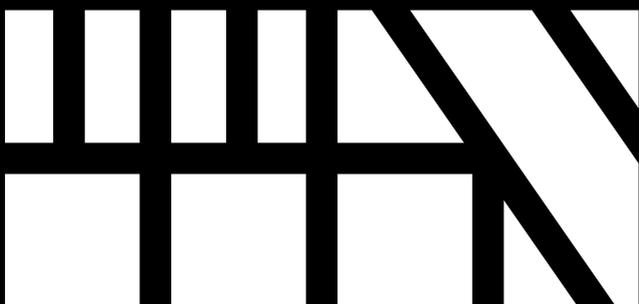
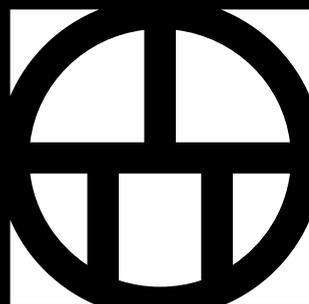
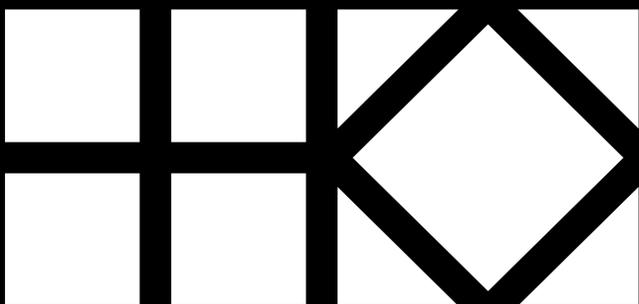


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SHREWSBURY  
2015**



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**SHREWSBURY**  
THE ORIGINAL ONE-OFF

**Higgledy-piggledy streets with names you want to say out loud – Grope Lane, Wyle Cop. A river that scoops up the town in a perfect loop. Wonky buildings left, right and centre.**

**14th century graffiti. Three million blooms in a quarry. Shops you've never seen or heard of before in your life.**

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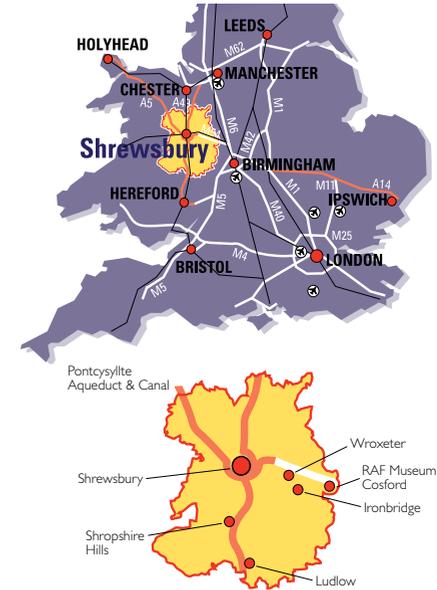
## SHREWSBURY CAN'T BE BETTERED

Shrewsbury is a town full of flowers, almost anywhere that can be planted, is. The Britain in Bloom judges certainly noticed this when they crowned Shrewsbury Champions of Champions. It's not boasting, we're far too polite. Shrewsbury has also been voted the most courteous town in the UK - so if our flowers make you sneeze someone is sure to say 'bless you'.

Everywhere you look, there are traces of the past: Medieval, Tudor, Victorian. But Shrewsbury is no museum, it's a vibrant living breathing town that appeals to shoppers and browsers, foodies and wine buffs, and even amateur historians.

Shrewsbury is also an ideal jumping off point for the whole county – with two World Heritage Sites, a Roman City, historic Ludlow and Shropshire's Blue Remembered Hills all just a short drive away.

**Welcome to original Shrewsbury.**



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## SHOP

**In a world of identikit high streets and shopping centres, Shrewsbury is one of the few places where the independent shops outnumber the big chains.**

**Shops with names you've never heard before. Shops where the sales assistants have been learning their trade their whole lives.**

**The kind of shops you didn't think existed these days.**

A stroll around Wyle Cop, all cobbled streets and timbered Tudor houses, can turn up anything from a kimono, to a mandolin, to a rare first edition.

At the base of the big clock tower is the Market Hall, one part farmers' market, one part grand bazaar. With stalls selling fresh fruit and veg, meats and cheeses alongside local arts and crafts, out-of-print books, vintage vinyl and all kinds of curios.

Even our shopping centres have more character than most. The Parade, with its grand neo-classical exterior and quaint Victorian interior, has 30 independent shops – from tailors and cobblers, to artists and jewellers (not to mention some of the best views in town).

And our two modern malls, Pride Hill and the Darwin Centre, also feature a healthy mix of the known and the unknown.

### **FAIR TRADE**

Shrewsbury's been an official Fairtrade Town since 2011. That means you'll find plenty of Fairtrade products in our local shops, cafes and restaurants. And an entire shop full of Fairtrade products, over in St. John's Hill.

### **FAMILY SECRETS**

Many of Shrewsbury's most famous shops have been in the same hands, on the same site, for generations.

Like James Tanner, of Tanners Wines. His great great uncle started the business. And today, their shop in Wyle Cop looks much the same as it did in 1842 (the cellars actually doubled as Fezziwig's warehouse in the film *A Christmas Carol*).

