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Shrewsbury

Where the very old meets the very new. A mix of medieval streets and more independents shops than high street chains. We've got 921 years of wine buffs and the world's oldest Flower Show. Art house films in an ancient elevated market hall, cocktails on the riverbank.

Find your original and one-off in Shrewsbury.
Have a summer in a town like no other.

Famous faces



Clive of India statue in the Square



Famous carved faces



The Dingle



Quarry Park



The Library

Shrewsbury's story is on the map for many reasons. Did you know the father of evolution, Charles Darwin was born in Shrewsbury? It was here he fished for newts and studied rocks in the Quarry Park. More recently the famed Blue Peter gardener Percy Thrower made his mark as Shrewsbury's Park Superintendent. His legacy is the Dingle in Quarry Park - a sunken garden landscaped with alpine borders, colourful bedding plants, shrubbery and water features.

Explore Norman castles and noble churches



St Chad's church



Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery

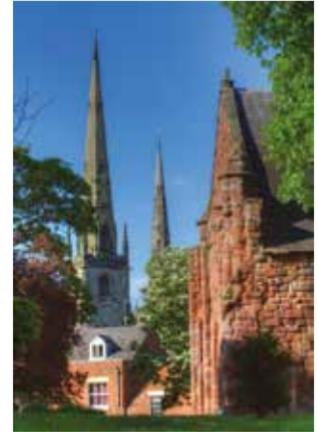
Hunt down some history at Shrewsbury Abbey and Shrewsbury Castle - the town's two oldest landmarks. The Castle houses the collections of the Shropshire Regimental Museum Trust and offers impressive views from its commanding town centre position.

Shrewsbury's churches are packed with significant stories and awesome architecture. Church tours take you to find a Welsh Saint, the first House of Commons, a tree of glass and the church where Charles Darwin was baptised.

In the Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery there are temporary exhibitions by cutting edge artists, Roman artefacts and work inspired by Charles Darwin.



The Abbey



View of spires from Old St Chad's



Shrewsbury Castle

Original Shopping

A vintage wine set free from the cellars. A handmade hat or rare edition book. Cutting edge couture alongside vintage glamour and high-street heaven. Shopping here is definitely different.

There are endless boutiques and quirky independents, all tucked away in 'shuts and passages' and confidently outnumbering the big chains by almost half. Head to Wyle Cop to find a run of more than 50 original and one-off shops.

The Darwin Centre and Pride Hill Centre are multi-level malls perched on Pride Hill. They host a collection of high street names and plenty of independents and cafés too.



