

## Madeley & District u3a

### Outing to Shrewsbury Friday 12 December



### Getting there

**BY COACH** (Madeley Centre to Shrewsbury Centre return £25 each)

This option is attractive as it takes us straight to our destination, as well as giving the sense of being together with u3a friends. I need to know asap that 22 of you will choose to travel this way so that I can secure the booking, otherwise we will all have to rely on train or car share.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

**TRAIN** (Anytime return Transport for Wales £14.04 with Senior Railcard)

Depart Crewe	10.10am	Arrive Shrewsbury	10.46am
Depart Shrewsbury	16.16pm	Arrive Crewe	17.12pm

**Linking DG Buses** ([https://www.dgbus.co.uk/media/4616/85\\_2024-05-07.pdf](https://www.dgbus.co.uk/media/4616/85_2024-05-07.pdf))

Madeley	9.21am	Crewe Station	9.50am
Crewe	17.45pm	Madeley	18.08pm

Or use car share (Station parking is £12.50) or taxi (£25-30).

**CAR SHARE** (Madeley to Shrewsbury is 62 miles return – u3a car share £16)

Allow 50 minutes to 1 hour.

Park and Ride from Tesco Extra SY1 4AP. Shuttle bus every 12 minutes.

Return fare is £2/£1 with bus pass)

### Meeting Point

11am **La Piazzetta** coffee house/restaurant,  
14, The Square, SY1 1LH

<https://www.lapiazzettashrewsbury.co.uk>

You might also want to book a table for lunch here  
– though there are many other places to eat in Shrewsbury.



## Things to do

### **Museum & Art Gallery, The Square, SY1 1LH (to left out of La Piazzetta)**

<https://www.shropshiremuseums.org.uk/smag/>

As well as archaeology, geology, art and social and industrial history there is a very nice museum café.

### **12.30 Concert in St. Chad's Church, SY1 1RN**

A 50 minute classical concert: Ulrich Heinen on Cello and John Humphreys on piano. Entry is free but the church would welcome a donation

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St\\_Chad's\\_Church,\\_Shrewsbury](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Chad's_Church,_Shrewsbury)

Founded by King Offa 757 to 796 CE. Charles Darwin was baptised there in 1809.



### **Shrewsbury Market Hall, Claremont St, SY1 1HQ**

<https://www.shrewsburymarkethall.co.uk>

Multi award-winning, unique food & drink and shopping - a vibrant and eclectic fusion of the hand crafted and the hard to find.



### **Shrewsbury Prison, SY1 2HP**

<https://www.shrewsburyprison.com/prison-tours/>

Self-guided tour: You'll be given a visitor guide and a map of the prison. As you explore, use the sound boxes and information boards to learn the facts and history of the prison.

## **Shopping in Shrewsbury**

The trip will provide a great opportunity to buy Christmas gifts.

<https://www.shrewsbury-shopping.co.uk>

## Janet's Smith's personal take on Shrewsbury

At the Museum & Art Gallery you can get free maps and there's a loo near the cafe. There is an information desk and maps of a Darwin trail. The museum and art gallery are worth a wander as is St Mary's church. The little square near St Alkmund's is charming. Quarry gardens near St Chad's go down to the river and are lovely for a walk. Belmont near there is a quiet Georgian and Regency enclave, so near the centre of town yet so elegant and peaceful.

The high street is fairly horrible but at the bottom is the market which has brilliant stalls and numerous little food outlets: Thai, Moroccan, Spanish etc. It's been voted the best market in the country on numerous occasions. It's the bees knees. The library is in the old grammar school where Darwin went to school and it's worth a visit. It's the other end of the high street. I've never been to the castle - it's probably worth doing. You can walk along the town walls.

Shrewsbury is a great place for shopping as there are plenty of independent shops. Tanners, the wine shop is at the bottom of Wyle cop. The streets have lovely ancient names like Mardol.

It's a compact town in the centre and we are so lucky to have such an architectural gem on our doorstep. I hope everyone will go often in future.