Ditto Mr. Birch of C.R. Birch & Son. C.R. Birch opened his general hardware shop and ironmongery in Roushill in 1909. And today, it's one of the last of its kind in the country. But it's their expert knowledge and old school service that are the real attraction.

### **OUT OF THIS WORLD**

Tanners and Birch's aren't the only shops in Shrewsbury that transport you to a different world. There are lots of little shops tucked away in the shuts and passages that criss-cross the town centre and feel like they're from another time.

These shops aren't about express lanes and self-checkouts. These shops are made for lingering.



## EAT/DRINK

**Pubs with medieval paintings on the walls and half-timbered ruins out back. Dining rooms that predate the War of the Roses. Vineyards with roots that stretch all the way back to the Romans.**

**(And quite possibly, the world's only medieval McDonalds).**

**Whatever you're into, this is the place to find that bit of what you fancy.**

### **A REAL ALE**

We have our very own award-winning real ale brewery, the Salopian Brewery, on Mytton Oak Road (their Shropshire Gold is something of a local legend). And we also have over 60 different real ale pubs where you can take a sip.

Like the King's Head on Mardol, with its medieval wall paintings. Or the Nag's Head on Wyle Cop, with the remains of a medieval mansion in its beer garden.

### **A 2,000 YEAR OLD VINTAGE**

We've got our own Roman vineyard just a short drive away, in Wroxeter (or Viriconium, as the Romans called it). The Millington family, who run Wroxeter Roman vineyard, have revived an ancient tradition of viticulture that stretches back over 2,000 years – and helped give English wines a good name. They run guided tours and tasting sessions, if you fancy a tipple.

### **A LOCAL DELICACY**

Once a month, there's a farmers' market in The Square with fresh meat, cheese, fruit and veg from all over Shropshire. But if you miss it, there's also a market in the indoor Market Hall every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Or head for Appleyards Deli on Wyle Cop for some of the best gourmet foods from around the UK, and the Continent.

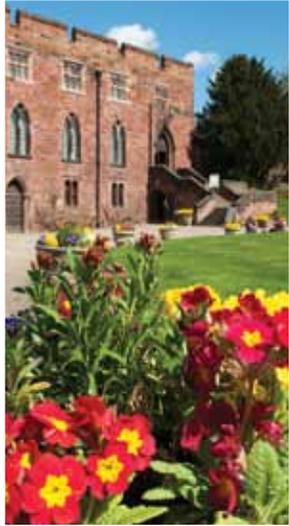
And you can't leave Shrewsbury without trying at least one Shrewsbury biscuit (the Shrewsbury Bakehouse is famous for theirs).

### **A MEAL TO REMEMBER**

As well as being one of our finest restaurants, Draper's Hall is also one of our most historic buildings. Think oak-panelled walls, flagstone floors and beamed ceilings.

For something less grand but equally historic, try the Mytton and Mermaid, an old coaching inn that sits at the point where two stone bridges cross the River Severn. The Albright Hussey, a charming 15th century manor house with a real moat. Or The Hayward at The Lion and the restaurant at The Lion & Pheasant, two of our most historic hotels.

(And even if you're not in the mood for a Big Mac, it's worth popping your head into the McDonalds – you can see part of the old town walls on the lower floor).



## DISCOVER

**Roger de Montgomery, The Drapers, Charles Darwin, Admiral Benbow. Even Mick Jagger. They've all made their own mark on our town, over the centuries.**

**There are over 600 listed buildings in Shrewsbury, many of them Tudor (that's original, not mock). And the characters behind them are just as fascinating as the architecture.**

One of the best places to start your journey into Shrewsbury's past is Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery, in The Square. Its home is the old Music Hall, an extraordinary complex of buildings that includes the rare medieval stone Vaughan's Mansion (the only one of its kind in this region).

But there are plenty of other buildings around Shrewsbury with stories to tell.

### THE CASTLE AND ABBEY

Roger de Montgomery was the Norman baron who founded Shrewsbury Castle and Abbey not long after the Conquest. The stone Castle you see today was built about a hundred years later, but you can still see the mound where Roger's original castle once stood.

Roger was one of William the Conqueror's right hand men and the first Earl of Shrewsbury. In his day, he owned around 90 per cent of Shropshire. But three days before his death, he renounced it all to enter the Abbey as a monk.

Shrewsbury Abbey was also home to another famous but fictional monk / detective: Brother Cadfael (you can follow a special Cadfael trail around the Abbey, if you're a fan). And the poet Wilfred Owen also worshipped here, just before he left for the war.

### THE STEEPLD CREST

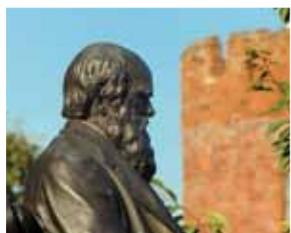
In *A Shropshire Lad*, the poet A.E. Housman waxes lyrical about Shrewsbury's 'steepled crest'. Those steeples belong to St. Mary's, St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's.

St. Mary's 500 year old medieval spire is one of the tallest in England. In 1739, a local steeplejack called Robert Cadman tried to slide down the spire headfirst (if you read the plaque by the west door, you'll see things didn't quite go to plan).

But its real treasure is its glorious stained glass windows – including the world-famous 14th century Jesse window, which traces Christ's family tree all the way back to Jesse of Bethlehem, King David's father.

