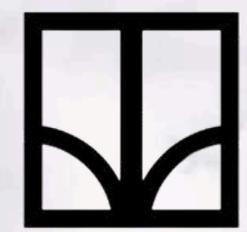
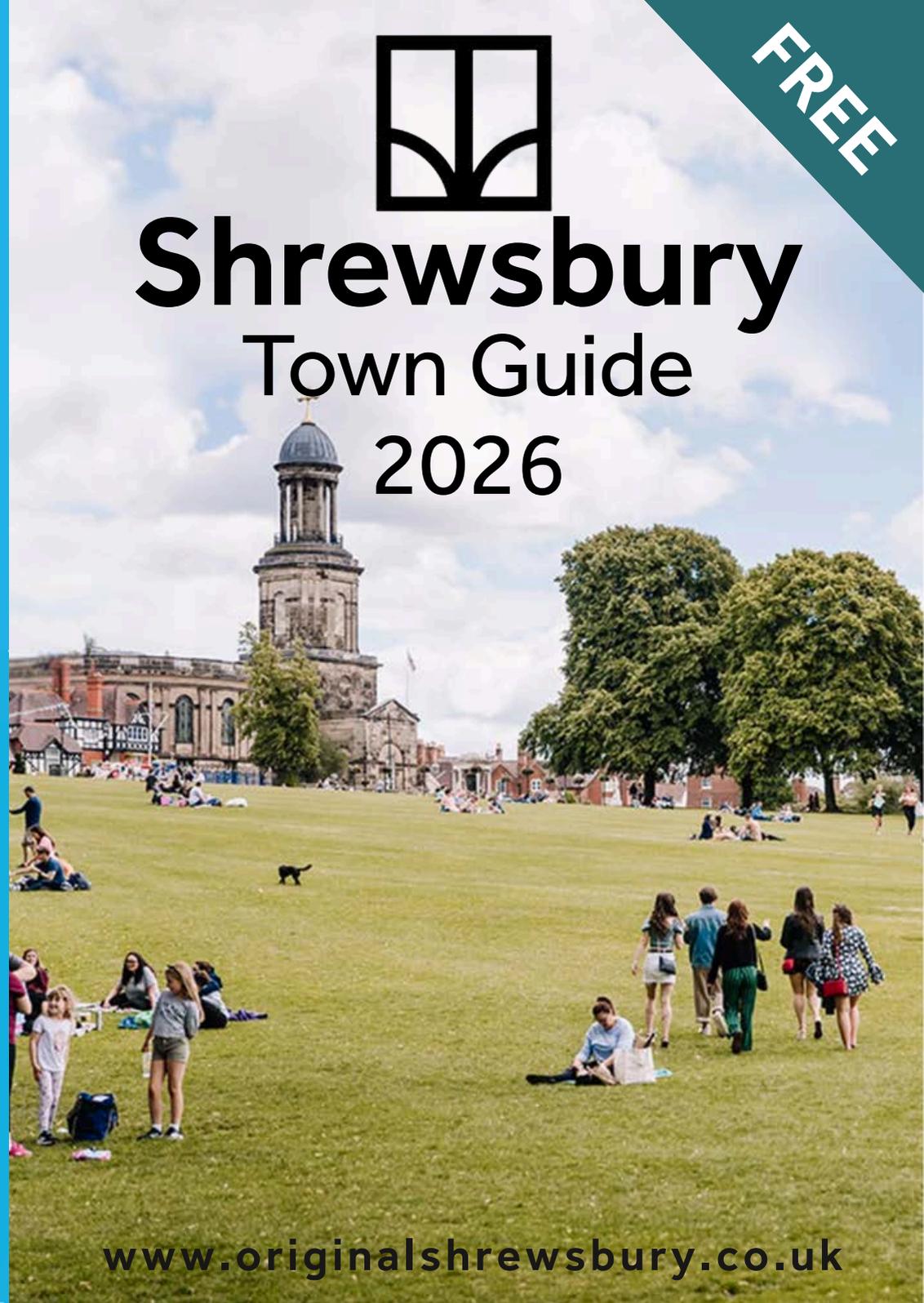


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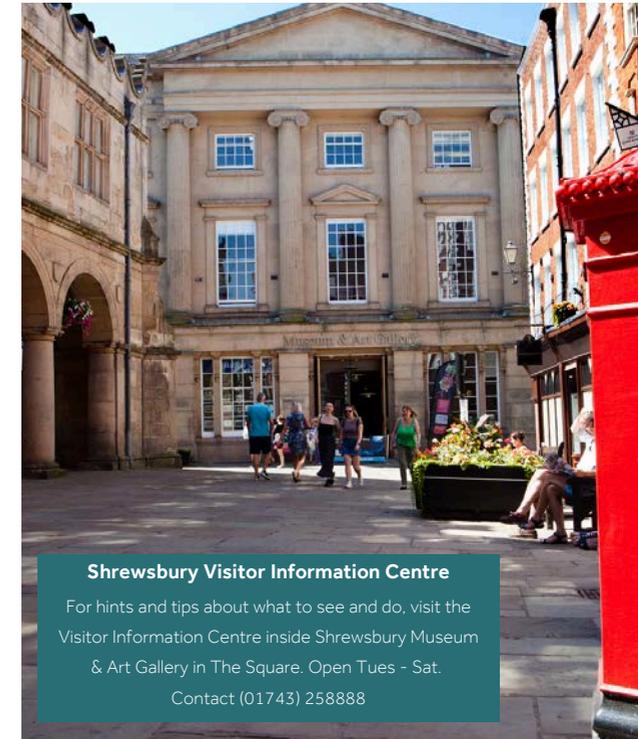
# WELCOME TO SHREWSBURY

Welcome to Shrewsbury – a gem nestled in the loop of the River Severn.

Small enough to explore on foot yet brimming with history, Shrewsbury is the perfect destination for a weekend getaway or a longer adventure, exploring the wider charms of Shropshire.

Our town is a delightful mix of old-world charm and modern creativity. Stroll through cobbled streets lined with quirky, half-timbered buildings, and uncover a treasure trove of independent shops, artisan markets, and vibrant eateries. Shrewsbury thrives on its entrepreneurial spirit, making every corner a hub of creativity and big ideas.

