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What to see, do & where to stay 2019

OSWESTRY

Where Shropshire meets Wales



Surprising - Historic - Friendly





Do you like surprises?

Then visit Oswestry...



Information at Visitor & Exhibition Centre

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Front cover: Hot air balloon over Oswestry Town
This page: The Knife Angel at British Ironworks
Opposite: Meet our Town Crier

This small border town on the edge of Shropshire and the brink of Wales may not be familiar to you and certainly, many of the visitors that arrive here say: What a surprise Oswestry is – there is so much to see and explore. We'll have to come back again.

So let us surprise you and tempt you to visit. Take a look through our brochure and we hope it will make you want to visit Oswestry – where Shropshire meets Wales.

Firstly, take a spectacular, dramatic and mysterious 3000 year old hill fort that was the beginning of Oswestry and add a thriving town that still has a weekly market. There's a lively café culture which, combined with the eclectic mix of small independent shops, entices visitors from miles around. Then scatter a few castles around; sprinkle in canals, meres, mosses and the World Heritage site of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal then you will begin to get that distinctive border feeling.

What's on? Let us entertain you. We say Oswestry is 'Fest Fabulous' because there are so many different events and the variety is impressive. Don't miss the free town centre events which are in the streets and our beautiful park. The Hot Air Balloon Carnival, Food and Drink Festival and Christmas Live are the main happenings there. How about music and arts? Looking for a great family day out or want to be taken back in time? Check the Events Calendar or online events page so you don't miss your favourite.

Ready to be surprised? Why not book now?



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Surprising Oswestry - enjoy discovering our market town and the Welsh Borderlands.

Oswestry Town Market
 Cae Glas Park
 Visitor & Exhibition Centre
 Hot Air Balloon Carnival
 Food & Drink Festival
 Wilfred Owen Memorial

Friendly Oswestry

“What a friendly town” is an often heard comment from visitors as they tootle around Oswestry’s bustling streets. And it’s true!



Living here, it’s easy to take for granted what a traditional and very friendly market town this is. Visit on market days to enjoy the bargains and then discover the many independent shops around town. Browse for antiques and arts, indulge your inner masterchef, be a bookworm or go on a discovery of local flavours in our speciality food shops.

There is nothing better after all that shopping than to take a break and enjoy Oswestry’s café culture. Again, it is the independent coffee, tea shops, pubs and restaurants that offer a special deliciousness and what could be nicer than an ice cream in the park?

Do take a walk in Cae Glas Park. You can enjoy ice creams and picnics all summer long and a lovely way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon is to come along to one of the free concerts. Many of the town events focus on the park and you won’t want to miss the dazzling summer floral

displays. Take a moment or two to visit the statue of Wilfred Owen the poet. He was born in Oswestry and the life size bronze statue remembers both the poet and the legacy of his poetry.

The evening scene in Oswestry can be as lively or as laid back as you wish. Our restaurants celebrate all the wonderful local produce and the town pubs are a great place to meet up and try a taste from the nearby artisan brewery and distillery.



Browsing - the perfect way to describe wandering around town discovering our mix of independent and interesting shops.

Photo Reference:
 Above: Market day
 Right: Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre



Old Oswestry Hill Fort
 Oswald's Well
 St Oswald's Church
 Cambrian Heritage Railway
 Oswestry Town Museum
 Old Racecourse

Old Oswestry begins the story of the town. This 3000 year old hill fort is considered to be one of the finest in the country and legend even has Queen Guinevere born here. The ramparts have softened over time and are now a haven for local plants and wildlife. Take a walk to the top and enjoy views over Oswestry Town and the Shropshire plains.

The town is said to be named after King and Saint, Oswald. Visit the Church of St. Oswald and Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre and you will be in one of oldest parts of the town. The Visitor and Exhibition Centre, the original Oswestry School building, enjoys a changing programme of exhibitions by local crafts people and artists and is home to the Information Centre – the perfect place to find out what's on and where to stay. Walk on a little further and you will come to Oswald's Well. Said to be where a large raven dropped Oswald's arm after he died at the Battle of Maserfield, it is now the source of pure spring water.

Oswestry has quite a few famous sons and daughters, some more eccentric than others. Thomas Savin and 'Mad' Jack Mytton were two who hit the headlines. Thomas Savin brought the railways to Oswestry and was a grocer, colliery owner, gunpowder enthusiast and later mayor of Oswestry.

Jack Mytton was a local squire who enjoyed a fairly wild lifestyle and who probably lost more than a little of his inheritance when up at the old racecourse. Imagine their exploits when you visit the Cambrian Railway Museum or take a walk on the Old Racecourse.

King Oswald, Wilfred Owen, Henry Walford Davies and Barbara Pym all have links to the town and you can find out more about them by visiting Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre and the railway and town museums.

Don't miss...

Meeting our local guides and discovering Oswestry's history on a **guided walk** round town

The hot air balloons taking off from Cae Glas Park at the **Hot Air Balloon Carnival** on August Bank Holiday

Sampling locally made gin and ales and more local tastes and flavours at **The Food and Drink Festival** in July

Looking for bargains on market days and meeting our friendly shop keepers

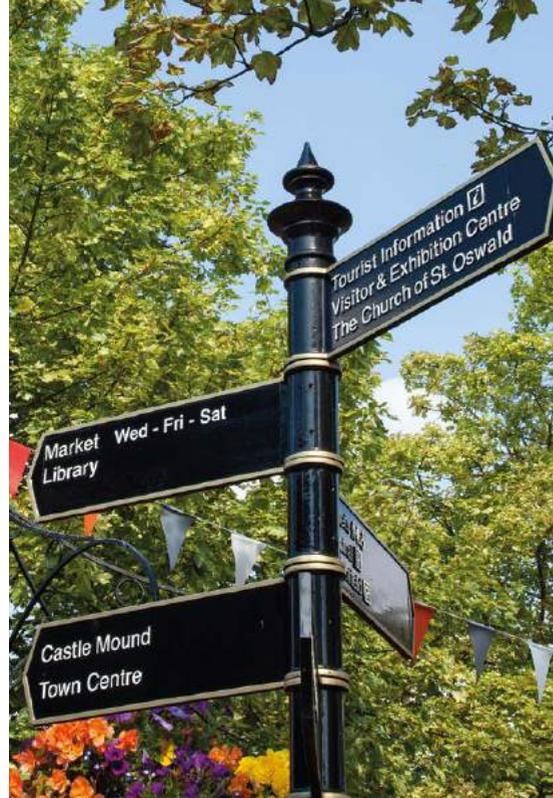


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 Above: A snowy day on Old Oswestry
 Opposite clockwise from top left: Visit Oswestry, The Farmer's Statue, The Broadwalk, Cambrian Heritage Railway



Oswestry Town Council

2018 Heart of England in Bloom
14th Consecutive Gold Medal



There is a great pride, tradition and passion about Oswestry and Oswestry Town Council celebrates this in their day to day role within the town. As a council, Oswestry believes that by supporting many of the community activities and attractions throughout the year, the vibrancy of the town will be enhanced and visitors and locals alike will enjoy being in Oswestry and will want to return. Year on year the Council's efforts are recognised, winning Council of the Year in 2017 and also supporting Oswestry in Bloom to become the Best Small Town for the national Heart of England in Bloom competition.

The markets are an inherent part of Oswestry's identity. The traditional weekly street markets continue and often include speciality themes – why not visit the bustling monthly Artisan Market or our Autumn Apple Day? The indoor market, open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, is a lively place and offers an eclectic mix of traditional and unusual speciality stalls.

Oswestry is fast becoming known for the events that are happening all year and the council supports many of them. The first Hot Air Balloon Carnival took off in 2018 and is set to return in August 2019. In July, the town streets host the free and tasty Food and Drink Festival and December wouldn't be so special without Christmas Live when Oswestry's streets are transformed into a festival of fairground rides, foodie feasts, live music all topped off with a firework finale.



Something quite different but equally enjoyable is the Youth Music Festival in February. It attracts almost 1000 young musicians and the finale concert features the very best of these and is free.

As a council we are especially proud of award winning Cae Glas Park. Walk through the memorial gates, past the stunning summer flowers and the recently installed statue of war poet, Wilfred Owen into the park where you can find traditional games such as bowling, tennis and crazy golf and a children's play area. The Victorian bandstand is the focus of free music events throughout the summer.

Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre is a landmark building in the town; built in 1407, it was the second oldest grammar school in the country. The building is now a magnet for visitors looking for information and to see its arts and craft exhibitions and sales. Visit the Town Museum too, housed in the impressive Guild Hall, it celebrates Oswestry and its people.