The original St. Chad's was probably founded in the 9th century. But the church you see today was built in 1792. It has the largest circular nave in the country. If you spot Ebenezer Scrooge's tombstone in the graveyard, your eyes aren't playing tricks on you – it's a leftover prop from the filming of *A Christmas Carol*.

St. Alkmund's, next to the Bear Steps, is a nice spot to just sit for a few minutes. See a copy of Reni's Assumption of the Virgin Mary in the East window and soak up the atmosphere.



## DISCOVER

**You can still see traces of medieval Shrewsbury in the maze of narrow streets with funny names in the centre of town.**

**And Darwin, Shrewsbury's most famous son, would still recognise most of his favourite childhood haunts today.**

### THE DRAPERS

The Drapers were wool merchants, and the most powerful guild in medieval Shrewsbury. Many of the half-timbered mansions you see were built by them – including Rowley's House and the Old Market Hall in The Square (quite possibly the only cinema in the country with a Tudor beamed ceiling).

If you look at the outside of the Old Market Hall, you'll notice some strange holes in its walls. No one's completely sure, but we think the original market traders used them as some kind of medieval abacus.

Tudor craftsmen would often carve subversive characters into the walls of their buildings and we've kept up that tradition today. If you look closely at some of the restored buildings on the High Street, you might spot Margaret Thatcher, Michael Heseltine or Mick Jagger staring back at you.

### THE SHUTS

The narrow alleyways that criss-cross the medieval town centre are called 'shuts' (no one's really sure why). They reveal the medieval town plan. And some of their names are rather revealing too: Milk Street, Butcher Row (no prizes for guessing what used to go on in Grope Lane).

### 18TH CENTURY SKYSCRAPER

On the outskirts of town on the edge of the canal stands another world first: Ditherington Flax Mill. Built in 1797, it's thought to be the world's oldest surviving metal-framed building. It also served as a barracks during the Second World War. It hasn't been a working mill since 1987, but plans are already afoot to breathe new life into this historic building. There are open days and guided tours, if you want to take a peek inside.

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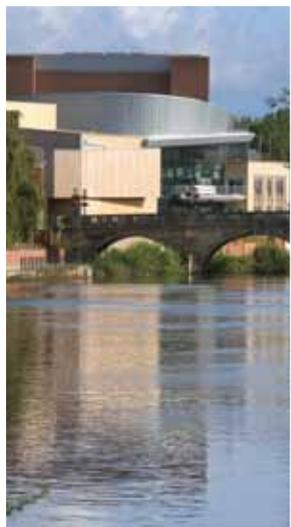
Charles Darwin was born and bred in Shrewsbury. Good thing, too. If he'd grown up anywhere else he might never have been inspired to become a naturalist and solve the riddle behind evolution.

Charles didn't get on particularly well at Shrewsbury School (too much Classics for his liking). He preferred to go fishing for newts in the Severn, collecting rocks and insects, or carrying out his own science experiments in the garden shed.

Shrewsbury School is still here (now the library). And the banks of the Severn haven't lost any of their power to inspire.

### THE CHAPEL THAT ISN'T A CHAPEL

In Longden Coleham, you'll see what looks like a Victorian chapel. In fact, it's the Coleham Pumping Station, once the heart of Shrewsbury's sewer system and a testament to Victorian engineering. It was opened in 1901 by the then Mayoress of Shrewsbury, Mrs. Hughes (too late for Darwin to see, sadly). Today, it's a museum with open days throughout the year. The buildings, boiler and two steam engines are all listed by English Heritage.



# ENJOY

**When you're done exploring for the day, there's plenty of live music, dance and theatre happening all over Shrewsbury.**

**From formal venues, like Theatre Severn and Attingham Park. To informal venues, like the Sabrina Boat or The Buttermarket club (think the Cavern Club in its heyday).**

**But as the county town, we're also home to some of Shropshire's biggest fairs and festivals.**

## **DARWIN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Every February, Charles Darwin's birthday, we dedicate a whole fortnight to our most famous resident – with lectures, walks and plenty of activities to inspire more children (and grown-ups) to follow in Charles' footsteps.

## **GET SKETCHED**

In April, cartoonists from all over come to town for the Shrewsbury International Cartoon Festival – the only one of its kind in the UK. They fill The Square with giant cartoons, all on a common theme. You can get your caricature done for free (as long as you've got a reasonably thick skin). And there are lots of workshops, where you can learn some of the tricks of the trade.

## **FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD**

There are other food festivals. But Shrewsbury Food Festival, in June, has a restaurant safari. Sounds exotic, doesn't it? Don your explorer's hat and experience gastronomic delights at local restaurants from a fiver-per-course. Over 200 of the county's best artisan producers and craftspeople set up shop in Quarry Park where top chefs

are on hand to impart some of their culinary whizz.

