Villages and Facilities

Kidlington
Details of the many pubs and services in Kidlington are available from:
www.kidlington-pc.gov.uk

Begbroke
Begbroke Post Office Stores (01865) 373178
The Royal Sun Inn (01865) 372231

Woodstock
Details of the many pubs and services in Woodstock are available from:
www.wakeuptowoodstock.com
Blenheim Palace 08700 60 20 80 www.blenheimpalace.com

Tackley
Gardiner Arms (01869) 331266 www.gardinerarms.cotswoldinns.com
Tackley Post Office Stores/Café (01869) 331807

Kirtlington
The Oxford Arms (01869) 350208
The Dashwood Restaurant (01869) 352707 www.thedashwood.co.uk
Kirtlington Post Office Stores (01869) 350356

Bletchingdon
Blacks Head Inn (01869) 350315



Hampton Poyle
The Bell (01865) 848582

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At The Start
The route is within comfortable cycling distance of Oxford. Cycle to Kidlington via NCN Route 51 or to Begbroke via Route 5. The route is accessible by train from Tackley railway station on the Oxford-Banbury Line. There are public car parks in Kidlington and Woodstock.

Safety Advice
- Ensure that your cycle is in good working order
- Check brakes, wheels and tyres
- Carry a puncture repair kit, spare inner tube, suitable tools, lock, money, food and drink.
- Wear suitable and high visibility clothing
- A cycle helmet is advisable and may reduce the risk of a serious head injury
- Take special care cycling downhill and crossing busy road junctions
- Ride in single file when roads are narrow or busy (and never more than two abreast)

Further Information
To discover more about the National Cycle Network and the work of Sustrans visit: www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk or call 0845 113 00 65
Visit the Cherwell website (address below) for updated route information and useful links to facilities, attractions and accommodation.
If you wish to explore the surrounding area we recommend OS Landranger Map 164 "Oxford, Chipping Norton & Bicester"

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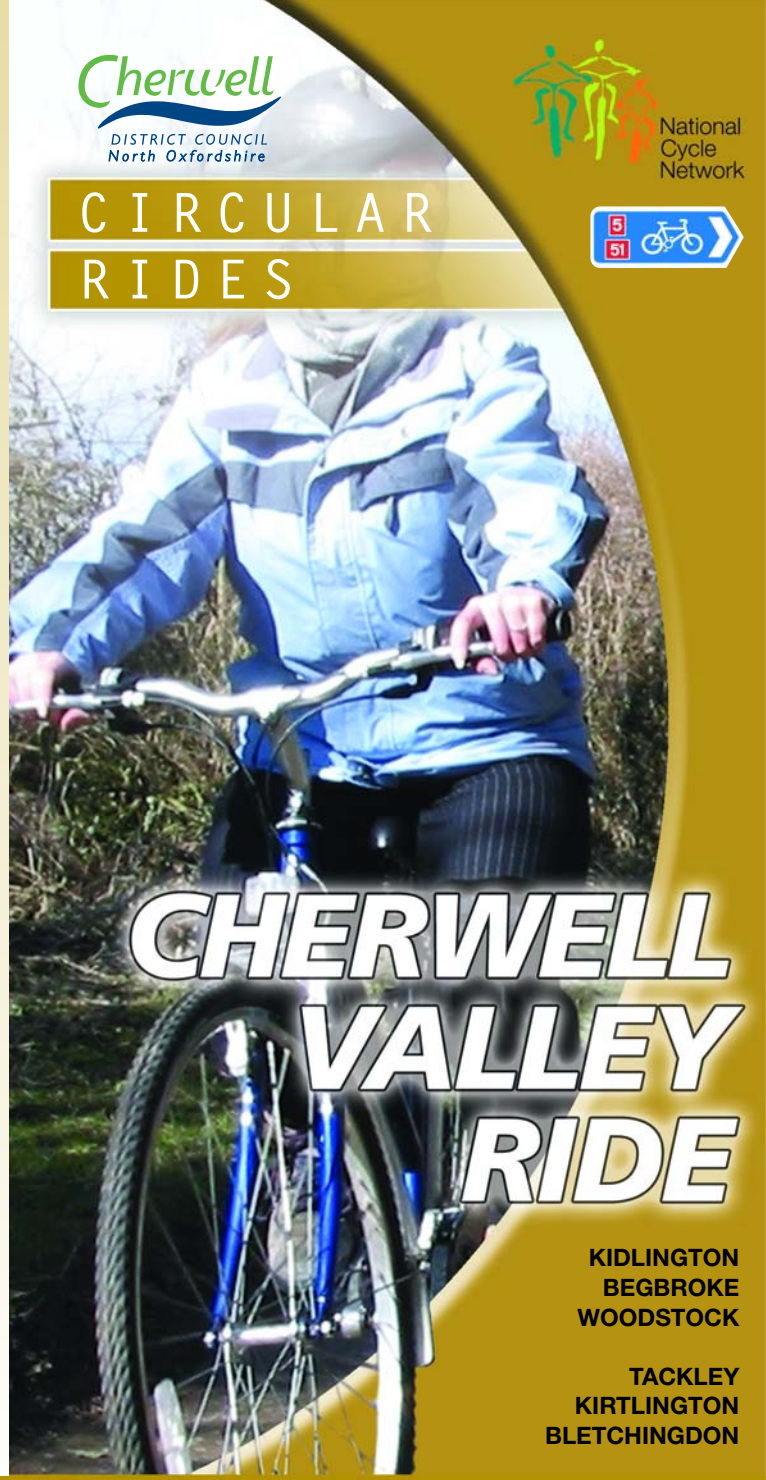
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CIRCULAR RIDES