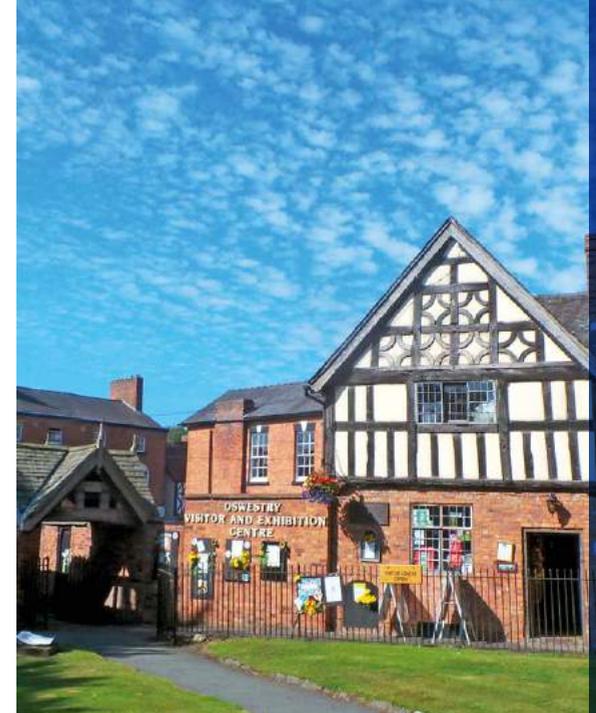
Oswestry Town Markets
Bailey Head and Bailey Street

Outdoor Market
Wednesdays & Saturdays

Indoor Market
Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays

Artisan Market
Last Friday of month
Christmas Artisan Market
20th December

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Oswestry Town Council Sponsored Events 2019

Youth Music Festival
27th Feb – 2nd March
Finale Concert 2nd March

Apple Day
12th October

Good Friday Family Fun Day
19th April

Bonfire Night Firework Display
2nd November

Gardeners' Market
31st May

Christmas Light Switch On
21st November

Bailey Head Dog Show
8th June

Christmas Live
6th December

Food & Drink Festival
13th and 14th July

Christmas Parade
7th December

Hot Air Balloon Carnival
24th and 25th August

Sunday Free Music in the Park
9th and 23rd June
7th, 14th and 21st July
4th and 18th August

Heritage Open Days
13th to 22nd September

Go to our web site www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk for more details about all our events



Let's explore Oswestry and the Borderlands

- Pontcysyllte Aqueduct - World Heritage Site
- Horseshoe Falls
- Llangollen
- Ceiriog Valley
- National Trust - Chirk Castle
- National Trust - Erddig Hall



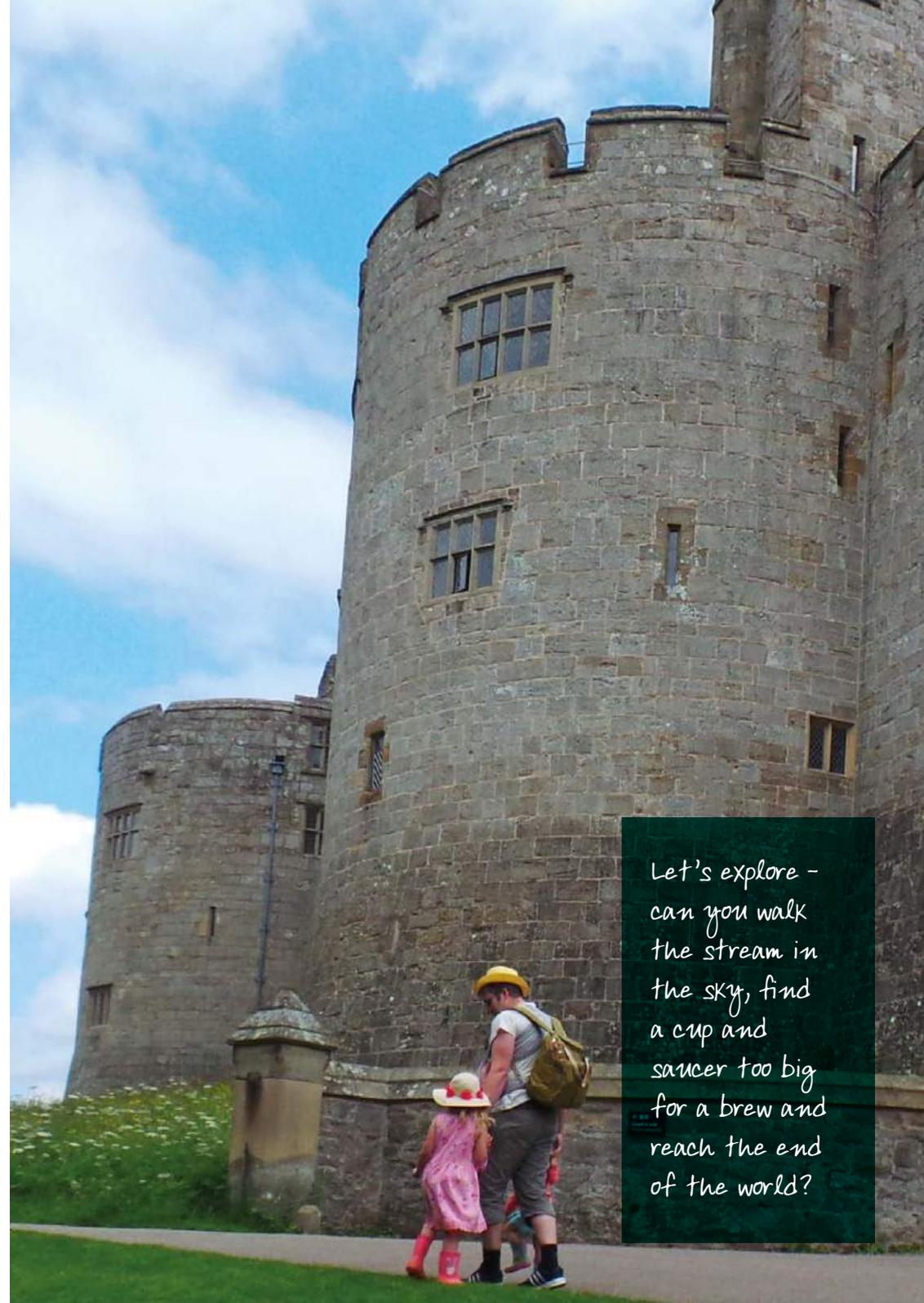
You don't need to go on an expedition to find wonders north of Oswestry. The stern, grey and imposing castle at Chirk is only a short drive away and is perched overlooking Shropshire, Cheshire and North Wales. Events throughout the summer bring knights and princesses in the courtyard one weekend or battling soldiers in heavy armour the next and the spring snowdrop walks are a perfect way to discover the wooded estate grounds.



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Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Finding World's End
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Chirk Castle

Then on to Thomas Telford's awesome aqueducts, take a stroll along the first on the Llangollen Canal at Chirk - look up to see a train passing on the viaduct or maybe be overtaken by a narrow boat headed towards the 'Darkie', a 460 yard long canal tunnel. Now catch your breath when you reach the wondrous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. Walk across and dare to look over the parapet or maybe glide across on a narrowboat. This is Thomas Telford's "stream in the sky" and is part of the 11 mile long UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll on further and you will reach the Horseshoe Falls – a tranquil spot where canal and river split.

The horse-drawn boats in Llangollen offer another chance to travel slowly and they have been here since 1884.



Let's explore -
can you walk
the stream in
the sky, find
a cup and
saucer too big
for a brew and
reach the end
of the world?



The riverside town of Llangollen is also famous for the unique festival of song and dance in July – the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. Don't miss a visit to the Llangollen Railway either, the trains steam up the Dee Valley and there aren't many summer weekends when they don't have a special event – you might even meet that famous tank engine, Thomas.

Another day and another impressive mansion will demand a visit. Erddig Hall at Wrexham couldn't be more different to the Marcher Castle at Chirk. This red brick hall was left to the nation not so long ago and now gives glimpses of a fascinating stately home which boasted an unusual and close relationship between the masters and their servants. A real 'upstairs downstairs' experience – don't miss the poems written about many of the staff – some of them sound real characters!

Travel back to Oswestry along the scenic Ceiriog Valley to get that truly border feeling.

Don't Miss...

Enjoying Sunday lunch or afternoon tea whilst cruising on the **"stream in the sky"** in a traditional narrowboat

Dancing in the streets at **Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod**

Llangollen Railway Steam Gala or how about their 1960s weekend?