Independent shopping



Wyle Cop



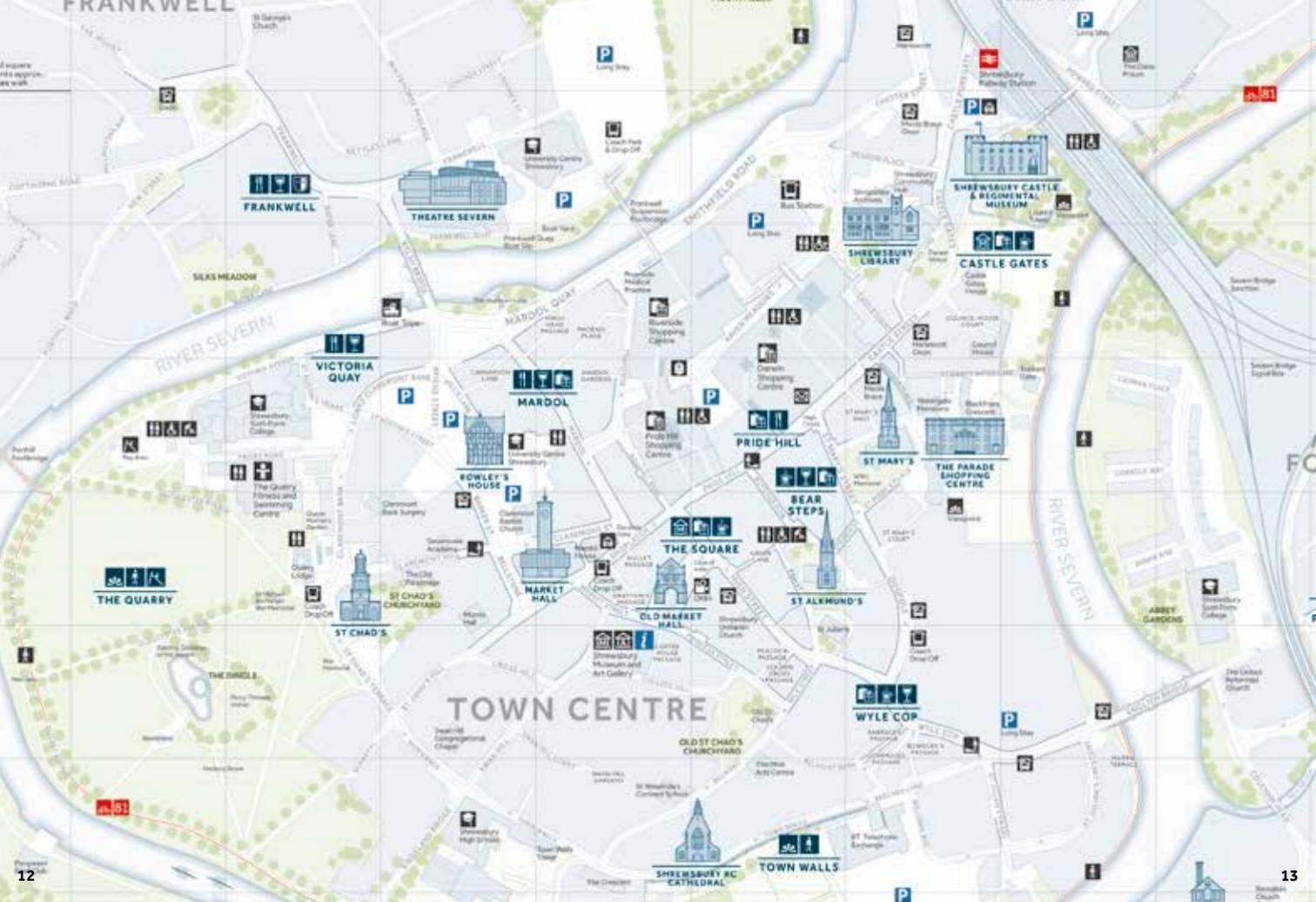
Shopping in the Square

Eating Out



Menus across town range from simple but seriously good burgers to fine Italians, expert Asian cuisine and the freshest of fish dishes. And did we mention we have restaurant rooms that pre-date the Wars of the Roses, romantic riverside views and high street takeaways housed in buildings that date back to the 13th century.





Nightlife

Across town there are talented bartenders and mixologists waiting to take your order. Our cobbled streets are packed with cool cocktail lounges ready to shake and stir your perfect drink. There's also a thriving real ale scene. Head to the pub for a pint of local brew - Shropshire Gold or Darwin's Origin - or taste a well-travelled craft beer.

For deals on drinks look out for early evening Happy Hours and live music nights for added entertainment.



Showtime



Theatre Severn



Old Market Hall



Shrewsbury Fields Forever

Shrewsbury has got its own original version of entertainment after hours. We've got theatre on the riverbank and film in a Tudor market hall where wool was once traded. There's fresh and funny comedy, acoustic music nights and dancing 'til late across independent and one-off venues.

For a venue literally buzzing with arts, music and media head to the Hive. Call in for films, jazz or open mic nights.

Tales from the riverbank

The River Severn forms a loop around the town centre which is why you'll have to cross one of seven bridges to get into town. In summer you can spend lazy days by the river, relaxing in Quarry Park or riding the riverbanks by bike. On the water you'll see river events, rowing boats and Shrewsbury's triple deck passenger boat which sails the Severn throughout summer.



River cruise



View of Quarry Park

Famed festivals, fireworks and flowers

Of course our love of the original and one-off extends to festivals and events. There's a calendar packed with everything from a sell-out Folk Festival to the world's oldest Flower Show and international cartoons and caricatures.