Nature lovers will adore **The Quarry Park**, our renowned riverside park that offers lush green spaces for relaxation and stunning views of the River Severn. For history enthusiasts, Shrewsbury is a living time capsule, boasting over 700 listed buildings, each with its own story. Wander through medieval shuts and hidden passages, and you'll feel like you've stepped back in time. Every turn reveals charming and picturesque architecture and just waiting to be photographed.



### Shrewsbury Visitor Information Centre

For hints and tips about what to see and do, visit the Visitor Information Centre inside Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery in The Square. Open Tues - Sat. Contact (01743) 258888

Our bustling events calendar ensures there's always something to do. From artisan food fairs and pop-ups in unique venues, to Shrewsbury's renowned festivals, there's a vibrant energy to experience year-round. And, of course, the iconic River Severn loop is the heart of it all - perfect for scenic walks, boat rides, or just soaking in the tranquil atmosphere.

Whether you're here for a day, a weekend, or longer, Shrewsbury will capture your heart with its rich history, creative buzz and welcoming spirit.

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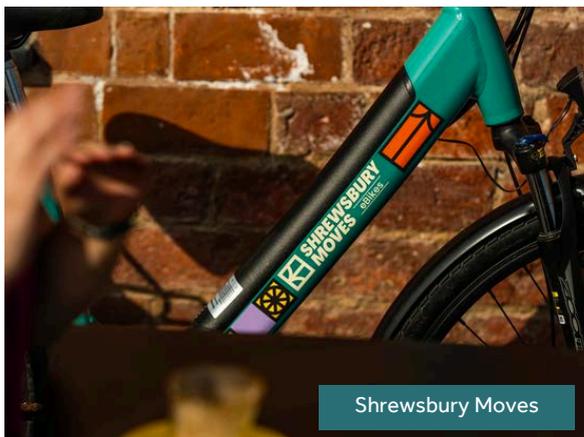
# Arrive

Let the train take the strain, or come on two wheels - Shrewsbury's a friend to cyclists and low traffic living

## By Bike

Shrewsbury is connected to the national cycle network via routes 81 and 44, making it easy to pedal straight into the centre. Route 81 offers a flat, scenic ride through the Quarry, Shrewsbury's riverside park, while route 45 leads north towards Shawbury and Whitchurch for those after a longer journey.

With the recent arrival of Shrewsbury moves cycle pods, getting around has never been simpler. Seven separate pods are already installed in convenient town centre locations, with more planned for Summer 2026. Cyclists can subscribe to a secure space for just £5 a month, or use the Market hall pod on a pay-as-you-go basis for £2 a day.



Shrewsbury Moves

## By Train or Coach

Shrewsbury's magnificent Grade II listed Victorian railway station is nestled beneath the red sandstone walls of Shrewsbury Castle – a fittingly grand gateway to the town. From here, you're just 43 miles from the buzz of Birmingham New Street, or you can settle in for one of Britain's most scenic rail journeys by traveling west into the rolling hills of Wales.

Trains will whisk you to Leeds in 2 hours 23, Manchester in just over an hour, and Liverpool in 2 hours 33 – with Birmingham a mere 56 minutes away. For timetables and tickets, visit [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk) or call 0800 022 3720. Prefer to travel by road? National Express runs regular coaches from London Victoria, getting you to Shrewsbury in time for tea. Book at [nationalexpress.com](http://nationalexpress.com)



Shrewsbury Train Station

## By Taxi

Need a lift while you're in Shrewsbury? You'll find a handy taxi rank right outside the railway station, or you can book directly with one of the town's trusted local services:

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## Park and Ride

Park and ride is ideal for tourists and day-trippers. If you're exploring Shrewsbury and its cobbled streets, historic architecture, independent shops and riverside walks, our service offers a relaxed and convenient way to start your visit — without the stress of town centre parking.

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## By Car

If you prefer to drive right into the heart of the town, Shrewsbury offers a great choice of pay & display car parks, plus handy '15 minutes pop & shop' bays for quick errands, as well as free parking options. Modern conveniences such as contactless payment and the MiPermit app make paying and topping up effortless.

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## Disabled Access in Shrewsbury

Shrewsbury is committed to making your visit as smooth as possible. Blue Badge parking is conveniently located across the town, including Shoplatch, Castle Street, St Mary's Street, St Mary's Place, Claremont Street, Roushill, Beeches Lane, Princess Street, and Dogpole. Many local taxis are wheelchair accessible, and all three park and ride services operate buses that can accommodate wheelchairs, ensuring you can explore the town comfortably. For more details on accessible parking and transport, visit: [originalshrewsbury.co.uk/car-parking](http://originalshrewsbury.co.uk/car-parking)

If you need alternative transport arrangements, Dial a Ride offers tailored services for those with difficulty walking or using public transport. They're available Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 3pm. Call 01743 450270 or find out more at [shrewsbury-dialaride.co.uk](http://shrewsbury-dialaride.co.uk)



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# Discover



Shrewsbury Castle

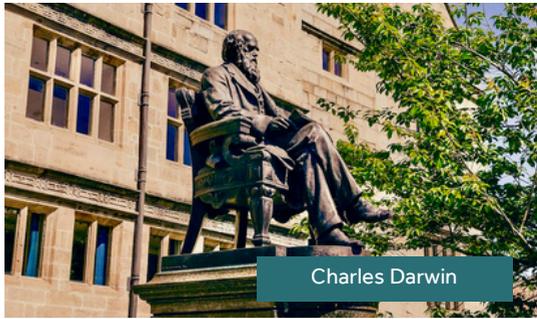
The Saxons got here first. Then came Roger de Montgomery, founder of our castle and abbey. The drapers dealt in wool, and Darwin studied the bees.

### Shrewsbury: A Town with Stories to Tell

Shrewsbury's story began over a thousand years ago when Saxons settled on the high ground by St Mary's and Old St Chad's, calling it Scrobbesbyrig – "the fort in the shrubs." By the 10th century, Æthelflæd, Lady of the Mercians, had made it a fortified burh guarding the England–Wales border. The red sandstone castle was built after the Norman Conquest, with medieval walls added in the 13th century.