Sampling medieval life at Mortimer's Fortress weekend at **Chirk Castle**

Tasting the cider and enjoying the harvest at **Erddig's Apple Feast**

The quirky cup and saucer waterfall at **Erddig Hall**



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Erddig Hall
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Llangollen Railway,
Cup and Saucer Waterfall at Erddig,
Chirk Aqueduct and Viaduct and views to Ceiriog Valley



Let's explore Oswestry and the Borderlands

Park Hall -
Countryside Experience
Oswestry Show
Whittington Castle
Ellesmere & the Meres
Wem - Sweet Pea Show
Hawkstone Follies



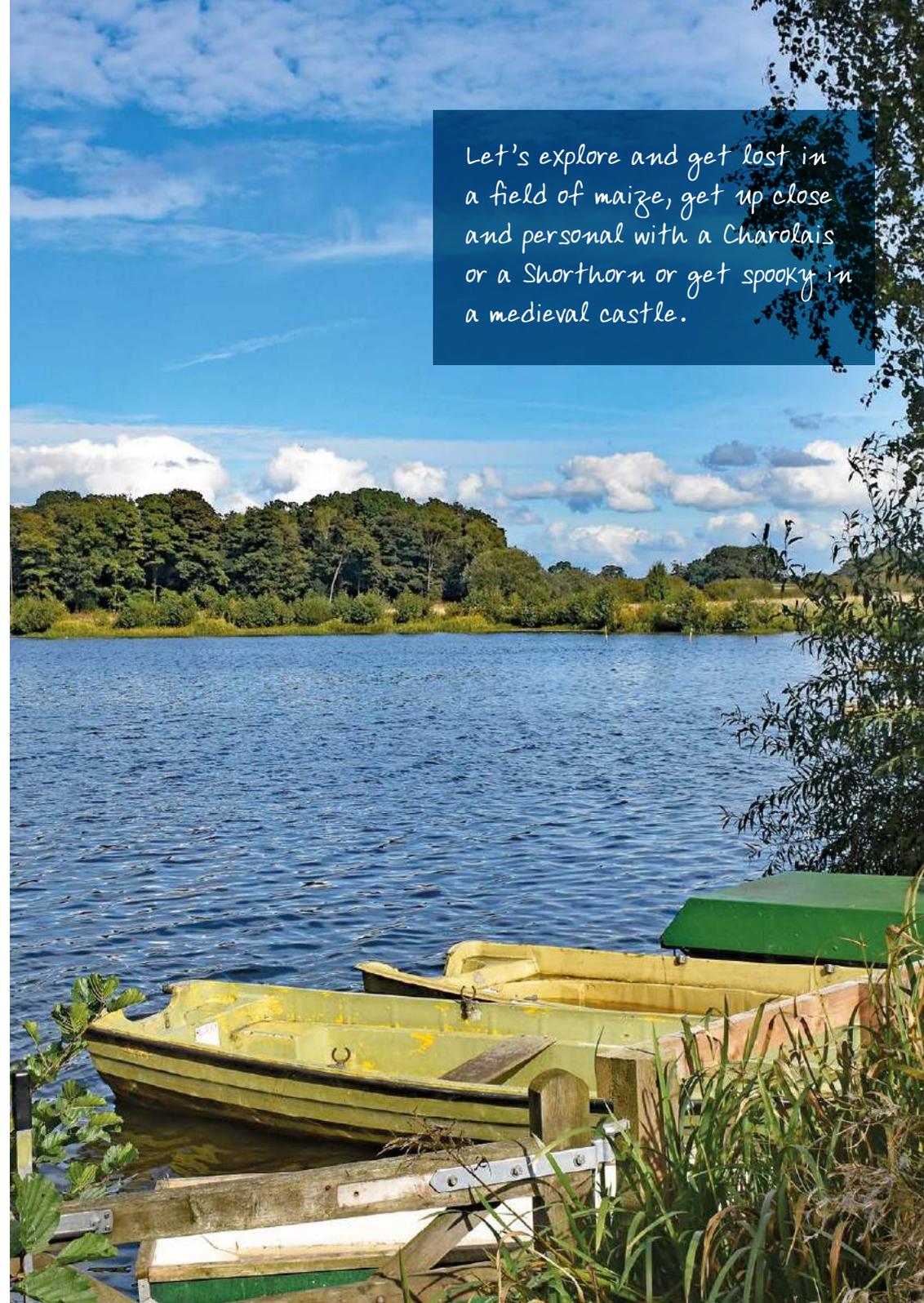
Let's take you towards North Shropshire and we'll begin at Park Hall Countryside Experience. Whether you want to meet the animals, get lost in the maize maze or explore the Trenches Experience, this award winning farm attraction will keep the whole family entertained all day long. Don't miss the piggy world Grand National either – which one do you want to win?

Oswestry Show Ground is nearby too, there are events all year - transport displays, antique fairs and even the occasional dog show. The main event is Oswestry Show - it will be the 133rd in 2019. It is a one day spectacular of all things rural. There are events in the main arena all day from vintage tractors to the grand parade of prize winners. From huge bulls to tiny chickens, show jumping to rural crafts and local foods, the whole day is a celebration of farming in Oswestry and the Borderlands.

Head towards Ellesmere next and, on the way, you will come to the quintessential English village of Whittington with its castle and moat. Remember the legend of Dick Whittington and his cat? No sign of them now but the castle is owned by the village community. Spring time is a lovely time to visit to feed the ducks and last year there were cygnets too. The grounds buzz with historic re-enactments throughout the summer and be there in October for the spookiest ghost tours.

Don't miss the Whittington International Chamber Music Festival in spring either. The 2019 "Czech Mates – Dvořák and the Bohemians" brings 15 international musicians to celebrate the music of Dvořák and other composers and this, the 7th festival, is sure to be a highlight in the village year.

Let's explore and get lost in a field of maize, get up close and personal with a Charolais or a Shorthorn or get spooky in a medieval castle.





Linda Carole



The Ice Age saw the formation of the meres and mosses that are all around the North Shropshire town of Ellesmere. This quiet little town is renowned for the nearby meres or lakes and the canal which goes right into the heart of town.

Enjoy more of The Mere and hire a rowing boat or enjoy a trip on the little cruiser that tootles around the lake in summer. If you would like a more relaxed way to see the birds and wildlife you could hire a bike.

A fragrant town could be your next stop – visit Wem in July to be immersed in the gorgeous scent of sweet peas at the Eckford Sweet Pea Society's summer show. Not too much further to Hawkstone Follies now – it's a 200 year old extravagant woodland fantasy with caves, woods and monuments.

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Sweet Peas and panoramic view of Whittington Castle
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Hawkstone Park Follies and Park Hall - Feed me!

Don't Miss...

Getting lost in the summer maize maze at **Park Hall Countryside Experience**

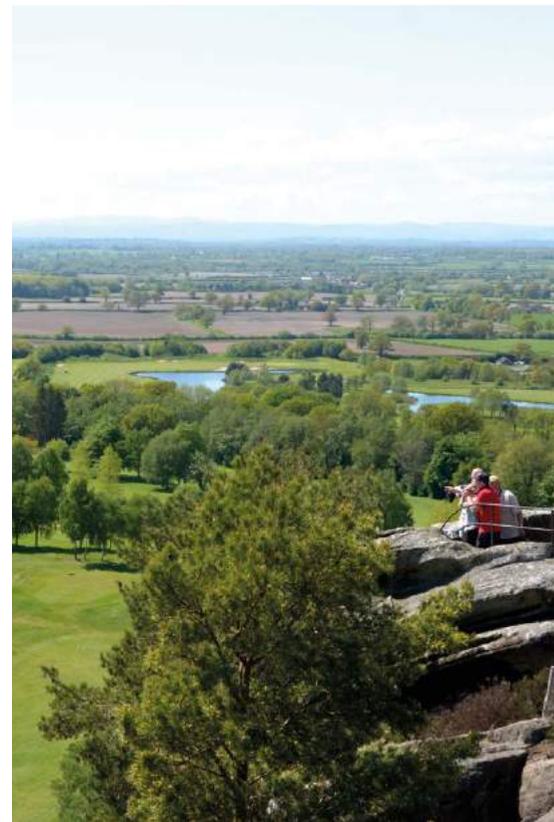
The **music of the Czech Mates** at Whittington International Chamber Music Festival

Feeding the ducklings and cygnets at **Whittington Castle**

The old fashioned scent of Eckford Sweet Peas at **Wem Sweet Pea Show**

Watching the sheep shearing at **Oswestry Show**

Exploring the caves and woodland fantasy at **Hawkstone Park Follies**





Let's explore **Oswestry** and the Borderlands

The British Ironwork Centre
Montgomery Canal
Molverley Church
Nesscliffe & Kynaston's Cave
Shrewsbury
Ironbridge Gorge Museum



Begin and end your visit with iron – start at the British Ironwork Centre and Sculpture Park on the outskirts of Oswestry. This unique attraction will intrigue and amaze you. Their metal sculpture trail will introduce you to everything from a golden giraffe to a dragon perched quietly on top of a car – not yours, we can assure you! Add to this the opportunity to watch artisan metal workers and crafts people or attend one of the many events such as the vintage car rally and you will be sure to enjoy this quite unique attraction.