Shrewsbury Folk Festival



The Big Art Show

1st to 3rd July
thebigartshow.co.uk

Dragon Boat Festival

3rd July
severnospice.org.uk/support-us/events



Shrewsbury Fields Forever

15th to 17th July
shrewsburyfieldsforever.com

Shrewsbury Flower Show

12th to 13th August
shrewsburyflowershow.org.uk



Shrewsbury Folk Festival

26th to 29th August
shrewsburyfolkfestival.co.uk

Shrewsbury Steam Rally

28th to 29th August
shrewsburysteamrally.co.uk



Triathlon

4th September
sytri.org/the-2016-shrewsbury-sprint-triathlon-quadrathlon

Macmillan Coracle World Championships

16th September
regevent.co.uk

Facts

The headstone prop of Ebenezer Scrooge that was used in the 1984 film *A Christmas Carol* can be found in the churchyard at St Chad's church

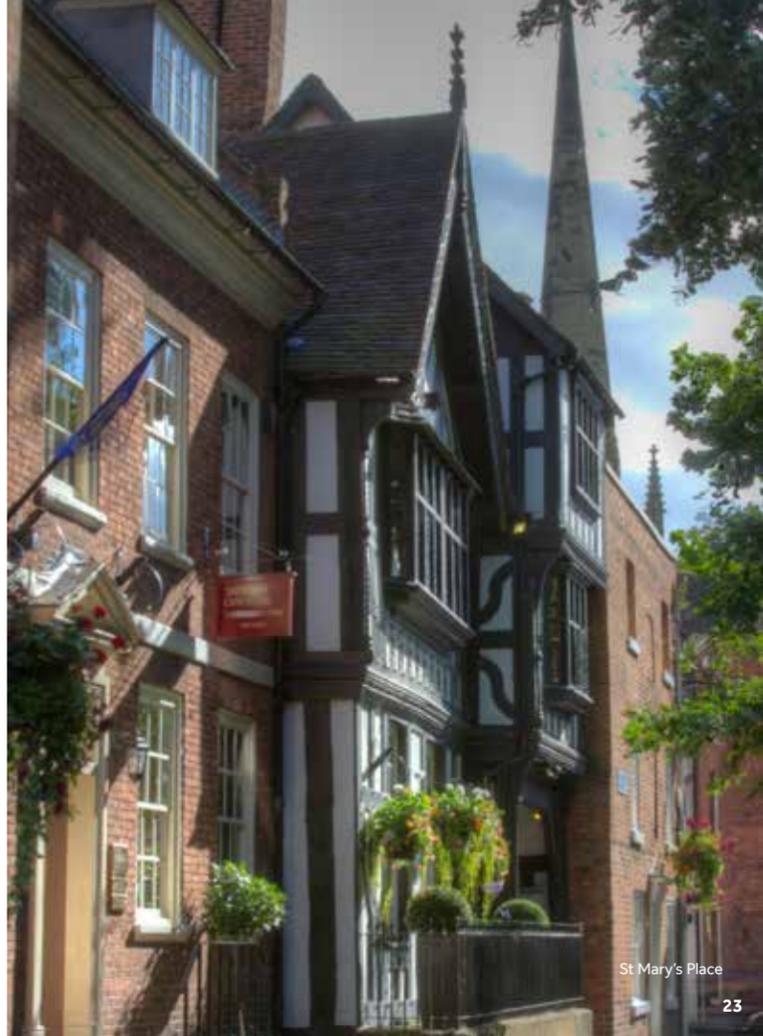
St Mary's church on Dogpole has one of the tallest spires in England - it has dominated Shrewsbury's skyline for more than 500 years. In 1739, showman Robert Cadman attempted to slide from it, head first across the river, using a rope and wearing a wooden breastplate with a central groove

The Old Market Hall was used by drapers trading in woollen cloth, while on the ground floor farmers sold their corn

Shrewsbury's town crier Martin Wood is the tallest in the world at 7ft 2 inches

Shrewsbury's riverboat is named after the water nymph Sabrina who's said to guard the River Severn

Shrewsbury's oldest licensed Public House, the Golden Cross, was used as an Inn in 1428



Sunday car parking



English Bridge

Save on parking and see Shrewsbury on Sundays. You can park and stay all day for £1 in long stay car parks across the town centre. There is also a flat rate of £1 for short stay car parks.

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