The town's real wealth came from Welsh sheep, whose fine fleeces made a fortune for merchants. Between the 13th and 16th centuries, they built the timber-framed mansions that still line Shrewsbury's crooked streets today.

During the English Civil War, Shrewsbury was an important Royalist stronghold, offering King Charles I both loyalty and strategic value. In 1645 it fell to Parliamentary forces not through battle, but by a quiet nighttime entry through St Mary's Water Gate. Today, the town's walls, streets, and skyline still carry echoes of those events, inviting visitors to explore their lingering history.



Charles Darwin

Every era has left its mark on Shrewsbury. Wander the streets to discover medieval passageways, Tudor timber-framed houses, Georgian squares, and grand Victorian landmarks—all woven into a unique historic tapestry. In the 18th century, Shrewsbury became a fashionable retreat for local gentry, who added elegant architecture to its rich heritage.

The town is also the birthplace of Charles Darwin, born on The Mount in 1809. As a boy, he explored Shrewsbury's meadows and riverbanks, collecting beetles and studying nature. Though he disliked attending Shrewsbury School (today's Old Library on Castle Street), his curiosity led him aboard HMS Beagle at 22, sparking discoveries that changed science forever.

With its captivating history and timeless charm, Shrewsbury is more than a town—it's a living museum where past and present meet.

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# Explore

History tumbles through Shrewsbury's higgledy-piggledy streets, best discovered at your own pace – whether you wander on foot or drift along the river.

## Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery

Tucked behind the Old Market Hall, Shropshire's flagship museum now occupies the old Music Hall, beautifully linked to the 13th-century Vaughan's Mansion after a five-year restoration. Its collections include treasures like a silver Roman mirror from Wroxeter. With a vibrant events programme and a café hosting outdoor seating, it's a perfect place to explore and unwind.

## The Square

Shrewsbury's heart for centuries, the Square was built around 1595–96, with the Old Market Hall hosting trade—and occasional public punishments at the long-lost Bishop's Pool. Today, it blends historic charm with modern life, with cafés, shops, and events bringing the town to life.

## The Old Market Hall

Built around 1596, Shrewsbury's Old Market Hall was once a busy trade centre and courthouse. Today, it's home to OMH, an arthouse cinema and café where film lovers and coffee enthusiasts can enjoy culture in a historic setting.

## Barker Street & The West End

A vibrant hub of colour, flavour, and creativity, Shrewsbury Market Hall offers independent traders, artisan street food, and cosy cafés by day. Come night, it hums with fresh pop-ups and live music — Voted Britain's Favourite Market in 2018, 2023, 2024, and 2025!

## Rowley's House & Mansion

A short walk away, Rowley's House and Mansion, built for wool merchant Roger Rowley and his son, showcases elegant timber framing and brickwork, offering a glimpse into Shrewsbury's golden age of trade and craftsmanship.



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## Town Walls Trail - Walk Through Time

Stroll along Shrewsbury's historic Town Walls from Wyle Cop to Claremont Hill, enjoying views of rooftops, river bends, and the town's last surviving watchtower, standing for over 700 years. Nearby, admire the Cathedral's stained glass, crafted by Margaret Rope, then unwind with a coffee in the Orchard Café courtyard.

## St Chad's Church - A Round Church with a Story

Built in 1792, this striking Georgian landmark is instantly recognisable. Stroll through its tranquil churchyard and look out for a quirky relic of film history — Scrooge's grave, from the classic 1984 film, A Christmas Carol.

## Old St Chad's Churchyard - Shrewsbury's Medieval Echo

On Milk Street, only the 15th-century Lady Chapel remains of the grand Old St Chad's, lost when its tower collapsed in 1788. Today, it's a peaceful, atmospheric spot — a quiet reminder of Shrewsbury's deep and storied past.

## The Quarry - Shrewsbury's Green Heart

Encircled by the looping River Severn, The Quarry is 29 acres of beautiful riverside parkland at the heart of Shrewsbury. Loved by locals and visitors alike, it bursts into life with festivals throughout the year. Percy Thrower MBE, laid out the planting of the Dingle when he was Parks Superintendent, up until 1974. During his time as park superintendent, Percy's family lived in the Quarry Lodge.

## The Bridges - Crossing Through Time

Each of Shrewsbury's bridges tells a story. Walk from Welsh Bridge to English Bridge via Porthill, Kingsland, and Greyfriars, spotting medieval ruins or watching rowers go by. For a different perspective, take a Sabrina Boat cruise along the Severn, passing iconic bridges and landmarks. The town's rowing tradition continues to this day at both Pengwern and Shrewsbury Boat Clubs.

## Frankwell

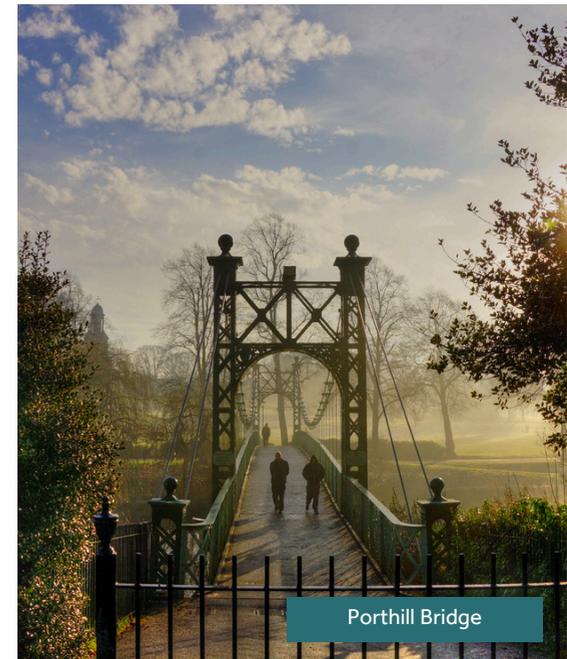
### Theatre Severn

Opened in 2009, Theatre Severn is Shrewsbury's performing arts hub. From drama and live music to the town's beloved pantomime, there's always a show to enjoy. For a special touch, take a balcony seat overlooking the River Severn with a glass of wine as the curtain rises.