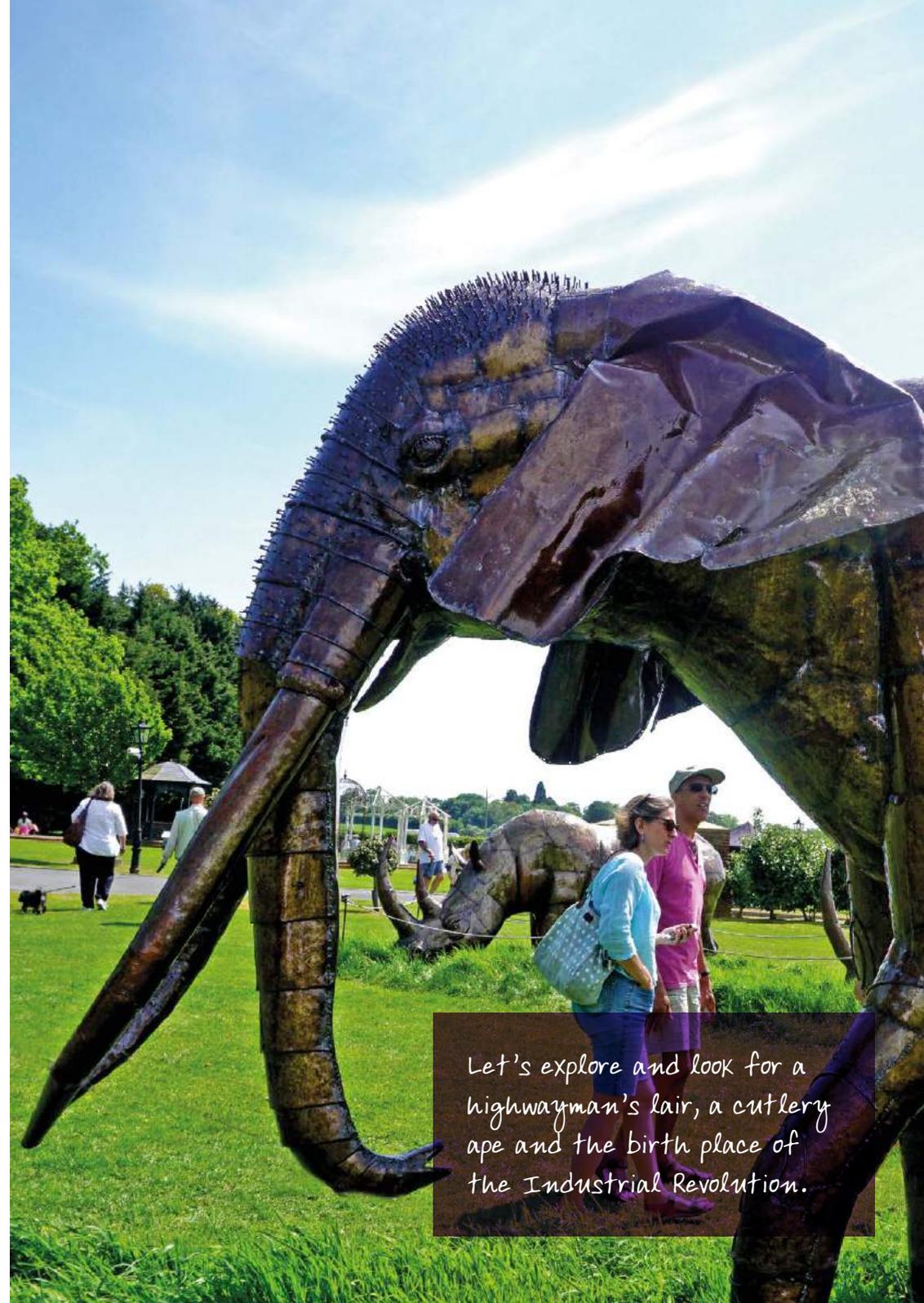
Travelling slowly...

Take your imagination to when the canals were the main transport arteries and discover the now tranquil Montgomery Canal heading towards Welshpool and Newtown. Once upon a time the trains would wait for the narrowboat to arrive

with its travellers before heading south. The canal is now creeping back to life as parts are restored and a very pleasant way to see the progress is at Maesbury with Cracker the horse as he pulls you along on a traditional narrow boat.

Which way next?

Turn left at Nesscliffe and climb up to Kynaston's cave. Shropshire's only highwayman (as far as we know!) lived here with his horse Beelzebub. He was more Robin Hood than gangster and he must have loved the glorious views over Shropshire and Wales. Follow the view to Molverley and the River Sever and visit St. Peter's black and white timber framed church. It sits on a bend of the river and has been welcoming pilgrims for over 1000 years.



Let's explore and look for a highwayman's lair, a cutlery ape and the birth place of the Industrial Revolution.

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Cracker the Horse
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The British Ironwork Centre



Discover Shrewsbury, much of which Charles Darwin would have recognised - a higgledy piggledy mix of black and white buildings nestling in a loop of the River Severn. Don't miss the world famous flower show in August – a spectacular event with flowers, music, arena events and the occasional celebrity chef.

The second UNESCO World Heritage site in our area is Ironbridge. The famous iron bridge itself is here and now the site has ten museums highlighting everything from Victorian life to industry, bone china and science. Spend time at Blists Hill, one of the ten museums and experience everything from the nostalgia of childhood sweet shops to a sing song in the village pub with ales from a bygone time.

Don't Miss...

The emotive **The Knife Angel** at The British Ironworks

Spotting the wild life on the "Monty" canal

Climbing **Nesscliffe Hill** to catch a glimpse of highwayman Humphrey Kynaston's cave

Imagining how many pilgrims visited the black and white **Melverley Church**

Following in the footsteps of **Charles Darwin** when you visit Shrewsbury

Going back in time to experience Victorian Life at **Blists Hill Museum**

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Shrewsbury
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The Iron Bridge,
Melverley
Church,
View from
Nesscliffe Hill





Let's explore **Oswestry** and the Borderlands

Offa's Dyke Path
Rodney's Pillar
Llanymynech Lime Works
Welshpool
Powis Castle
Lake Vyrnwy
Llanrhaeadr Waterfall



Offa's Dyke Path defines the border as you head south from Oswestry. From near Montgomery through to Llangollen, you will often take one step in Wales and one in England, so you can imagine just how stunning the landscapes are as you walk the path.

Llanymynech village could be your first stop and it is right on the border. The Limeworks Heritage Area and restored Hoffman Kiln alongside the canal give you an insight into how lime was produced and the canal is now being brought back to life. A walk along the tow path will give you a view of the dramatic Llanymynech Rocks. Perched above them is the local golf club, it is the only course where you can tee off in England and putt out in Wales!

Another climb awaits. The views are worth it! Breidden Hill topped by Rodney's Pillar soars 350 metres over the valley looking towards Welshpool. This is another charming market town, where you will find the Welshpool and Llanfair Railway, a gem of a railway steaming up to Llanfair Caereinion. Be in town in September to boogie into the 1940s Festival.

National Trust property Powis Castle and its world famous gardens are an essential detour. Discover the fascinating Clive Of India collection and wonder at the enormous yew trees on the terraced gardens. You could also say that The Andrew Logan Museum in Berriew is fascinating. It is also delightful and different and like nothing you will have seen before.

Let's explore to find Admiral Rodney's view, the waterfall where once dwelt a shining white dragon and the little railway that used to run right through the centre of town.