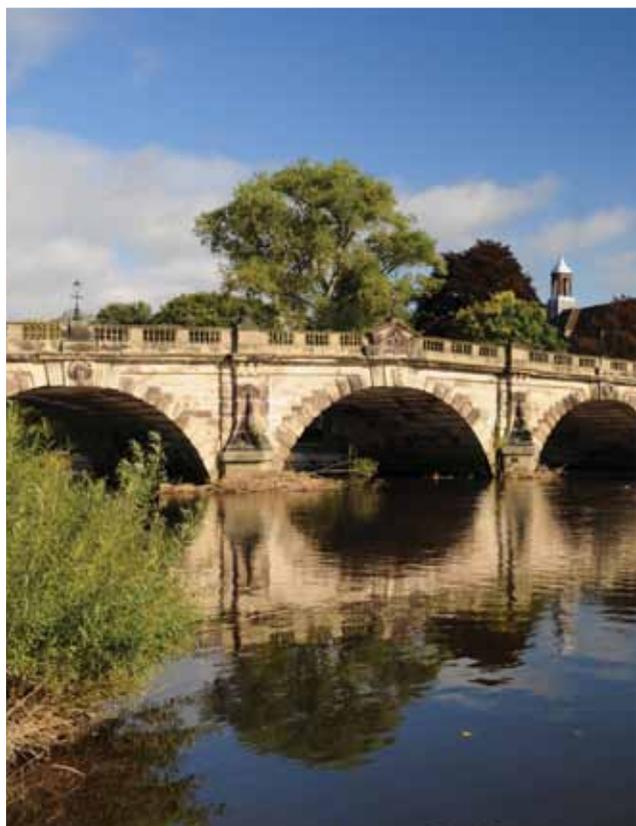
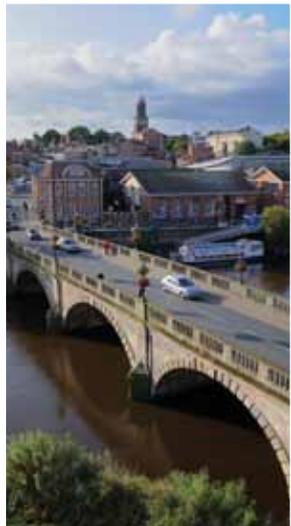
## **FLOWERS WITH FIREWORKS**

The Shrewsbury Flower Show, in early August, has been going on for 157 years. And last year, Shrewsbury won the Britain in Bloom 2014 contest and were crowned National Champion of Champions. The flowers are the undisputed stars of the show, but they're not the only draw. There are also live bands (including some of the UK's top military bands and choirs), horse shows and a celebrity guest or two – so you don't have to have green fingers to enjoy it.

## **PITCH UP**

Imagine a music festival where you can park right next to your tent or caravan, hop on a bus to town and back, enjoy proper toilets with proper showers, use as much free WiFi as you want – and see world famous musicians like Martyn Joseph and Richard Thompson.

That's the Shrewsbury Folk Festival, in late August. (Even if you're not lucky enough to get a ticket, the party usually spills over into town).



## EXPLORE

**When you look down on Shrewsbury from above, you can see that the River Severn forms an almost perfect loop around the town. Like a moat, designed and built by nature.**

**You can walk the whole loop by following the towpath, from the Welsh Bridge to the English Bridge (and vice versa). Or take it all in by water on board the Sabrina Boat, with live commentary.**

The towpath, lined by willow trees and pasture, passes right through the heart of The Quarry Park and Frankwell, where Darwin spent so many happy hours as a boy.

When you're ready for a rest, you can call in at one of the many inns or boathouses that overlook the river for refreshments. Or pack a picnic and choose your own patch of grass.

### **A QUARRY FULL OF FLOWERS**

The Quarry wasn't always the idyll it is today. Before 1719, it was not only a working mine, but the site of smelly tanneries – and where the women of the town came to wash their dirty laundry.

Today, it's a different story. The Quarry is a picture perfect 29 acre park. Every August, during the flower show, it's filled with over three million blooms.

At its heart lies The Dingle, a sunken flower garden with lake, designed by Percy Thrower, of Blue Peter fame (he was our town's Park Superintendent for 28 years). It's one of the main reasons why Shrewsbury was crowned Champion of Champions in

the 2014 Britain in Bloom awards. One of the judges said Shrewsbury should be known as **THE** town of flowers, not **a** town of flowers.