CHERWELL VALLEY RIDE

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BEGBROKE
WOODSTOCK

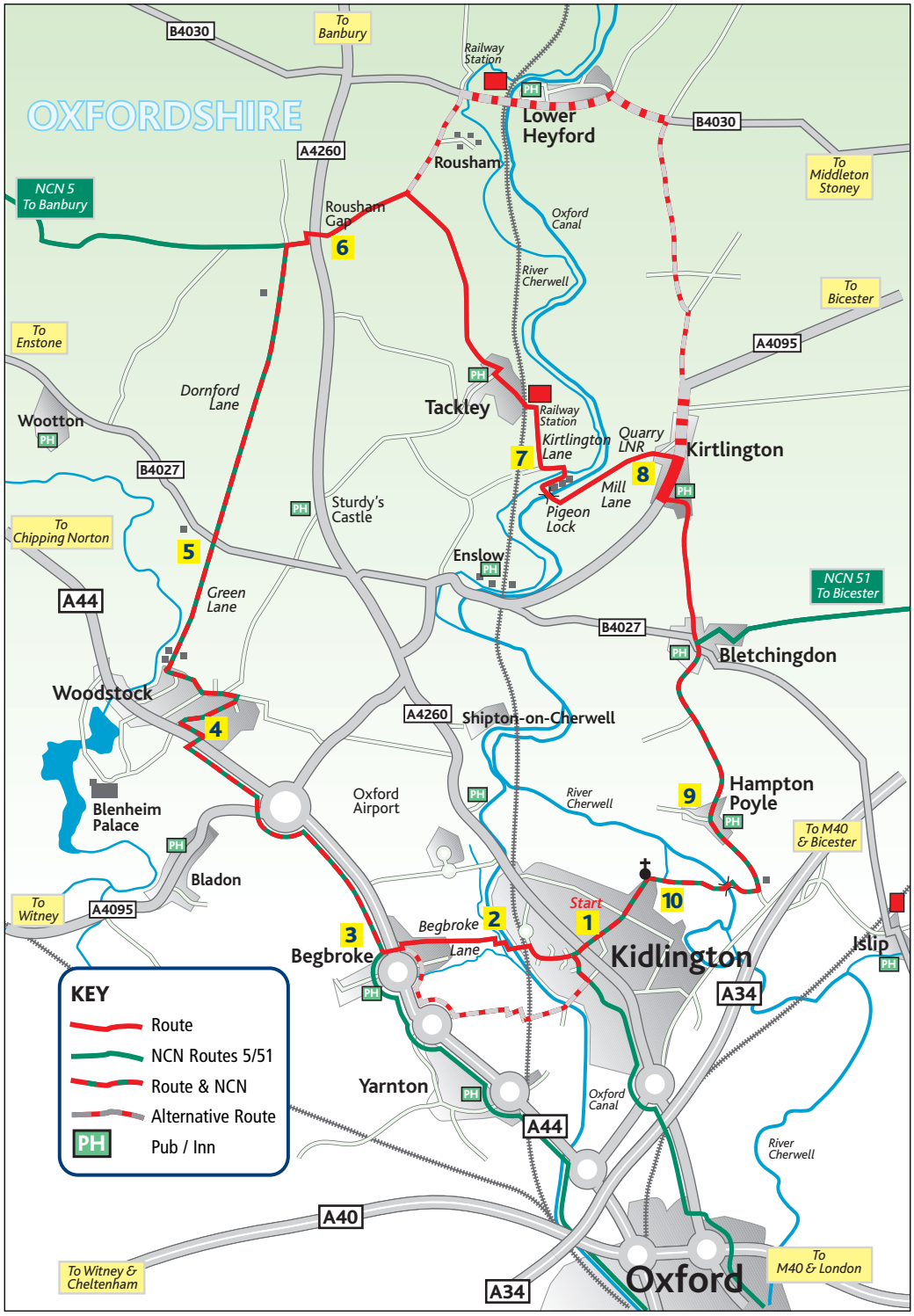
TACKLEY
KIRTLINGTON
BLETCHINGDON

Distance up to 18 miles/29km **Time** up to 4.5 hours
LEISURE RIDE ON QUIET ROADS, CYCLEWAYS & TRACKS