## Abbey Foregate

### Shrewsbury Abbey

Founded in 1083 by Roger de Montgomery, Shrewsbury Abbey was once one of England's most powerful monasteries. Though much was lost during the Reformation, its medieval architecture and serene atmosphere remain, with regular concerts and events bringing history to life.



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## Castle Gates (And Beyond)

### Shrewsbury Prison

Known as "The Dana," this Victorian prison—built on a Georgian jail—has a dark history, including public hangings above the gatehouse. Today, it's a top dark tourism spot, offering paranormal hunts, prison-break experiences, and guided tours revealing life behind bars.

### Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings

Nicknamed the "grandparent of the skyscraper," this iron-framed building was once a flax mill and later a maltings. Now beautifully restored, it features an interactive exhibition and a lively café, blending industrial heritage with modern design.

### Shrewsbury Library

This Grade I-listed building housed Shrewsbury School from 1552–1882. Look for scratched wooden panels bearing names of former pupils, including Charles Darwin—a living echo of the past.

### Shrewsbury Castle

Founded by William the Conqueror, Shrewsbury Castle's red sandstone walls have seen nearly a thousand years of history. Today, its gardens host picnics, open-air concerts, and summer events.

### Bear Steps

Climb the worn steps into medieval Shrewsbury, where timber-framed houses overlook narrow lanes once home to The King's Market. Streets like Fish Street, Butcher Row, and Grope Lane still reflect the town's historic trades and stories.

### Bear Steps Art Gallery

This 14th-century hall, restored in the 1970s, now hosts local art exhibitions beneath its timber rafters, blending history with creativity.

### St Alkmund's Church

Founded in 912 AD and rebuilt in the 1700s, this church features a striking east window and hosts popular lunchtime concerts.

### Butcher Row (Abbot's House)

Once home to bustling butchers' shops, this historic street is now a lively mix of pubs, bars, and restaurants, with the iconic Prince Rupert Hotel standing proudly at its heart.

### Drapers' Hall

Built in 1658 for the Shrewsbury Drapers' Company, this timber-framed hall was at the heart of the town's wealth, trading Welsh woollen cloth across Europe. Today, its grand rooms and architecture are preserved, housing a boutique hotel and Rhubarb restaurant, where historic charm meets modern dining.

### The Parade Shopping Centre

Once the Royal Salop Infirmary, this Grade II-listed building with Doric columns now houses quirky independent shops and eateries, offering views over the River Severn—a perfect spot to enjoy Shrewsbury's history and scenery.

### St Mary's Church

With one of England's tallest spires and stunning stained glass—including the 14th-century Jesse Window—St Mary's is an architectural and cultural gem. It hosts concerts, fairs, and events, and its cosy café offers a perfect spot to soak up the church's beauty and atmosphere.

### Wyle Cop

Wyle Cop, with its jettied Tudor mansions sloping to the River Severn, is one of Shrewsbury's most iconic streets. Explore historic pubs, boutique shops, cafés, wine bars, and galleries, including the famous Tanners wine merchants—every corner rich with centuries of history.

### The Lion Hotel

Dating back to 1618, this grand hotel was once a leading coaching inn on the London-to-Holyhead route. Legendary guests included Charles Dickens, Paganini, and Benjamin Disraeli. Inside, the Adam-style ballroom showcases timeless elegance and rich history.

### Henry Tudor House

Step into this medieval timber-framed townhouse, built in 1426 for a local brewer. Legend says the ghosts of Henry Tudor's soldiers still march its halls, offering a haunting glimpse into Shrewsbury's bloody past.

### The Nag's Head

Drink like a medieval lord in the Nag's Head, a restored timber-framed mansion with a famed beer garden. Enjoy hearty fare and ale—but beware the haunted room, where a chilling portrait seems to follow your every move!

### Tanners Cellars

Established in 1842 by sea captain William Tanner, this family-run shop on Wyle Cop is a Shrewsbury institution. Parts of the building date back to the 1490s, offering a taste of living history alongside an impressive selection of fine wines.

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# Dine in Style

Discover eateries tucked under the eaves — candlelit or urban chic, wood-panelled or stylishly industrial. From fusion to fast casual, fine dining to funky pop-ups, Shrewsbury always serves up something unforgettable.

## Burger Lovers

**Brooklyn Craft** on Shoplatch serves hearty American-style burgers for dine-in or takeaway. Just a short walk away, **The Beefy Boys** on the High Street are known for bold, indulgent creations—their award-winning signature burger is a must-try. For plant-based options, **Okra** offers a creative range of vegetarian burgers on the High Street.

## Afternoon Tea

Shrewsbury has plenty of afternoon tea options. **Taste of Shrewsbury** on Mardol offers a historic tearoom, while **Ten & Six Champagne Bar's** Mad Hatter's Tea is playful and whimsical. For a more formal experience, **The Lion & Pheasant** Hotel serves classic teas, and **The Loopy Shrew** on Bellstone offers a stylish, contemporary twist.



St Vincent Shrewsbury

## Fine Dining

- At the top of Grope Lane, **St Vincent Wine Bar** serves globally inspired small plates. Overlooking Victoria Quay, **The Walrus** offers refined tasting menus. The Historic **Golden Cross** on Princess Street is renowned for fine dining, while **Rhubarb** at Drapers Hall lets guests experience a lordly high table. On Wyle Cop, **The Lion & Pheasant** pairs stylish interiors with modern, well-executed cuisine.



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## Daytime Buzz

Shrewsbury's cafés and daytime eateries offer plenty of reasons to pause while exploring the town. In the Town Square, **The Cat's Pyjamas** is a lively spot, popular for brunch and lunch, while the **OMH Café** inside **Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery** pairs excellent lunch menus with a touch

of culture. **Number Four** on Butcher Row offers a varied and well-prepared midday menu.

Shrewsbury's Market Hall is a hub for independent food.