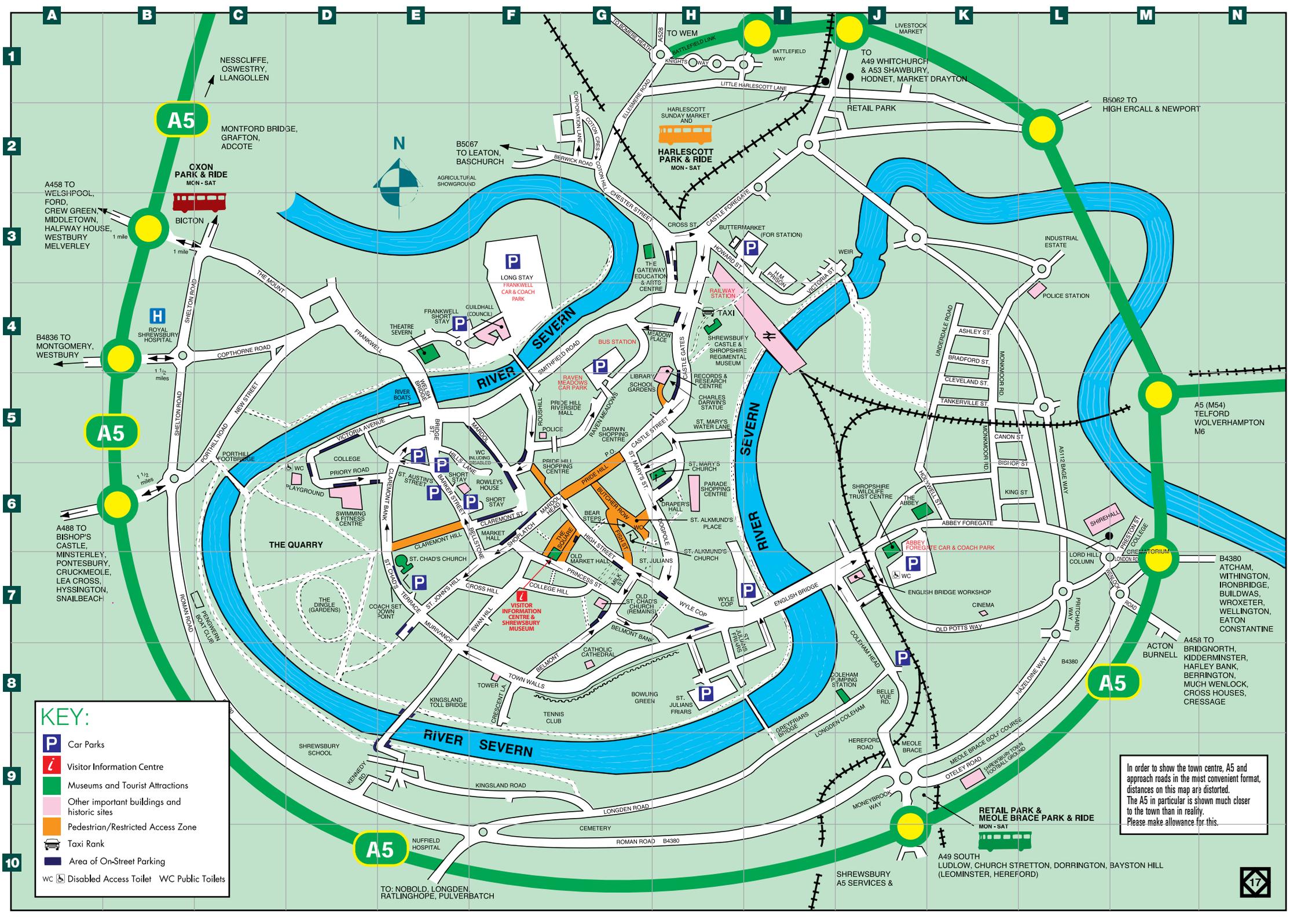
It's also the home of Sabrina, Goddess of the Severn.

### **SABRINA OF THE SEVERN**

'Severn' and 'Sabrina' are actually two versions of the same name. Severn is the English name, Sabrina the Roman one. According to the myth, she was an innocent girl who was drowned in the river by her father's first wife after he was unfaithful. She became a water nymph, goddess and guardian of the river (she pops up in John Milton's *Comus*, among other places).

### **TWO BRIDGES**

The English Bridge and Welsh Bridge sit on opposite sides of the town. Welsh to the west, English to the east. They were both built in the 18th century, but there's been a bridge on the site of the English Bridge since Norman times. The Norman bridge was a much grander affair, with a tower, gatehouse, drawbridge and shops and houses. The English Bridge you see today was rebuilt in 1926, from the original stones.



- KEY:**
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In order to show the town centre, A5 and approach roads in the most convenient format, distances on this map are distorted. The A5 in particular is shown much closer to the town than in reality. Please make allowance for this.



# ROAM

Once you've had your fill of Shrewsbury, there's plenty more to see just a short drive away.

Two World Heritage Sites, a Roman city, grand estates, castles and abbeys. And the natural beauty of the Shropshire Hills and historic Ludlow just beyond.

## WROXETER ROMAN CITY

Two thousand years ago, Wroxeter – or Viriconium, to give it its Latin name – was the fourth largest city in Roman Britain. The excavation of the second century baths began in 1859, making it one of the first archaeological sites to open to the public in the UK (even Charles Dickens took a tour).

One of the highlights is a reconstruction of a typical Roman town house, complete with frescoes and mosaics. It was built by English Heritage and Channel 4 as part of a TV show (Rome Wasn't Built in a Day).

## WORLD HERITAGE SITES

Shrewsbury sits between two World Heritage Sites. Ironbridge Gorge – with the world's first iron bridge and ten museums. And the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal, with two original Thomas Telford aqueducts.

## GRAND HOUSES AND GARDENS

Attingham Park is an 18th century mansion with its own massive deer park, built by the first Lord Berwick in 1785. As their fortunes rose and fell, the Berwicks went from being spenders, to savers, to saviours. Today, the house

tells a gripping story of love and neglect.

Hawkstone Park & Follies, just north of town, is a magical fantasy land of cliffs, crags, caves and extraordinary monuments built over 200 years ago (it also served as the backdrop for the TV version of *The Chronicles of Narnia*).

And the Dorothy Clive Garden is a romantic testament to one man's love for his wife. The south facing hillside gardens are full of flowering bulbs and camellias in spring, rhododendrons in early summer and waves of perennials and shrubs through to autumn.

## SHROPSHIRE HILLS

The Shropshire Hills is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including the Long Mynd, Stiperstones, Wenlock Edge and The Wrekin (all different hills). You can go walking for miles, just drinking in the landscape.

And when you're ready to put your feet up, the historic town of Ludlow is right there – famous for its Michelin starred restaurant, specialist food shops and annual Food Festival.