Cherwell Valley Ride

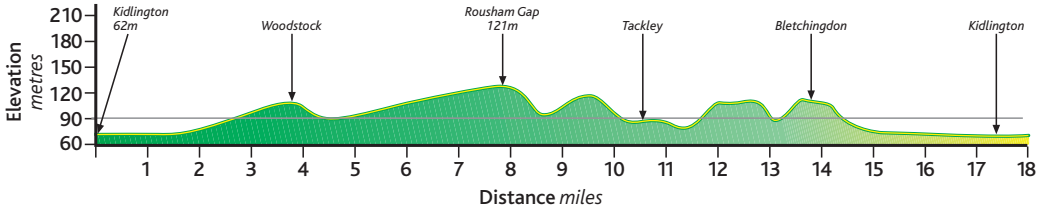
An 18-mile route crossing railway, river and canal as it circles the lower Cherwell Valley on cycle paths, tracks and quiet roads. Joining sections of the National Cycle Network from nearby Oxford, it passes through Kidlington, Woodstock and picturesque Kirtlington as well as several other villages.

Begbroke Lane and Kirtlington Lane are bridleways, and can be rutted and muddy, especially in winter or after spells of wet weather. This can be fun for experienced off-road cyclists, but others may prefer to use the alternative routes shown on the map. Detailed directions for these are available on the Cherwell website.



Relief Diagram

NB Compressed distance scale makes inclines appear much steeper than they really are!



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Directions

1. Start at junction of Kidlington High Street and Banbury Road (by bandstand and cycle shop). Dismount to cross Banbury Road at signals **(SP NCN)**. Cycle straight ahead along Lyne Road (ignore left turn Crown Road **SP NCN**). Pass Grovelands on left, then next **TL** into Partridge Place.

2. Dismount at level crossing (cross with care), then over canal bridge and **FR** along track (Begbroke Lane). Follow into village and along road. At end **TL** onto service road then shortly **TR** to dismount and carefully cross A44 using crossing point.

3. **TR** along cycle track, pass bus shelter and continue to Woodstock (take care over A4095 junction). Approaching town dismount and cross A44 at speed camera (**SP NCN** Banbury). **TR** then immediately hard **TL** up service road.

4. Continue on path beside main road and shortly **TR** along lane before garage forecourt. Continue along New Road and **TL** at end. Take third **TR** into Green Lane. At bottom left bend **TR** and follow past industrial units and along track (**SP NCN** Banbury).

5. At field gate carefully cross B4027 and continue along Dornford Lane. At end **FR** along minor road (ignore left fork **SP NCN** Banbury). At main road **TL** then immediately **TR** to cross A4260 (**SP** Rousham) with great care.

6. Continue downhill, then sudden **TR** uphill (**SP** Tackley). Ride into Tackley then **TL** (**SP** Tackley Station) and follow to Railway Station. Dismount and cross level crossing with care. Follow bridle track (Kirtlington Lane) ahead and bearing right.

7. At bottom **TL** (SP Kirtlington). Shortly **FR** over concrete bridge. Follow track over four more bridges to gate at Pigeon Lock. Go over canal bridge then **TL** up Mill Lane to Kirtlington.

8. At Kirtlington village green **FR** then **TR** onto main road. Follow through village, and at end **TL** along Bletchingdon Road. At Bletchingdon **TL** (**SP** Islip) then shortly **TR** along Oxford Road (**SP** Hampton Poyle).

9. Ride through Hampton Poyle (**SP NCN** Kidlington) and continue for approx. 0.5 mile. Sudden **TR** along surfaced track (**SP NCN**). Cross arched bridge and follow traffic free path through meadows to Kidlington.

10. At end **TL** and follow lane around Church into village. Cross into High Street. At sharp left-hand bend **TR** with care to continue along paved High Street back to start point.

Abbreviations: **TR**-Turn Right, **TL**-Turn Left, **FR** -Fork Right, **SP**-Signposted, **NCN**-National Cycle Network