**Bird's Nest Café** is a long-standing breakfast favourite,

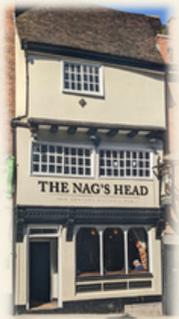
while **Moli** serves fresh dumplings, **PetitGlou** offers curated wines, while

**Gindifferent** has a range of creative cocktails. **The Quarry Kitchen Café** has outdoor seating over Quarry Park.

**House Coffee Co.** and **Ginger & Co.** are known for homemade cakes, with **Orchard Café** and **Daily Brews** offering more outdoor spots. Just outside town, **In Good Hands** in Frankwell provides a quieter, community-focused vibe. For a quick coffee fix, **Patches kiosk** is top-notch—and don't miss resident dog **Poncho!**



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### Outdoor Dining

In summer, **Peaberry Café** offers pavement dining on Milk Street. Mediterranean-style options include **El Catala** in Frankwell and **Dill** off Wyle Cop, both with great outdoor seating. Several pubs also provide outdoor tables, including **The Old Post Office** (Milk Street), **The Shrewsbury Hotel** (Smithfield Road), **The Hop & Friar** (near Julian's Friary) and **The Nags Head** (Wyle Cop)

### Riverside

Shrewsbury has plenty of riverside spots with great views. **The Boathouse** by Porthill Bridge is a favourite for drinks, while **The Coleham Tap** offers an idyllic terrace. For a scenic café stop, **River View Café** looks out over the Severn toward Haughmond Hill. On Victoria Quay, **Hickory's Smokehouse**, **The Armoury**, and **Riverbank Bar & Kitchen** all have waterside seating. For something different, enjoy a drink aboard **The Sabrina Boat** on its daily boat tours.



Kanu Poké

### International

Shrewsbury offers a global mix of flavours. Mediterranean and Spanish options include **Istanbul Restaurant** (Frankwell), **Exo Poli** (Longden Road), **AleOli y Tu** (Frankwell), and **Casa Naranjo** (Barracks Passage), while **Csons** (Milk Street) serves a seasonal, globally inspired menu. Asian cuisine ranges from **House of the Rising Sun** (Butcher Row) for Japanese-Mexican fusion to **House of Yum** (Market Hall & Mardol) for Thai street food and **Umai** (Princess Street) for sushi. Indian and South Asian favourites include **Café Saffron**, **The Curry House**, **Avatar**, **Third Place**, and **The Masala**, with **Yak & Yeti** (Frankwell) offering Nepalese and Himalayan-inspired dishes. Italian and French dining can be found at **Dough & Oil**, **Osteria**, **La Lanterna**, **La Piazzetta**, and **Côte Brasserie**.



The Boathouse



House of Yum

### Vegan, Veggie & Plant-Based

Shrewsbury offers some of the best plant-based dining Britain has to offer. **Okra** on the High Street serves laid-back vegetarian lunches, while **Plantkind** on Milk Street offers Lebanese-inspired vegan takeaway. **Itadakizen** on Fish Street specialises in Japanese vegan cuisine, and **Kanu Poké** on Roushill brings vegan Pacific fusion to the town. For a bright, airy café experience, **The Greenhouse Café** above Milk Street is a family run eatery, offering homemade seasonal dishes.



House Coffee Co.

# Shrewsbury After Hours

From cosy pubs to late-night entertainment, find out what Shrewsbury has to offer after dark.

## Cosy Pubs

Shrewsbury is home to a selection of traditional pubs, ideal for a relaxed evening. Historic favourites like **The Nag's Head** and **The Golden Cross** serve locally brewed ales in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Whether you're after a quiet pint with friends or a lively night out, there's a pub to suit every mood.

## The Sabrina Boat

A standout of Shrewsbury nightlife is **The Sabrina Boat**. Moored on the River Severn, this floating venue comes alive with themed party nights — from ABBA and Motown to 90s dance classics — making it a must-visit for anyone seeking a fun and unique evening on the river.

## Theatre & Cinema Nights

Culture lovers can spend their evenings at **The Theatre Severn** or enjoy independent films at **The Old Market Hall Cinema**. From gripping drama and side-splitting comedy to cult classics, these venues offer a relaxed, cultural twist on Shrewsbury's vibrant nightlife.

## Evening Walks & Hidden Gems

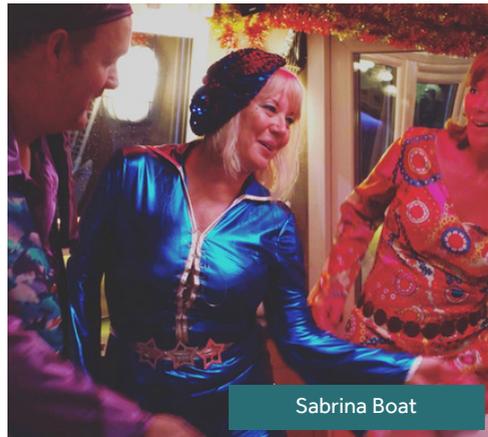
Evenings in Shrewsbury come alive outdoors too. Wander the historic streets, stroll along the riverside paths of the Severn, or explore the softly illuminated market areas — perfect for a magical post-dinner walk or a quiet night-time adventure.



House of Grain

## Clubs & Nightlife

Ready to dance the night away? Shrewsbury's nightlife has something for everyone. Clubs like **Labyrinth** and **Albert's Shed** bring themed nights, pulsing DJ sets, and buzzing crowds, making for an unforgettable and high-energy evening in the heart of the town.



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## Cocktail Bars

For lovers of expertly crafted drinks, Shrewsbury's cocktail scene is thriving. Trendy bars like **Oil**, **House of Grain**, and **Ten & Six** serve creative cocktails in stylish settings, buzzing with evening energy. Perfect for pre-dinner drinks or a night out with friends, these venues blend sophisticated flavours with a lively and social atmosphere.

## Late Night Dining

Shrewsbury's late-night dining scene is thriving, with restaurants, serving everything from tapas and Asian street food to hearty pub classics and vegan delights. Perfect for pre or post-bar meals, these spots let visitors dive into a mix of local and international flavours, all in a lively, buzzing atmosphere.

