Road (after the sharp right hand bend). Continue straight on and the road becomes Charlecote Road. Cross over the A429 by-pass at the roundabout and continue for 1 mile to the Charlecote Pheasant where you turn left at the T-junction

Just over ½ mile later cross over the Stratford Road onto Loxley Lane and follow it as it runs alongside the airfield. When you have passed the airfield turn left at the Wellesbourne Road T-junction and head back to the village.

On entering the village take the second right turn into Dovehouse Drive immediately before the Sainsbury's Store. Continue past the sports field and turn left into Valletta Way.

At the end of this cul-de-sac the road splits and opposite you on the left side is a footway (you must dismount for this section) leading to an underpass of the A429 ring road which brings you out onto Loxley Close where turning right brings you to Ettington Road. Turn left to head back to Chestnut Square.

REFRESHMENTS

Allow yourself plenty of time to call into the Touchdown Café or if you fancy something a little less aviation based there is the Kitchen Garden Café at Charlecote Garden Centre, the Charlecote Pheasant or you could access Charlecote Park and visit the Orangery Restaurant,