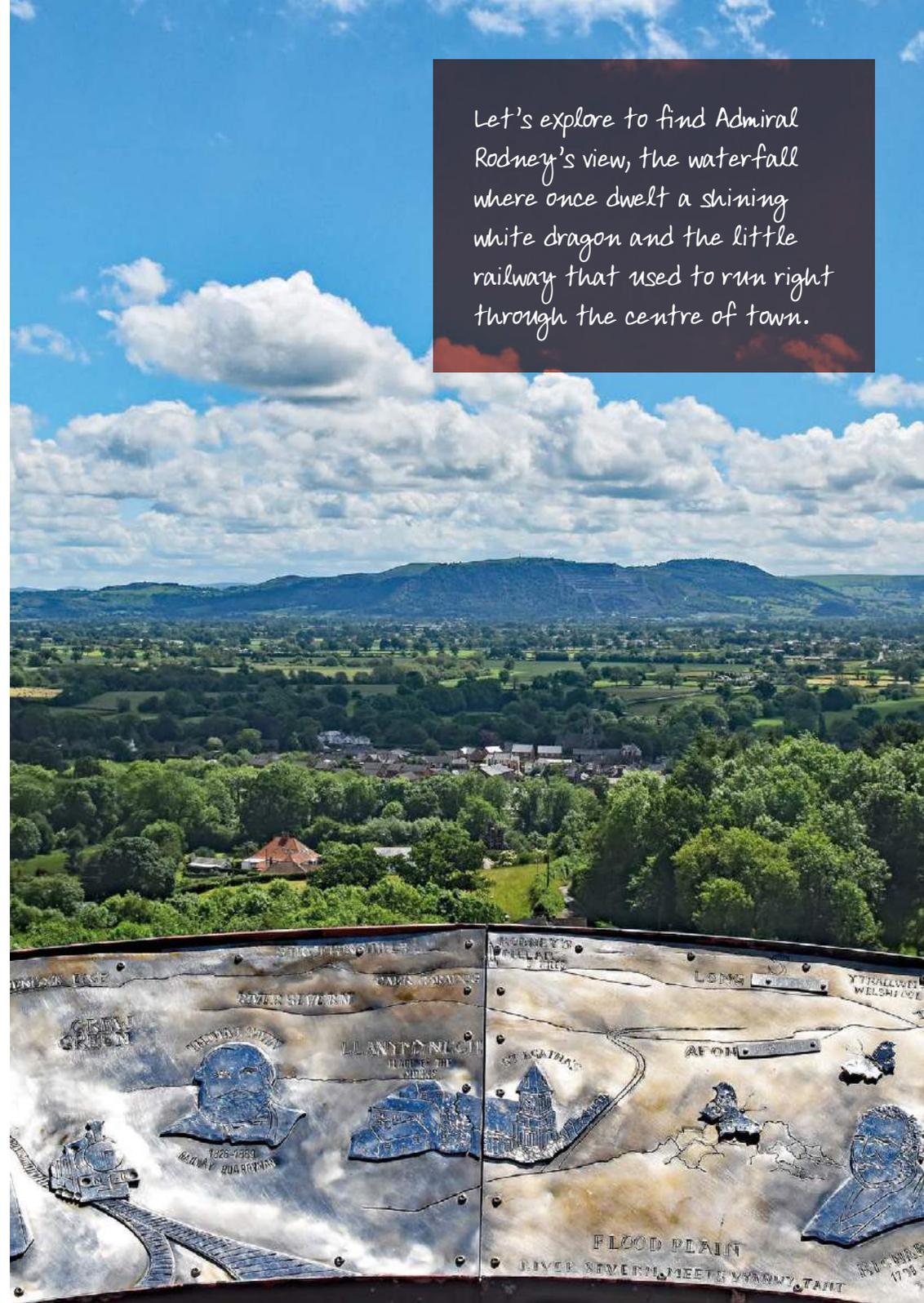
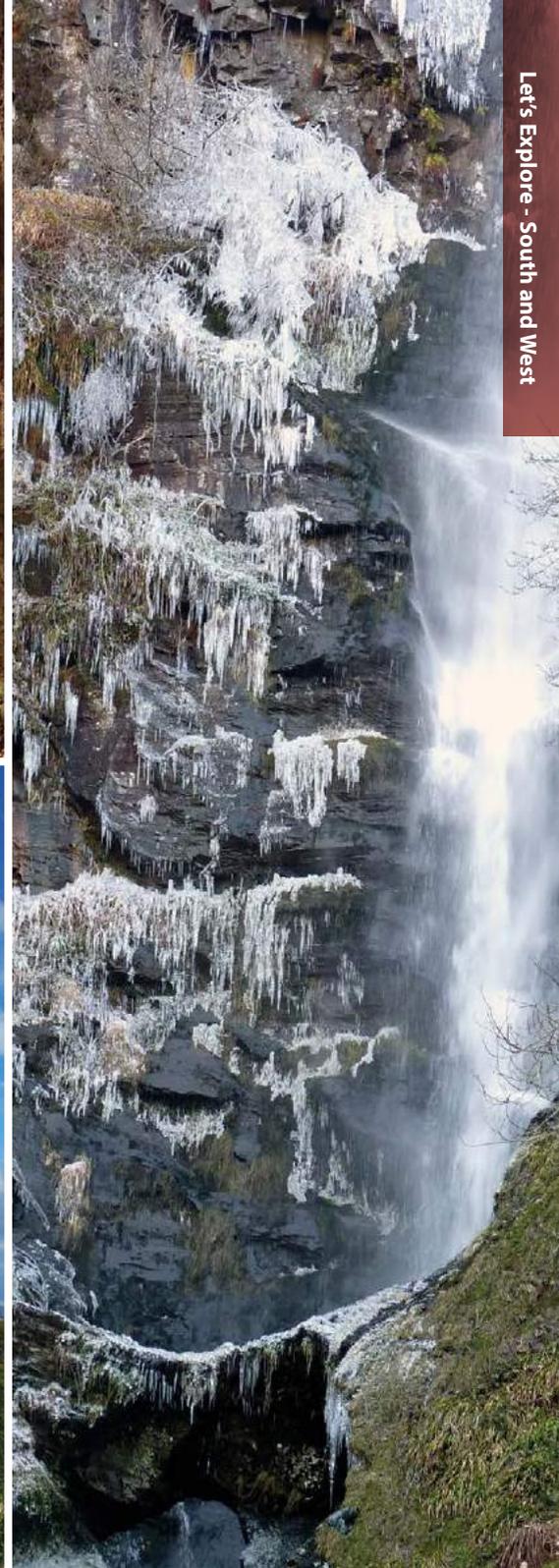


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Opposite: The view from Llanymynech Rocks



Let's Explore - South and West



Where next? The serene and scenic Lake Vyrnwy will be a beautiful stop before you head back to Oswestry. The man made lake is renowned for the RSPB bird reserve. Why not hire a bike? All the family could enjoy the views as you cycle around the 12 mile flat circuit.

Time for one more wonder in Wales? It must be Llanrhaeadr Waterfall. The trip from Lake Vyrnwy over to Llanrhaeadr takes in some of the most majestic scenery in Mid Wales. The waterfall recently impressed David Beckham who called it "ridiculously beautiful" and he wasn't even there to see it when it froze over last winter!

Visit Lake Vyrnwy	MAP: C6
<p>Lake Vyrnwy is one of Wales' hidden gems. With stunning views, a wonderful array of walks to suit all abilities and some fantastic wildlife, it's a great place to visit throughout the year." <i>Iolo Williams</i></p>	
<p>www.lakevyrnwy.com f@visitlakevyrnwy</p>	

Don't Miss...

Watching the birds of prey soar over **Llanymynech Rocks**

Standing with one foot in Wales and one foot in England on **Offa's Dyke Path**

The Gala Weekend at **Welshpool and Llanfair Railway**

Dancing and singing along at the **1940s Welshpool Festival**

Stepping in to the wonderful world of **Andrew Logan** at his Museum in Berriew

Cycling over the dam and around the lake at **Lake Vyrnwy**





Let's have fun Family Time

- Get lost in a maze
- Go on an iron safari
- Be a scientist
- Visit a castle

Ready for family fun on the borders? Get up close and personal with the cutest animals at the national award-winning farm attraction, Park Hall Countryside Experience. Lamb feeding starts the year and losing yourself (or maybe an annoying brother or sister) in the maize maze is a fun day out in summer.

A more alternative animal attraction is all heavy metal! Visit the British Ironworks Centre and see how many metal animals you can count on safari. Did you spot the dinosaur sized scorpion or maybe the enormous spoon gorilla?

Let's explore and you could call in at Techniquet Glyndŵr at Wrexham for sensational demos and lots of fun at the live science shows.

For all sorts of historical fun let's find a castle. Anyone being naughty? They could be put in the stocks at Whittington Castle or even end up in the dungeons at Chirk Castle. Better be good then!

How about a day on wheels or tracks? Try a train ride, you could spend a whole day going from one track to another. Steam or diesel – you choose. A gentle bike ride round Ellesmere or Lake Vyrnwy is fun but if it's a bit more action you would like, get on a trail bike and have a day in the mud in the Berwyn Mountains.

Ready to play? Bring the whole family and let's get going.

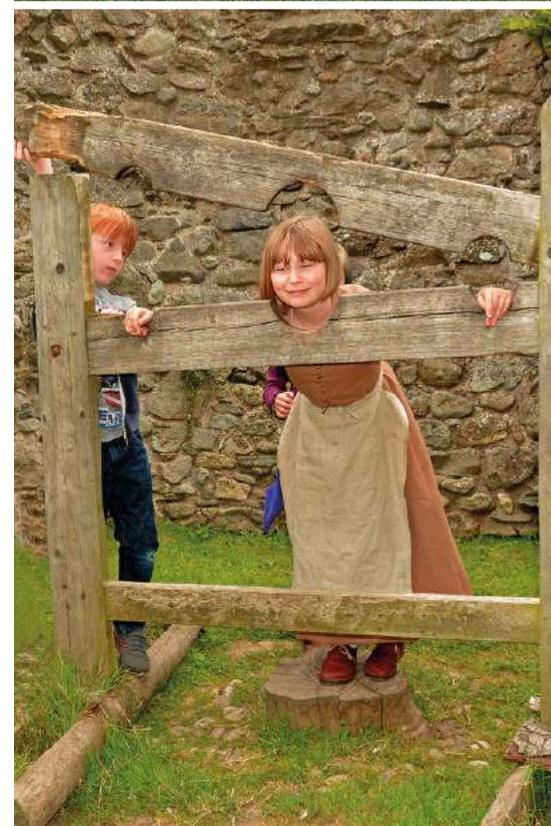
Don't Miss...

Dressing up as a Knight or a Princess at **Chirk Castle**

Greeting a golden giraffe at **The British ironworks**

Taking a ride on a chuffa train at the **steam train events**

Putting the naughtiest family member in the **Whittington Castle** stocks



Let's get going – it's time for some family fun

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Park Hall
Countryside
Experience,
Llangollen Railway,
Whittington Castle



Let us entertain you

Arts & Events

Whittington Chamber Music Festival
Borderland Visual Arts
Oswestry Food & Drink Festival
Eckford Sweet Pea Show Wem
Oswestry Agricultural Show
Hot Air Balloon Carnival
Oswestry Christmas Live

It could be the border location that helps bring together so many diverse talents but whatever the cause the result is a great mix of arts and events that will keep you entertained all year long.

Don't miss our newest event – the Hot Air Balloon Carnival. On a, hopefully, sunny, August Bank Holiday weekend you will see all shapes and sizes of balloons gliding over the town centre after their take-off from Cae Glas Park. Saturday night finishes spectacularly with the night glow when the burners are fired to a resounding music finale.

The Oswestry Food and Drink Festival takes centre stage in July when all things local and delicious can be tasted throughout the town centre. Oswestry Show is in August. This one day show of everything rural is a celebration of the best that Oswestry and the Borderlands can produce.

The year ends with Christmas Live. We'll close the streets and fill them with fairground rides, food stalls, street entertainers and finish it all with a whoosh of fireworks.

Don't Miss...