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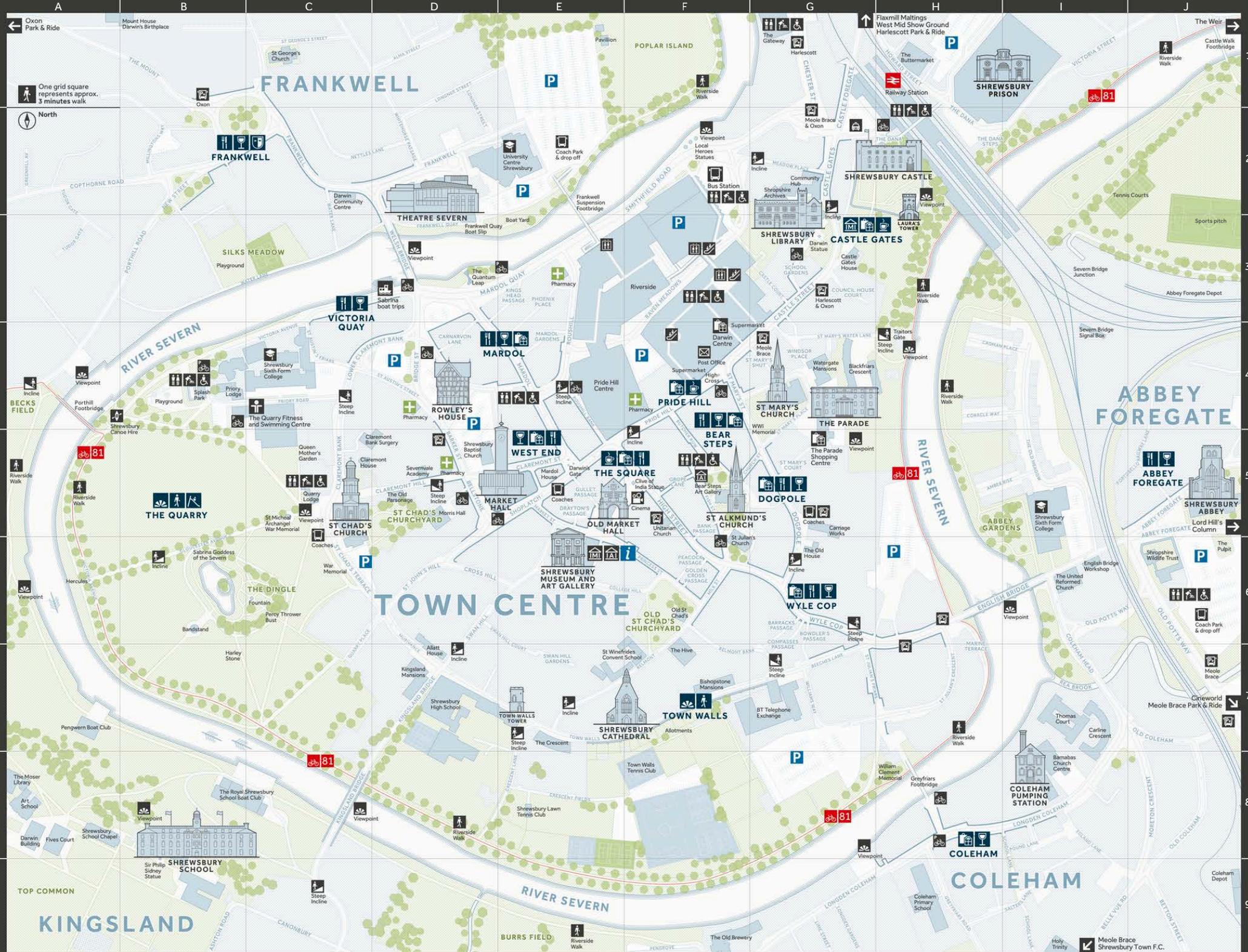
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## Independents, Gifts & Interiors

Shrewsbury is a town full of character, where historic streets and timber-framed buildings house a vibrant array of independent shops. Here, shopping is more than a transaction — it's a chance to discover something truly unique.

**Thomas Glover Jewellers** offers an exquisite and wide range of antique and period pieces, from Georgian and Victorian designs to Art Deco treasures, perfect for a special gift or keepsake. **White Lotus Living** combines style and elegance with its curated selection of home décor, furniture, lighting, and lifestyle gifts.

Fashion lovers will enjoy **Oberon** on Wyle Cop, a boutique offering contemporary womenswear, statement accessories, and stylish footwear.

Wandering the streets, you'll uncover hidden gems, artisan finds, and one-of-a-kind pieces that make each visit memorable. For gifts, interiors, or fashion, Shrewsbury's independent shops offer charm, quality, and character at every turn.

## The Parade

Housed in the historic former Royal Salop Infirmary, **The Parade** is a vibrant shopping destination in the heart of Shrewsbury. It combines a riverside café with independent businesses, including health and beauty services, art and photography studios, collectibles, and second-hand books.

Highlights include **Shop KAIZEN**, offering a carefully curated selection of lifestyle, gift, and homeware items. With its mix of history, creativity, and local character, The Parade provides a relaxed and distinctive shopping experience for browsing, discovering unique finds, or enjoying a coffee by the river.

## Darwin Centre

The Darwin Centre blends local character with national brands. Highlights include **The Shrewsbury Duck Store**, offering quirky gifts and homeware, and **The Collective**, a hub for independent artisans. Alongside familiar high-street favourites, it's a convenient and distinctive destination for shopping, browsing, and discovering unique finds in the heart of Shrewsbury.



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## Under The Clock Tower

Shrewsbury Market Hall, a distinctive feature of the town's skyline, opened on 16 September 1965, replacing a Victorian market hall that had stood since 1869. Designed by architect David Aberdeen, the building boasts a 240-foot clock tower and a modernist architectural style. Jointly managed by Shropshire Council and Shrewsbury Town Council, the Market Hall houses over 60 independent traders, offering a vibrant mix of fresh local produce, artisanal goods, and unique experiences.