# EVENTS 2015

**Fireworks and dragon boats. Air shows and regattas. Food festivals, book festivals, music festivals and science festivals.**

**Whatever the season, there's always something happening around town to feed your soul or tickle your senses.**

- Farmers markets held on the first Friday of each month
- Arts and Crafts market held on the second Saturday of each month
- Indoor market open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Small selection of stalls open Thursday morning

## JANUARY

**Peter Pan Pantomime, Theatre Severn**

3rd December 2014 – 11th January 2015  
www.theatresevern.co.uk

## FEBRUARY

**Darwin Festival**

8th – 22nd February  
www.discoverdarwin.co.uk

**Flight Workshops**

Enginuity, Ironbridge  
14th – 22nd February  
www.ironbridge.org.uk

## MARCH

**Pontesbury Potter**

7th March  
www.severnhospice.org.uk/events

## APRIL

**Stokes Spring Fair at Quarry Park**

1st – 12th April  
www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk

**The Big Busk**

Shrewsbury Town Centre  
4th – 5th April  
www.thebigbusk.co.uk

**Shrewsbury International Cartoon Festival**

Cartoonists Live Day  
18th April  
www.shrewsburycartoonfestival.com

## MAY

**Shrewsbury Children's Bookfest**

1st - 4th May  
www.shrewsburybookfest.co.uk

**Shrewsbury Regatta**

9th – 10th May  
www.pengwernboatclub.co.uk

**Shropshire County Agricultural & Horse Show**

23rd May  
www.shropshirecountyshow.com  
01743 289831

## JUNE

**Shrewsbury River Festival**

7th June  
www.shrewsburyriverfestival.co.uk

**Shrewsbury Carnival**

13th June  
01743 258888

**Cosford Air Show, RAF Cosford**

14th June  
(advance ticket only this year)  
www.cosfordairshow.co.uk  
01902 377922

**Shrewsbury Marathon**

21st June  
www.severnhospice.org.uk/events  
01743 354450

**Shrewsbury Food Festival**

27th – 28th June  
www.shrewsburyfoodfestival.co.uk

## JULY

**The Eckford Sweet Pea Society of Wem Show**

18th – 19th July  
01948 840779

## AUGUST

**Shrewsbury Flower Show**

14th – 15th August  
www.shrewsburyflowershow.org.uk  
01743 234050

**Shrewsbury Folk Festival**

28th – 31st August  
www.shrewsburyfolkfestival.co.uk  
01743 892800

**Shrewsbury Steam Rally**

30th – 31st August  
www.shrewsburysteamrally.co.uk

## SEPTEMBER

**Heritage Open Days, throughout Shropshire**

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

## OCTOBER

**Halloween event in The Quarry**

24th October

**Ghostly Gaslight**

Blists Hill Victorian Town  
31st October  
www.ironbridge.org.uk

## NOVEMBER

**Fireworks Night**

Blists Hill Victorian Town  
7th November  
www.ironbridge.org.uk  
01952 433424

**West Mid Bonfire & Fireworks Extravaganza**

7th November  
www.shropshirecountyshow.com  
01743 289831

**Shrewsbury Chocolate Festival**

13th – 15th November  
www.shrewsburychocolatefestival.co.uk

## DECEMBER

**'Shrewsbury Does Christmas'**

In the Quarry  
12th – 13th December  
01952 432175

**Christmas celebrations throughout the town**

Contact Shrewsbury Visitor Information Centre  
01743 258888

# DO

## Decisions, decisions.

Where to start? The old medieval town, with its cobbled streets, shuts and passages. The new Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery, in The Square. Or the loop of the Severn, through the heart of The Quarry.

Whether you're in the mood for a spot of history, culture or nature, there's plenty to do and see in and around town.

01743 258888 www.shrewsburymuseum.org.uk

**St Alkmund's Church & St Chad's Church**  
*Two Wonders of Shrewsbury*

St Alkmund's Church  
*A painted window*

St Chad's Church  
*A magnificent circular church*

St Alkmund's Square, Shrewsbury SY1 1UH  
www.stalkmundschurch.co.uk

St Chad's Terrace, Shrewsbury SY1 1JX  
www.stchadchurchshrewsbury.com

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## ACCOMMODATION GRADINGS EXPLAINED

### You know you want to stay in Shrewsbury, but where in Shrewsbury?

Whatever your choice, Shrewsbury has plenty to offer. Would you like your accommodation in the town centre, on the outskirts, or maybe in the beautiful countryside surrounding our county town?

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All accommodation providers are independently inspected and graded by one or more of the assessing bodies (Visit Britain , Visit Wales , and the AA ) under the national harmonised inspection scheme, or Shropshire Tourism . Accommodation providers are awarded stars to reflect the overall quality of the experience.

### HOTELS, INNS, GUESTHOUSES AND B&Bs

Hotels, Inns, Guesthouses and B&Bs are awarded 1-5 stars. Gold Awards from Shropshire Tourism, Gold and Silver Awards from Visit Britain, and Red Stars from the AA are awarded for excellence and standards over and above the ratings awarded.

### SELF CATERING

Self Catering accommodation is awarded 1-5 stars by Visit Britain, the AA or Shropshire Tourism. Some are inspected by the HomeSeasons Group and Sykes Cottages.

### CARAVAN AND CAMPSITES

Caravans & Campsites are awarded 1-5 stars if inspected by Visit Britain, or 1-5 pennants if inspected by the AA.

### NATIONAL ACCESSIBILITY

Some of the establishments within this brochure are inspected under the Visit Britain National Accessibility Scheme, these will have VB next to the relevant disability access symbol on their advert. Other establishments

conduct a self-assessment for the level of accessibility, this will be shown without VB next to the relevant accessibility symbol. We advise all guests to contact the establishment direct to clarify their exact requirements prior to booking.