Watching a wolf light up at the **Balloon Carnival Night Glow**

Meeting **local artists** in their studios or local art galleries

Tempting your taste buds at the **Food and Drink Festival**

Taking a picnic to a **free Sunday concert** in Cae Glas Park

Flying on a fairground ride at **Christmas Live**

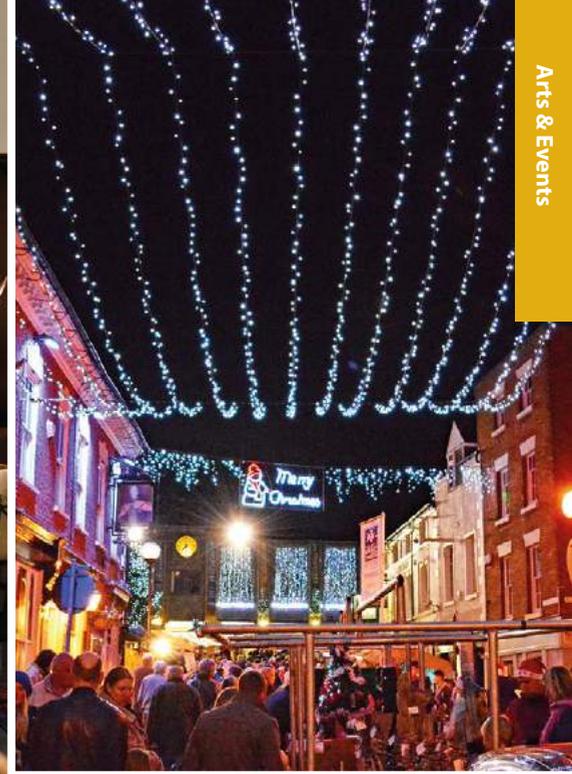
Check the Events page on our web site – NEW events are added all the time

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Opposite Page: The night glow at the Hot Air Balloon Carnival*



Music, art and drama, food, flowers and fireworks – these borderlands are fest fabulous all year.



As Oswestry is home to around 200 artists, including Borderland Visual Arts, the exhibitions keep flowing throughout the year at galleries such as Qube, The Visitor and Exhibition Centre, Willow Gallery and the Library. Visit in June and you can meet the people behind the art in their open studios event.

From the Youth Music and International Chamber Music Festivals in spring through to the International Eisteddfod in high summer, whichever music genre is your favourite, there will be an event to enjoy. Don't miss the free Sunday concerts in the park - Salsa one Sunday, Reggae the next or maybe a local brass band. Which will be your favourite?

Flowers are fabulous too – make a date with fragrance at the Sweet Pea Show in Wem and follow that with the famous Shrewsbury Flower Show.

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Dancing in the park
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Whittington Music
Festival,
Christmas Live,
Local Art Exhibition

Borderland Visual Arts BORDERLAND VISUAL ARTS
www.BorderlandVisualArts.com

Monthly exhibitions in Oswestry Library & regular group shows in the Willow Gallery.

Open Studios
8th/9th & 15th/16th June.





Let's bring
History Alive

- Ride on a heritage train
- Meet soldiers, serving maids and spinners
- Swing into the 1940s
- Walk the Wilfred Owen Trail

Let Oswestry and the Borderlands fire your imagination and show you how life was in other times.

The medieval world can be experienced throughout the summer at both Chirk and Whittington Castles – meet soldiers and serving maids, chefs and spinners as they re-enact scenes from battles and daily life.

The Industrial Revolution brought railways and canals, aqueducts, viaducts and bridges. Take a ride on a heritage train in Oswestry, Llangollen, Welshpool and enjoy the wonderful scenery of the Borderlands and if Chattanooga Choo Choo is one of your favourite songs, don't miss Welshpool's 1940s weekend.

Wilfred Owen the poet was born in Oswestry and his family were renowned Oswestrians. The Wilfred Owen Trail will

take you round their Oswestry or you could meet one of our town guides and go on a guided walking tour.



Oswestry through the ages - let's bring our history to life

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 1940's Re-enactor
 Opposite:
 A medieval day at Whittington Castle

Calendar of Events 2019

Here are just some of the events to enjoy in Oswestry and the Borderlands throughout the year. To find out more about what's on go to our website www.borderland-breaks.co.uk or call The Information Centre **01691 662753**

FEBRUARY

3rd Feb - 9th Mar Chirk Castle - Snowdrop Trails

7th - 11th Mar Qube Gallery - Frank Triggs Exhibition

16th - 23rd Park Hall Countryside Experience Lambing Live

16th - 24th Ironbridge Gorge Museum - Ceramic Workshops at Coalport China

27th - 2nd Mar Oswestry Youth Music Festival

MARCH

1st & 2nd Welshpool Llanfair Railway - Half Term Winter Warmers

14th - 29th April Qube Gallery - Home Front Heroines

30th - 31st Park Hall Countryside Experience - Great British History Weekend

31st Oswestry Old Station - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

APRIL

7th Whittington Castle - April Fools Car Show

7th Marches School - A Passion for Opera Gala

8th - 26th Park Hall Countryside Experience Easter Eggstravaganza

19th Bailey Head Oswestry - Easter Family Fun Day

19th - 22nd Chirk Castle - Easter Cadbury Egg Hunt

19th - 22nd Erddig - Easter Cadbury Egg Hunt

20th - 22nd Welshpool Llanfair Railway - Meet the Easter Bunny

21st & 22nd Whittington Castle - Easter Egg Hunt

27th & 28th Whittington Castle - Napoleonic Living History Weekend

MAY

4th & 5th Whittington Castle - Woodville, War of the Roses Weekend

25th - 2nd June Chirk Castle - Knights and Princesses Week

21st - 26th Whittington International Music Festival - "Czech Mates"

25th - 2nd June Park Hall Countryside Experience - Animal Magic

26th Whittington Castle Outdoor Shakespeare, Much Ado About Nothing

JUNE

8th Bailey Head - Dog Show

9th Cae Glas Park - Porthywaen Band Free Music in the Park

15th Oswestry Round - Walking Challenge

8th & 9th, 15th & 16th Borderland Visual Arts Open Studios Art Trail

15th & 16th Oswestry Showground - Oswestry Vintage Show

16th Welshpool Railway - Father's Day Special

22nd & 23rd Welshpool Railway - Transport Festival

23rd Marches School - Marriage of Figaro

JULY

7th Cae Glas Park - Ifton Band Free Music in the Park

1st - 7th Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

6th & 7th Llangollen Railway - Classic Transport Weekend

13th & 14th Oswestry Food and Drink Festival

13th & 14th Cambrian Heritage Railways Real Ale Festival

14th Cae Glas Park - Reggae, Free Music in the Park

14th British Ironwork Centre - Transport Rally

Offa Events
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21st - 26th May
Whittington International Chamber Music Festival
Czech Mates - Dvořák and the Bohemians
www.whittingtonmusicfestival.org.uk

8th & 9th, 15th & 16th June
Borderland Visual Arts Open Studios Art Trail
www.borderlandvisualarts.com

15th & 16th June
Oswestry Vintage Show
Oswestry Showground SY11 4TB
Open From 10.00 am
Organised by
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1st - 7th July
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13th & 14th July
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20th & 21st July
Eckford Sweet Pea Society Show
Wem SY4 5DS
www.virtual-shropshire.co.uk/sweet-pea

3rd August
Oswestry & District Agricultural Show
Oswestry Show Ground SY11 4AS
www.oswestryshow.co.uk

24th & 25th August
Hot Air Balloon Carnival
Cae Glas Park
@OswestryBalloonCarnival

13th - 22nd September
Heritage Open Days
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JULY

20th & 21st Eckford Sweet Pea Show at Wem

20th & 21st Welshpool Railway - Vintage Weekend

27th & 28th Chirk Castle - Civil War Re-enactment

27th - 28th Whittington Castle - Multi Period Re-enactment

End July to end September Park Hall Countryside Experience - Maize Maze

AUGUST

3rd Oswestry Agricultural Show

3rd & 4th Welshpool Railway - Vintage Weekend

3rd & 4th Llangollen Railway - 1960's weekend

9th & 10th Shrewsbury Flower Show

17th Llangollen Railway - Steam and Jazz Evening

17th & 18th Welshpool Railway - Vintage and Ham Radio Weekend

24th & 25th Cae Glas Park and Town Centre - Hot Air Balloon Carnival

27th - 29th September
Welshpool 1940s Weekend
www.welshpool1940sweekend.co.uk

25th Andrew Logan Museum - Annual Jewellery Extravaganza
30th - 1st Sep Welshpool Railway - Gala Weekend

31st Oswestry Old Station - Diesel Gala Day

31st & 1st September Chirk Castle - Battle of Crogen Re-enactment

SEPTEMBER

13th - 22nd Heritage Open Days

14th & 15th Llangollen Railway - Heritage Rail Gala

14th & 15th Welshpool Railway - Teddy Bear Weekend

27th - 29th Welshpool 1940s Weekend

27th & 29th Whittington Castle - Halloween Events

OCTOBER

10th - 13th Llangollen Railway - Autumn Steam Gala

12th Bailey Head, Oswestry - Oswestry Apple Day

26th Welshpool Railway - Halloween

21st - 3rd Nov Park Hall Countryside Experience - Halloween Spooktacular

NOVEMBER

2nd Brogyntyn Park, Oswestry - Bonfire Night

4th Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre - Christmas Craft Shop Opens

21st Bailey Head - Christmas Lights Switch On

23rd Park Countryside Experience - Santa Experience Starts

DECEMBER

1st - 24th Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre - Christmas Craft Shop

6th Oswestry Christmas Live - ho, ho, ho

7th Oswestry Christmas Parade - enjoy!