## Fresh & Local

The ground floor features a dynamic blend of long-established family businesses and innovative new artisan producers. Shoppers can find classic butchers, fishmongers, and greengrocers alongside bakers, chocolatiers, and specialist stalls offering organic wines, cheeses, and exotic spices. This diverse selection creates a lively, sensory experience where every visit presents new and delicious discoveries.

## Creative Finds

Upstairs, the Market Hall transforms into a vibrant space filled with stalls selling handmade jewellery, artwork, homewares, vintage fashion, vinyl records, and antiques. Visitors can also explore a gallery space and participate in craft workshops, providing opportunities to meet local makers and find unique gifts not available on the high street.

## Eat, Drink, Enjoy

The Market Hall has become one of Shrewsbury's most exciting destinations for casual dining and socializing. From morning coffees to late-night bites, it offers something for every taste and occasion. Wander through the vibrant stalls and choose from a tempting mix of global cuisines — from authentic Spanish tapas and sizzling Thai street food to hand-crafted dim sum and crisp wood-fired pizza. Vegan-friendly cafés serve up delicious plant-based creations, while stylish gin and wine bars invite you to relax and enjoy a drink in good company. Several times a year, the Market Hall comes alive after dark, with special late-night openings, where live music, irresistible food, and boutique shopping combine to create an unforgettable evening atmosphere.

## When To Visit

The Market Hall is normally open Tuesday to Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm (with a limited selection of stalls open on Thursdays) — a place to shop, eat, socialize, and be inspired. Home to a vibrant mix of independent traders, creative artisans, and passionate food producers. But, the fun doesn't stop at 4 — throughout the year the Market Hall also hosts several special "Late Night" events, when its bars, street-food venues, and a selection of boutique stalls stay open until 9 or 10 pm. Discover cocktail and wine bars, global flavours, live music and a bit of retail therapy under evening lights. Whether you're browsing for local produce or handmade gifts, grabbing a late coffee or street food, or just soaking up the lively nighttime atmosphere, the Market Hall captures the independent spirit of Shrewsbury at any hour.



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# Experience

From exploring the River Loop to catching a show, there's always something exciting to do in Shrewsbury

## Go to Prison!

Step inside **Shrewsbury Prison**, a renowned 'dark tourism' attraction steeped in history. Explore the Victorian jail on a guided tour, visit the execution room, and gain insights into the life of a modern prison officer. Challenge yourself to two separate escape rooms, the family-friendly 'The Cell' to the more intense 'The Hole'. Don't miss the popular Prison Break events—an immersive experience where you attempt to escape the prison in real-time.



St Chads Church

## Join a Tour

Discover Shrewsbury's rich history with **Sabrina Tours**. Daily guided walking tours depart from the Town Square at 2:15 PM from April to September. In autumn, delve into the town's eerie past with a ghost tour, or enjoy the festive 'Christmas Carol' tour, visiting filming locations from the 1984 adaptation. From March to October, embark on a scenic historic cruise along the River Severn aboard the **Sabrina Boat**, with ghost-themed cruises available throughout October. For bookings and more information, visit the Sabrina office or call 01743 369741.



Sabrina Boat

## Walk the Dog

Shrewsbury offers numerous scenic spots for dog walkers. Roam The Quarry, a riverside park in the heart of town, or explore the Rea Brook Valley local Nature Reserve. For panoramic views, head to Lyth Hill, while Haughmond Hill provides a gravel track suitable for mobility scooters and features a charming café.



The Dingle

Further afield, discover The Wrekin, Earl's Hill at Pontesbury, and Nesscliffe Country Park, home to Kynaston's Cave and an Iron Age hillfort—perfect for a day of history and fresh air.

## Enjoy an Exhibition

The **Bear Steps Art Gallery** in St Alkmund's Place hosts free exhibitions by local artists. Other venues include **Shrewsbury Coffeehouse** on Castle Gates, **The Hive** on Belmont, **The Gateway** on Chester Street, and the **Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery**. For galleries, visit **The Soden Collection** on Wyle Cop or **Callaghan Fine Paintings** on St Mary's Street.

## Vineyard Tours & Wine Tastings

Embark on a guided tour through **Hencote's** 23,000-strong vine estate, where each vine is meticulously tended by hand. Learn about sustainable viticulture practices and the winemaking process, from soil to bottle. Conclude your journey with a tasting of Hencote's acclaimed wines, including crisp whites, elegant reds, and sparkling varieties.



## Catch a Show

**Theatre Severn** offers an impressive annual programme of comedy, live music and drama, bringing top-quality performances to the heart of Shrewsbury. For a more intimate experience, visit the **Old Market Hall**, a charming independent cinema showcasing unique films in a historic setting.

## The Axe Factor & LevelUp Escapes

Take your aim to the next level with axe throwing!, combining classic fun with immersive technology at **The Axe Factor**. Test your wits and teamwork at **Level Up Escapes**, featuring a range of puzzle-packed escape rooms for all ages and abilities—from family-friendly adventures to challenging experiences for seasoned players.

## Hear the Music

Enjoy free lunchtime concerts in Shrewsbury's historic churches. On Fridays, **St Chad's Church** welcomes musicians for a delightful mid-day performance



Theatre Severn

While **St Alkmund's Church** hosts concerts every Tuesday. These concerts offer a perfect way to soak up live music and the beautiful atmosphere of these historic spaces.

# Fun For All Ages

## Adventure Awaits: Family Fun in Shrewsbury and Beyond

Shrewsbury and Shropshire offer a wealth of activities for families, from engaging museums and thrilling outdoor adventures to interactive wildlife experiences. Here's a selection of top attractions:

### Park Hall: The Countryside Experience

Situated in Oswestry, **Park Hall** offers a variety of activities, including animal encounters, indoor and outdoor play areas, and go-karting. It's a fantastic day out for the whole family.

### Jump in Trampoline Park

Located on Henley Way, **Jump In** offers wall-to-wall trampolines, giant airbags, battle beams and more. It's a perfect spot for energetic fun!

