

## Village Tours

A tour taking in The Square, Kenilworth Road and the church takes about an hour. An hour and a half is the *minimum* time to include High Street and the Solihull end of the village. This allows time to go round the exterior of the church, but very little time to go inside. Subject to the agreement of the library staff, groups may go inside the library, but extra time may be needed. Note that the library is closed on Wednesdays.



*Golden End cottages*

There are several suitable starting points, depending on the group's plans before and after the tour. Probably the best is The Square; the tour can then start at the church before going along Kenilworth Road. One can then return to the church and proceed along High Street, ending at the north end of the village. Other suitable starting points are the library or the Wilson Arms.



*The Wilson Arms*

## Tours of the Church & Guild House

The Society is happy to take parties round Knowle's early 15<sup>th</sup> century church and Guild House, *subject to the agreement of the Church and whether or not they are available*. Apart from the usual Sunday services there is a communion service in church on Wednesday mornings, followed by coffee in the Guild House. Weddings, funerals and other events may have been arranged; the Guild House is in regular use. Members of the Society are usually on hand to answer questions for the Saturday of Heritage Open Days weekend (second weekend in September).



*The Church and Guild House from the north*



## Knowle Local History Society

### Guided Tours of Knowle



*High Street looking north*

Knowle Local History Society is an independent organisation formed to promote the study of the history of the village and to provide a service to the residents of Knowle and the wider public.

*Making History Live*

## Introduction

Knowle Local History Society has long experience of conducting parties around Knowle, both for local residents and for other organisations. With many members who are life-long village residents the Society has a large number of knowledgeable guides. Parties are divided into groups of no more than eight persons.

Time constraints normally mean that tours are restricted to the central part of the village. The oldest and most interesting parts are The Square and Kenilworth Road. Knowle's early 15th century church and Guild House and the Red Lion Inn can be found in The Square, whilst there are many attractive timber-framed cottages in Kenilworth Road. High Street still has some interesting buildings, including Knowle's showpiece timber-framed public library. There are further interesting features at the Solihull end of the village, including the Wilson Arms.

Please note that *there are no public toilets in the village*. Visitors may use the library facilities *when it is open*, or those of any eating place where they are buying food or drink.

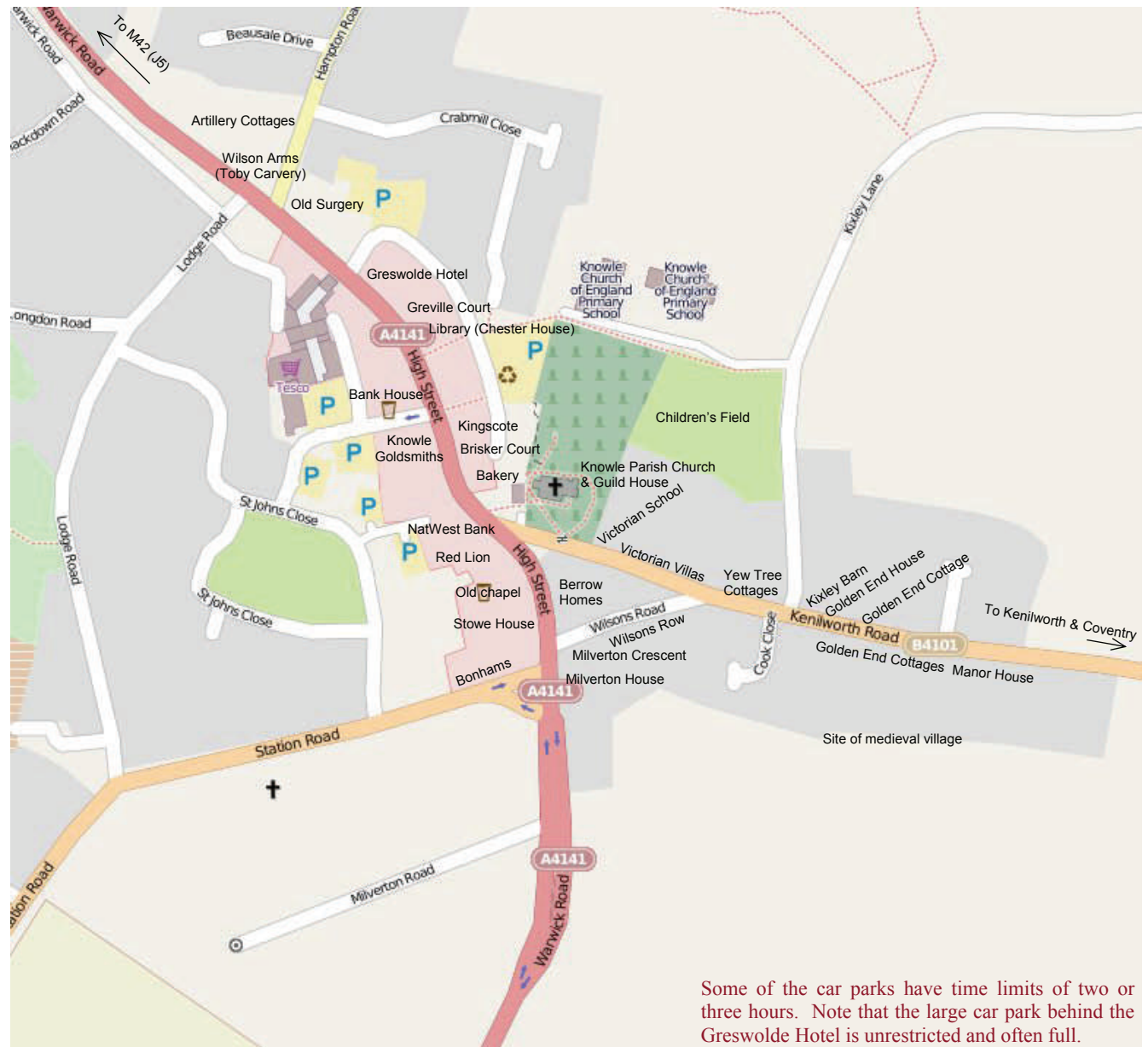
*The Society does not charge for guided tours, but welcomes donations*

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Some of the car parks have time limits of two or three hours. Note that the large car park behind the Greswolde Hotel is unrestricted and often full.