All month British Ironwork Centre - Santa's Grotto

Llangollen Wharf - Mulled Wine Trips

Every weekend Park Hall Countryside Experience - Santa Experience

Santa Special Trains Cambrian Heritage Railways Welshpool & Llanfair Railway Llangollen Railway

6th December
Christmas Live
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www.virtual-shropshire.co.uk/sweet-pea

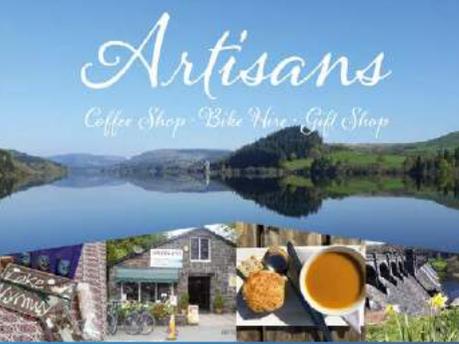


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You'll find us located in the car park opposite the RSPB visitor centre.

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Artisans, The Old Sawmill, Lake Yrnwy, Oswestry, Shropshire. SY10 0NA
www.artisans-lakeyrnwy.co.uk



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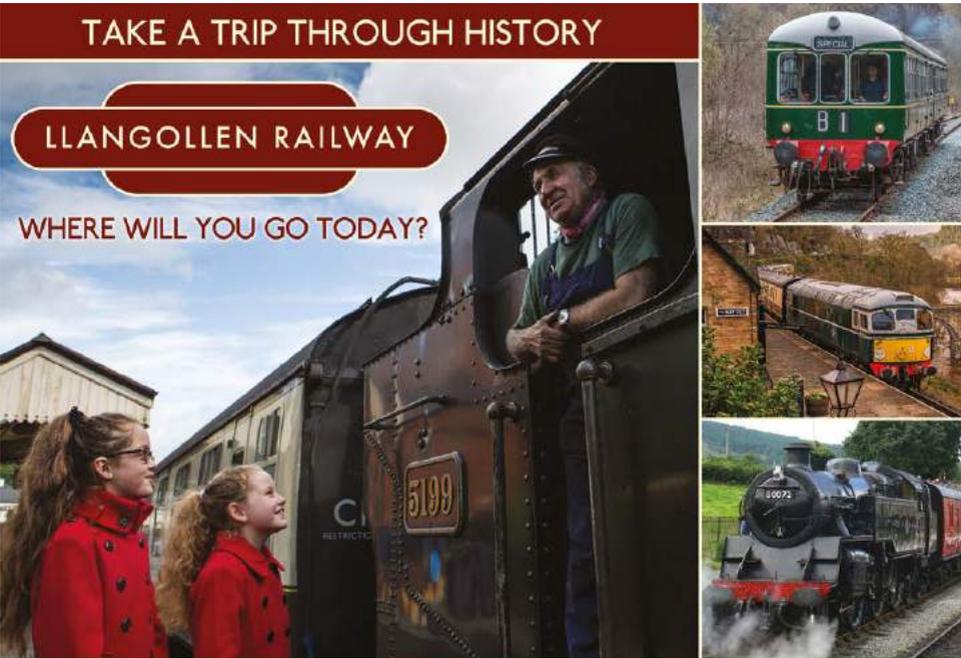
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Staff at our information centre may be able to help with more detailed information, you can call them on: 01691 662753



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Let's face it you would need to stay longer if you were to explore all the lovely Borderlands that we have shown you in this brochure – and why not? You might long for a few days away in a comfortable hotel or maybe a hideaway cottage tucked away in one of the valleys so close to Oswestry. Can we help you find your perfect escape?

Are you an outdoors family longing to bring your caravan or tent? Or how about

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Oh – and food – let's celebrate local produce and fabulous flavours. Oswestry and The Welsh Borders are blessed with an array of top class food and drink producers and you will find many of their products in the delightful restaurants, pubs and cafes and don't miss the local brewery recently voted 3rd most popular in the UK.



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MAP: F6

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MAP: G4

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The map references on the ads will show you how to find our places to eat, drink and sleep. Use the maps on pages 52 & 53, 54 & 55

The Griffin Inn TC MAP: D8

Traditional pub in listed building with oak beams and wooden floors. Affordable home cooking daily lunch and evening. (food not served Sunday evening).

Tel: 01691 650156
Albion Hill, Oswestry, SY11 2NL

Sebastians Restaurant With Rooms TC MAP: D6

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T: 01691 650799
12 Church Street, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 2SP

Heritage Centre Coffee Shop TC MAP: J4

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Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre, SY11 2TE

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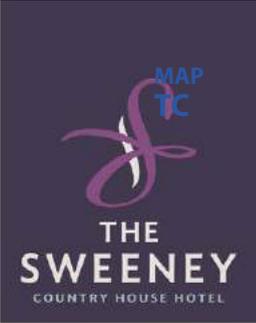
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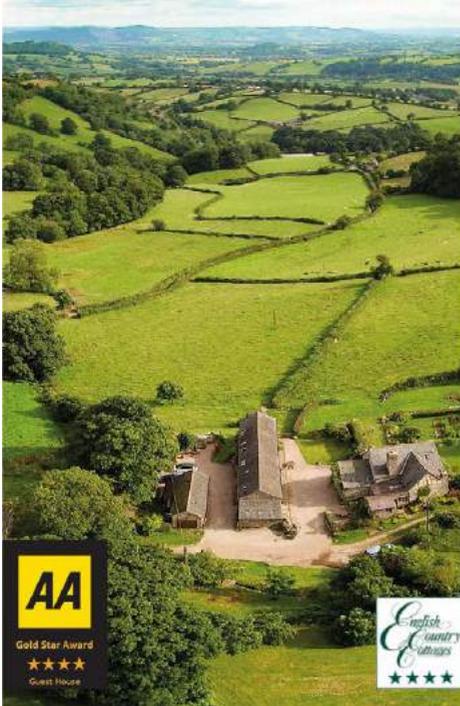
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MAP G5 www.thepentre.com
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Oswestry
SY10 9EE
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Email: helen@thepentre.com





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www.lakevyrnwy.com Tel: 01691 870692
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17 Ferrers Road, Oswestry SY11 2EY

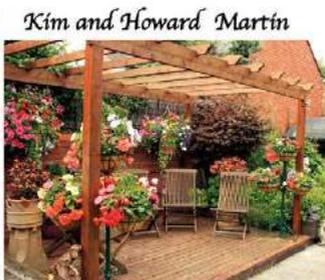



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MAP TC

Kim and Howard Martin


Brownhill House MAP: H5 B&B



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www.eleventowns.co.uk Tel: 01939 261121

Fron Frys MAP: F3 B&B



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Glyn Ceiriog, LL20 7AA

Fitzwarine House MAP: H4 B&B



Village location looking over to Whittington Castle. 2 Excellent pubs with food nearby. 2 miles from Oswestry. 3 bedrooms. Single from £40 prpn, double from £60 prpn.

tjaway@supanet.com www.fitzwarinehouse.co.uk Tel: 01691 680882
Debra Walker. Castle Street, Whittington, SY11 4DF

Penygarreg MAP: F6 B&B



Characterful Welsh longhouse in unspoilt peaceful location. Within walking distance of Llansantffraid village with local pubs and restaurant.

www.penygarreg.co.uk mills646@btinternet.com Tel: 01691 828452
Winllan Road, Llansantffraid, Powys SY22 6TS

Hordley Hall MAP: I4 B&B



Close to Ellesmere, Georgian house set in beautiful gardens in a peaceful location. Wonderful views of surrounding countryside. Aga cooked farmhouse breakfasts. 4 bedrooms, 3 ensuite. Parking and cycle storage.

www.hordleyhall.co.uk Tel: 01691 622772
Hazel Rodenhurst. Hordley, Ellesmere, SY12 9BB

Montrose MAP: TC B&B



Victorian house in quiet lane close to town centre. 2 bedrooms Wifi available. £25 pppn

doreenleggatt1967@gmail.com Tel: 01691 652063
Doreen Leggatt. Montrose, Weston Lane, Oswestry SY11 2BG

The Summer House MAP: TC B&B



Comfortable self contained log cabin, 10 minutes walk from centre of Oswestry. King size or twin beds. Private parking. Continental breakfast each day to enjoy at your leisure.