### Cosford Air Museum

Just a short drive from Shrewsbury, this museum offers interactive exhibits, including a 4D theatre and flight simulators. It's an exciting destination for aviation enthusiasts and families alike.

### Hoo Zoo & Dinosaur World

Located near Telford, this family-run zoo and dinosaur park features over 100 species of animals and 45 animatronic dinosaurs. It's an educational and entertaining experience for children.

### Shropshire's Outdoor Adventures

The region boasts numerous walking and cycling trails suitable for families. Quiet country lanes wind through gentle valleys and over sweeping hilltops, offering some of the best views England has to offer.

# What's On...



**JANUARY / FEBRUARY**  
**Snowdrop walks** are held at Winsley Hall, Westbury, Eyton Hall, Cound Guildhall, and Attingham Park near Shrewsbury. **The Darwin Festival**, celebrating Charles Darwin's birthday on February 12<sup>th</sup>, takes place over a week in Shrewsbury.

**MARCH**  
**The Sabrina Boat** season kicks off at the start of March, bringing back regular day trips along the River Severn, as well as their popular themes cruises and private functions.

**APRIL**  
**The Shrewsbury Steampunk Festival**, inspired by Victorian industrialism, features fire eaters and teapot racing. **The Shropshire Tasty Trail**, now at Oteley Estate near Ellesmere, invites visitors to 'Eat, Drink, Walk, Repeat'.

**MAY**  
 Enjoy riverside action, BBQ's and refreshments at **The Pengwern Boat Club Regatta**. **The Shropshire County Agricultural Show**, held at the West Mid Showground, celebrates the county's agricultural heritage.

**JUNE**  
 Each summer, **The Shrewsbury Arts Trail** brings the town to life with famous sculptures, and other works by both regional and national artists. **UK Proms in the Park** offers an enchanting evening of classical music outdoors at the West Mid Showground. **The Shrewsbury Food Festival** moves into The Quarry, offering cookery demonstrations, chef schools, live music and fun activities for all ages.

**JULY**  
**Let's Rock Shrewsbury**, one of the UK's biggest retro festivals, is a summer highlight held in The Quarry Park, celebrating classic hits and lively performances. **The Battle of Shrewsbury** at Battlefield 1403, brings history to life with a medieval village, traditional crafts shows, and dramatic battle re-enactments. **The Shrewsbury Dragon Boat Festival**, teams race 40ft dragon boat to the beat of a drum in this exciting and popular event at the Pengwern Boat Club.

**AUGUST**  
**The Shrewsbury Folk Festival** is a lively August Bank Holiday celebration of folk music at The West Mid Showground. **The Shrewsbury Steam Rally** at Onslow Park showcases the sights, sounds, and smells of vintage steam-powered vehicles.

**SEPTEMBER**  
**The Coracle World Championship** sees teams from local businesses race tiny round boats across the River Severn in aid of charity. **Shrewsbury Heritage Open Days** showcase historic buildings to celebrate England's largest festival of history and culture.

**OCTOBER**  
**Shropshire Oktoberfest** is a lively celebration of German beer and music in The Quarry. **The Shrewsbury Half Marathon** starts at the West Mid Showground and winds through the town. **Ghost tours** include Sabrina Boat Cruises on the River Severn and on-foot walks through Shrewsbury, sharing eerie tales of history and the paranormal.

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**  
**The Shrewsbury Panto** returns to Theatre Severn, with Shropshire's legendary dame Brad Fitt and team presenting one of the country's most beloved pantomimes.



# Just Down The Road

Shrewsbury is the perfect base for exploring the wonders of Shropshire. From here, you can visit two World Heritage Sites. Step back in time at Wroxeter, An Ancient Roman City, or wander the breath-taking landscapes of the Shropshire Hills.

### Natural Escapes

Embark on scenic hikes through the Shropshire Hills, an area of outstanding natural beauty. Popular trails include the **Long Mynd**, **Stiperstones**, and **Wenlock Edge**. **Carding Mill Valley** offers opportunities for picnics and swimming. **Haughmond Hill** provides gentle walks with panoramic views. **Hawkstone Park** delights visitors with its dramatic cliffs and follies, while Weston Park showcases 1,000 acres of classic parkland.

### Historic Railways

Experience the charm of historic rail travel on the **Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway**, which winds through the picturesque Mid Wales countryside. Alternatively, journey aboard the **Severn Valley Railway**, travelling from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster. Both routes offer scenic views and a nostalgic experience.



Severn Valley Railway

### Castles & Historic Sites

Shropshire is rich in castles and historic sites. Visit **Shrewsbury Castle**, dating back to the Norman conquests, and explore its Soldiers of Shropshire Museum. Other notable castles include **Whittington Castle**, **Stokesay Castle**, **Acton Burnell Castle**, and **Moreton Corbet Castle**. **Attingham Park** offers a grand mansion, deer park, and family-friendly play area.

### Ancient Sites

Discover Wroxeter Roman City, once the fourth-largest city in Roman Britain, featuring the original remains of a second-century Roman baths. Nearby, explore the atmospheric ruins of **Buildwas** and **Haughmond Abbeys**.

### World Heritage Wonders

Experience the Industrial Revolution at Ironbridge Gorge, home to the world's first iron bridge and ten museums, including **Blists Hill Victorian Town**. Visit the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Britain's longest and highest aqueduct, offering opportunities for boating, cycling, and paddling. The Dee Valley and Llangollen provide additional activities such as rafting, climbing, and scenic walks.

# Staying In Shrewsbury

There's far too much to see and do in Shrewsbury for just one day.

Treat yourself to a mini-break and stay overnight!

Shrewsbury accommodates for all tastes, from boutique hotels and historic inns like **Darwin's Townhouse**, **Prince Rupert Hotel**, and **Albright Hussey Manor**, to quirky stays like **The Loopy Shrew** or Scandinavian-style **Lion and Pheasant**. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy touring parks, glamping, and camping at sites such as **Oxon Hall**, **Riverside Cabins**, **Hencote**, and **Vessons Camping**. Whether you choose historic charm, luxury accommodation, or countryside escapes, Shrewsbury provides the perfect location for a relaxing or adventurous stay.

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