### HOW TO BOOK

Either contact the establishment directly, or you can contact Shrewsbury Visitor Information Centre, who will help you find accommodation in and around Shrewsbury.

**Tel: 01743 258 888**

**Email:**

**[visitorinfo@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:visitorinfo@shropshire.gov.uk)**  
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- ★ Simple, practical, no frills
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## ACCOMMODATION SYMBOLS

 Telephone	 No Pets	 TV in unit	 Shower block
 Children Welcome	 Evening meals	 Bed Linen Included	 Entertainment
 Baby Sitting	 Tea/Coffee making facilities	 Toilet Block	 Microwave
 En-suite available	 No smoking	 Refrigerator	 Freezer
 Licensed	 Special Diets	 Clothes washing facilities	 Residents Lounge
 Credit cards accepted	 Parking on site	 Electric hook-ups	 Shop
 Television in bedroom	 Rail link under 2 miles	 Chemical Disposal Point	 Open fire/Woodburner
 Ground floor rooms	 Short Breaks	 Gas/Electric included	 Dishwasher
 Pets welcome		 Free WiFi	

 **Mobility level 1:** Suitable for a person with sufficient mobility to climb a flight of steps.

 **Mobility level 2:** Suitable for a person with restricted walking ability and may need to use a wheelchair occasionally.

 **Mobility level 3:** Suitable for a person who depends on the use of a wheelchair and transfers unaided.

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# Boat Trips

45 minute trips around the River Severn loop  
Sailing on the hour 11am through 4pm  
Every day March - October

Concessions, family & child discounts  
Full live commentary  
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[www.sabrinaboat.co.uk](http://www.sabrinaboat.co.uk)

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Designed by Edward Pugin for the Earl of Shrewsbury with magnificent stained glass by Margaret Rope



Open to visitors or for personal prayer  
Easter to the end of October:  
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Sunday 8.30am, 10.45am, 6.00pm  
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Town Walls, Shrewsbury  
Tel: 01743 362 366 or email:  
[admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk](mailto:admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk)  
[www.shrewsburycathedral.org](http://www.shrewsburycathedral.org)



# STAY

**Boutique to budget. Coaching inns to caravans. Whatever your tastes or budget, Shrewsbury has some of the best – and most unusual – accommodation in the county.**

Historic coaching inns, independent boutique style hotels, traditional hotels and homely B&Bs and guest houses. Metro and budget hotels. Or for those who prefer to do their own thing, self catering cottages, caravans and campsites.

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## lion + pheasant

townhouse hotel shrewsbury



The Lion + Pheasant Hotel is a AA 3 star boutique town house hotel with 22 individually designed bedroom suites, oak beamed restaurant, inglenook bar with open log fire, and Crystal dining room in the heart of the historic town.

50 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, SY1 1XJ  
Tel: 01743 770345  
email: [info@lionandpheasant.co.uk](mailto:info@lionandpheasant.co.uk)  
[www.lionandpheasant.co.uk](http://www.lionandpheasant.co.uk)



## Sandford House Hotel



### Two star Metro Hotel in Shrewsbury Town Centre

Sandford House is a Grade II listed historic Georgian town house, situated in the town centre and close to the River Severn with scenic riverside walks.

All 19 rooms at Sandford House and Garden Lodge are fully-ensuite with tea/coffee making facilities and colour TV. The Garden Lodge has specially designed ground floor bedrooms as well as ground floor disabled rooms.

**Book Online Now**

Please telephone, fax or email for prices and brochure.

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[www.sandfordhouse.co.uk](http://www.sandfordhouse.co.uk)  
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## College Hill Guest House

Nationally recommended

A TOWN CENTRE  
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En-suite rooms available with flat screen TV, tea/coffee making facilities, Free WiFi Access

11 College Hill,  
Shrewsbury SY1 1LZ  
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Maureen Buckley  
[collegehillguesthouse@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:collegehillguesthouse@yahoo.co.uk)

★★★ GUEST ACCOMMODATION



## The Birches B&B, Shrewsbury



- 5 minute walk from town centre, Quarry Park and rail/coach stations
- En-suite or luxury private bathroom
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- FREE WiFi Access • Tea/coffee making facilities
- Superb breakfasts, including vegetarian options
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All major Credit & Debit cards accepted. Rates from £25 per person per night.

★★★ BED & BREAKFAST

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[www.thebirchesshrewsbury.com](http://www.thebirchesshrewsbury.com)



## Ye Olde Bucks Head Inn

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Frankwell, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY3 8JR  
Email: [adminbucksheadinn@tesco.net](mailto:adminbucksheadinn@tesco.net) ★★ INN

[www.bucksheadinn.co.uk](http://www.bucksheadinn.co.uk)

01743 369 392



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Hotel run by the owners, all rooms en-suite, TV, all usual facilities plus free wireless internet, bar, parking, from £35 per person.