E: cburke22@btinternet.com T: 01691 657329 M: 07815 184 257
Mrs Carol Burke. 22 Hampton Close, Oswestry, SY11 1SL

Moorehouse Farm B&B and Camping MAP: F5 B&B



B & B, Liveries & Camping 3.5 miles from Oswestry. A holiday retreat designed to offer an escape from everyday life, for you and your horse. Walkers, hikers and cyclists are also welcome.

www.moorehousefarm.co.uk M: 07774 644 601 T: 01691 791864
Craigllwyn Oswestry SY10 9BH

Gwaenyng Farmhouse B&B, Campsite & Wedding Venue MAP: D7 B&B



A real countryside escape, Gwaenyng Farmhouse has it all: peace and quiet, comfortable beds, brilliant showers, plentiful breakfasts and wholesome evening meals.

www.gwaenyng.com E: enquiny@gwaenyng.com T: 01938 810236
Dolanog Welshpool Powys SY21 0UJ

The Bryn Oswestry Town B&B MAP: TC B&B
www.valthebryn.co.uk



Val and Chris run a very comfortable, friendly B&B in a quiet cul-de-sac, only 5 minutes from Oswestry Town Centre and restaurants. 3 bedrooms, including luxury ground floor en-suite. Locally sourced full English Breakfast with homemade bread and blueberry drop scones with a drizzle of maple syrup. Return and relax in the garden. Free off road parking.

Val & Chris Schofield E: valthebryn@gmail.com
Tel: 01691 662513 M: 07770 800 639
The Bryn, 14 Ardmillan Close, Oswestry, SY11 2JZ

Cross House Cottage MAP: G5 SC



Delightful 19th century semi detached stone cottage in the village centre. Character accommodation with a cosy feel. Pub/restaurant & shop 1 minute, Offa's Dyke 5 minutes.

crosshousecottage@gmail.com T: 01691 655395
Cross House Cottage, Trefonen, Oswestry SY10 9DZ

Ty Uchaf MAP: D5 SC



Detached 3 bedroom farmhouse with beautiful views 1.5 miles to Llanrhaeadr YM & near Pystyll Rhaeadr. Off road parking and cycle storage. £300 to £530 pvv.

lyndathomas00@gmail.com Tel: 01691 780539
Mrs Lynda Thomas. Cefn Coch, Llanrhaeadr Y.M, Oswestry, SY10 0BP

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Chilton House, Ferrers Road, Oswestry SY11 2EZ
T: 01691 656616 M: 07813 149 741
www.chiltonhouseoswestry.co.uk

Little Barn, Trefonen MAP: G5 SC



2 bedroom converted stone barn in the small Shropshire village of Trefonen with church, shop/post office and public house, perfect to explore the beautiful countryside of England and Wales. Local market towns as well as many historic houses, castles and great gardens. Return and relax in the patio garden or beside the cosy wood burning stove.

2 bedrooms
1 double
1 twin
Prices from £250 - £390 per week

www.little-barn-shropshire.co.uk
info@little-barn-shropshire.co.uk Tel: 01691 653387
Old Post Office Lane, Trefonen, Oswestry, SY10 9DL

Nant Lane Cottage MAP: F4
SC



Cosy 2 bedroom 19th Century stone cottage with exposed beams, slate floors and inglenook fireplace. Off road parking. In border village of Selattyn, 3 miles from Oswestry. Within walking distance of village pub serving food and ancient listed church. Close to Chirk Castle and 4 other National Trust properties. Prices from £220 to £295 per week.

Nant Lane, Selattyn, SY10 7HA www.nantlanecottage.co.uk
T: 01691 659708 M: 07423 057710 maggie.barnes.c@btinternet.com

Old Rectory Cottage MAP: F4
SC



Timber beamed period cottage in secluded grounds. Beautiful views, wild flower meadow & woodland, 7 circular walks and Offa's Dyke. Off road parking. Selattyn village with ancient church and heritage pub close by. 3 miles Oswestry & nearby 5 National Trust properties including Chirk Castle. Prices from £220 to £295 per week.

Glyn Road, Selattyn, SY10 7DH www.selattyncottages.co.uk
T: 01691 659708 M: 07423 057710 maggie.barnes.c@btinternet.com

Pentre Barn MAP: G5
SC



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www.thepentre.com helen@thepentre.com T: 01691 653952
Trefonen, Oswestry, SY10 9EE

Bedy Bryn Celyn MAP: F6
SC



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www.cottagesatbryncelyn.co.uk T: 01691 830030 M: 07484 252408
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Stables and Granary Cottages MAP: G4
SC



Stunning views from old Oswestry Racecourse. 2 beautifully renovated stone barns. 2 x 2 bedrooms. From £320 per unit per week. brian@tomleycottages.co.uk

www.tomleycottages.co.uk Tel: 01691 652815
Brian Tomley, Parc Uchaf, Racecourse, Oswestry, SY10 7HL

Blackwater Meadow Marina MAP: I4
NB

Situated close to the Ellesmere Arm on the Llangollen canal which offers scenic beauty and breath taking engineering. Narrowboat day hire, short breaks and holidays and 3 bedroom holiday let.

www.blackwatermeadow.com Tel: 01691 624391
Birch Road, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 9DD

Oaks Farm Cottage MAP: I5
SC

2 bedroom cottage in country location between Ellesmere and Shrewsbury, set in 3 1/2 acre wildlife gardens. All ground floor accommodation and patio with barbecue.

www.oaksfarm-shropshire.co.uk T: 01939 270472
Oaks Farm Petton Holdings Burlton SY4 5TG

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CASTLE FARM MAP: H3 / SC
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The Castle Farm, Dudleston SY12 9EF

Pentre Clawdd MAP: G4
CAMPING



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www.pentreclawddfarm.co.uk T: 01691 680155
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Alan and Gail Fitzsimmons
Cranberry Moss, Kinnerley, Oswestry SY10 8DY
E: oswestry.site@thefriendlyclub.co.uk
www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/oswestry
T: 01743 741 118 or 0845 130 7633

DOGS WELCOME MAP H6 @oswestryCCC Wi-Fi

Fernwood Caravan Park MAP: K3
CAMPING

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www.fernwoodpark.co.uk Tel: 01948 710221
Lyneal, Ellesmere, SY12 0QF

Severn House Campsite MAP: 17
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www.severnhousecampsite.co.uk Tel: 01743 850229
Ian & Bettina Simons, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury, SY4 1ED

Sweeney Farm Glamping MAP: G5
GLAMPING

2 luxury safari tents situated on a working dairy farm. Each tent has 3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and log burner.

www.sweeneyfarmglamping.com M: 07814 731021
Sweeney, Oswestry, SY10 8AD

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& Saturdays

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Wednesdays, Saturdays

@OswestryTC
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Tel: 01691 680222

Town Map



Use the grid references in the top right corner of the adverts to help you explore Oswestry town.

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 - J5** St Oswald's Church
 - I5** The Broadwalk and Wilfred Owen Memorial
 - H6** Caer Glas Park and Wilfred Owen Statue
 - H7** Festival Square
 - F7** The Cross
 - E8** Llwyd Mansion
 - D7** The Library
 - C8** The Guildhall & Town Museum
 - C8** Market Hall
 - C12** Cambrian Heritage Railways - Old Station and Museum
 - A13** Minor Injuries Unit
- P** Parking
 - ♿** Toilets
 - ♿** Disabled Toilets
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The views over Shropshire from the top of Old Oswestry

Don't Miss...

The wondrous bird guarding Oswald's Well

Don't Miss...

Walking the Wilfred Owen Town Trail

Don't Miss...

Walking up Bailey Street to shop at the markets

Don't Miss...

Discovering railway heritage at The Cambrian Railways Museum

Welcome to Oswestry Town

Town Centre Map Pages 54 & 55



Browse – the word defines shopping in Oswestry

In the eclectic mix of shops around the town centre you will find books to blenders, wool to whisks and everything in between. Scatter in a couple of art galleries, the town museum and a tasty mix of coffee shops, pubs and restaurants and you will see why visitors want to come back again and again.

There were once gates into Oswestry and, although long gone, there is an echo of them in different parts of town.

To find your way round town, use the coloured circles to see which part of town the local businesses shown around the map are in.

Visit the Visitor & Exhibition Centre, home to our Information Centre to find out more about Oswestry. Nearby St. Oswald's Church and the old coaching inn, The Wynnstay Hotel, mark the start of Church Street. Follow this down to the park, Festival Square, the main shopping area and our award winning book shop. This is where The New Gate would have once stood.

At The Cross, Willow Street goes to the left (across which Willow Gate once stood). Nearby on the corner of Cross Street and Bailey Street stands Llwyd Mansion. This is one of Oswestry's most iconic buildings and has been host to many shopkeepers since the 15th Century. It now marks the beginning of Bailey Street leading up to the Market Square and Castle Mound.

Follow Beatrice Street away from town and past the site of Beatrice Gate to the old railway warehouses with their impressive chimney. Return along Oswald Road and Leg Street past the place where once Black Gate stood. Here you will find that fascinating mix of shops that defines shopping in a market town like Oswestry – antiques and a saddler, a tailor, real butchers and a kitchen shop, all independently owned and waiting to welcome you.



Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre

Open Monday - Saturday

Do visit us when you visit Oswestry. The Centre is just behind the church opposite The Wynnstay Hotel. Call in and meet our staff who can help you find more about Oswestry and the Borderlands, where to stay, what to do and what's on. We also have local maps and souvenirs on sale. There are exhibitions by local artists and crafts people including Graham Mitchell and Annie Stokes and the Heritage Centre Coffee Shop is probably Oswestry's most dog friendly café.

The Heritage Centre Coffee Shop



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