★★ METRO HOTEL



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Website: [www.abbotsmeadhotel.co.uk](http://www.abbotsmeadhotel.co.uk)



## Anton Guest House

1 Canon Street Shrewsbury SY2 5HG



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- Luxury en-suite rooms
- Award winning breakfasts
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- LCD digital TV/DVD player
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- Comfortable beds
- Free unlimited WiFi
- iPod docks

01743 359275  
[www.antonhouse.com](http://www.antonhouse.com)  
[antonguesthouse@btconnect.com](mailto:antonguesthouse@btconnect.com)



## FIELDSIDE GUEST HOUSE

38 London Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6NX



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Tel: 01743 353143  
Email: [info@fieldsideguesthouse.co.uk](mailto:info@fieldsideguesthouse.co.uk)  
[www.fieldsideguesthouse.co.uk](http://www.fieldsideguesthouse.co.uk)



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AA ★★★★★ HOTEL

- Picturesque casual country house hotel, restaurant and vibrant bar
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Atcham, Nr Shrewsbury SY5 6QG

E: reception@myttonandmermaid.co.uk

T: 01743 761220

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## BRIMFORD HOUSE

CRIGGION, FORD, SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE SY5 9AU



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Prices from £35pp Mid week discounts available.  
Contact Liz Dawson



Tel: 01938 570235

Email: info@brimford.co.uk

www.brimford.co.uk



## Caro's Bed & Breakfast

AA ★★★★★ BED & BREAKFAST HIGHLY COMMENDED

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Tel: 01743 718790 Mob: 07739 285263



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Tel: 01743 884288 ★★★★★

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www.lanefarmbedandbreakfast.com



## THE MILL HOUSE B&B

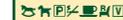
A warm welcome is assured at our grade II converted watermill on the River Roden. Located 1/2 way between Shrewsbury, Telford and the World Heritage Site of Ironbridge. To the north is Hawkstone Park follies and golf course. Large guest lounge with huge wooden beams. En-suite rooms with colour TV. Non-smoking throughout. Children welcome. Wi-Fi available.



The Mill House, High Ercall, Telford TF6 6BE

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www.ercallmill.co.uk



★★★★★ BED & BREAKFAST



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## The Old Station

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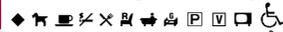
AA ★★★★★ GUEST HOUSE

Situated amongst farmland adjoining Bomere Heath village cricket ground. Only 4 miles from the beautiful historic town of Shrewsbury stands this former country railway station built in 1847, set in 2 acres.



### THE ACCOMMODATION

- 6 luxury appointed bedrooms with Victorian style decorated en-suites. Choose from Suites, Triple, Double, Twin or Single rooms with Tea/Coffee making facilities.
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## SOULTON HALL

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Ryton, Dorrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 7LY

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www.rytonfarm.co.uk



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www.barleycornbarns.co.uk

PRICE PER WEEK: from £250 - £510



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# SOULTON HALL COTTAGES

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 t: 01694 731661

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### THE STABLES

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[www.lionandpheasant.co.uk](http://www.lionandpheasant.co.uk)  
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 Ursula Baugh, Glebe House, Vicarage Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury SY3 9EZ  
 Tel: 01743 236914

Email: [sula.baugh123@btinternet.com](mailto:sula.baugh123@btinternet.com)  
[www.stmem.com/stablecottage](http://www.stmem.com/stablecottage)

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Shrewsbury, SY1 1EQ

Desirable Town Centre Self Catering Accommodation (sleeps up to 4). First floor open plan living area with fitted kitchen. Two spacious bedrooms on second floor with large bathroom.

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[info@shrewsburyselfcatering.co.uk](mailto:info@shrewsburyselfcatering.co.uk)  
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## ARRIVE

### BY CAR

You can get to Shrewsbury easily by the A5 and M54.

There's an excellent Park & Ride service that runs Monday to Saturday from three car parks (look for signs). Park & Ride Buses run every 10 mins or so and your ticket allows you to hop-on, hop-off Park & Ride buses around the town centre. Anyone with a valid English bus pass will be able to travel on Shrewsbury Park and Ride for half the price, that's only 80p return!

For on-street parking in the town centre, there's a Pay & Display system from Monday to Saturday, 8.30am to 6pm. There are also a number of car parks in the town centre (see the map in the middle of this brochure). If you're in a camper van, you can park at Park & Ride sites (by request) and on Abbey Foregate Car Park.

### BY TRAIN OR COACH

The train station is right in the town centre, with regular direct trains from Manchester, Birmingham and Cardiff. For train information, call National Rail on 08457 48 49 50 or visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

There are two daily National Express Coach services from London and connections from other towns on the network. Call 08717 818178 or visit [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) for more information.

### TAXIS

You can catch a taxi at the train station.

### PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

If you've got a disabled badge and clock, you can park in designated spaces on Shoplatch, Castle Street, St. Mary's Street, Claremont Street, Princess Street, High Street and Roushill free (check the signs to see how long you

can park). You can also park free in other on-street parking spaces, as long as your badge and clock are on display.

In car parks, there are extra wide bays where you can park, but you have to pay. Again, your badge and clock must be on display.

There are wheelchair accessible buses on all Park & Ride routes (normal charges apply).

And there's also a Shopmobility service from Raven Meadows car park, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am - 4.30pm. You can hire electric scooters and wheelchairs, but reservations are recommended. Call 01743 236 900.

Many taxis are wheelchair accessible.

### ANY QUESTIONS?

For more help and advice on parking call the Car Park Service Office on 01743 356 628.

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## Welcome to The Shrewsbury Hotel

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### — at — THE MUSIC HALL

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- Accommodation
- Places to eat
- Things to see and do
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- Guides, maps & brochures
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- Boat tickets

Tel: 01743 258888

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