

Wellington

Gateway to The Wrekin Forest and the Weald Moors

Wellington is ideally placed between the Wrekin Forest and Shropshire Hills to the South and the Weald Moors and the Shropshire Plain to the North. Getting to Wellington is easy by car, bus, train and even by plane:-

By road: The M54 links the town to the national motorway network (exit at Junctions 6 & 7). Parking in and around the town is FREE and some car parks allow stays of up to 10 hours – leaving plenty of time to explore the town and surrounding area on foot or by bicycle.

By bus: Wellington Bus Station is located close to the heart of the town.

By train: Wellington Railway Station is adjacent to the bus station.

By air: Birmingham Airport is under 1 hour away from Wellington by train.

Accommodation: Wellington and the surrounding area provides a wide range of accommodation consisting of hotels, guest houses and self-catering cottages. There are also Youth Hostels close by in the Ironbridge Gorge at Coalbrookdale and Coalport.



Our Regular Walks

We provide FREE guided walks on the 1st and 3rd SUNDAY of each month starting at 2:00pm outside Wellington Leisure Centre, TFI ILX. Walks typically last between 90 – 120 minutes. Our walks take us to the Ercall Nature Reserve; the internationally renowned Ercall Quarry; Limekiln Woods; Apley Woods; Dothill and Shawbirch Local Nature Reserve; and The Wrekin, as well as exploring other local footpaths. There is ample free short stay car parking at the Leisure Centre and long stay parking across the road (entrance at the bottom of Wrekin Road).



Wellington Walking Festival

The second week of September

Each year, we organise the local walking festival which offers a wide selection of walks and events in and around the area. Walks range in difficulty from easy to strenuous with many being themed and/or educational in nature. Full details of the Festival and all forthcoming walks and events can be found on our Facebook page and on our website www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk

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The Aims and Objectives of our Group

Wellington Walkers are Welcome are a voluntary group which has two main objectives:

- To represent the interests of local walkers in the Wellington area, and
- To promote the town of Wellington as a destination for walkers.

The town was awarded Walkers are Welcome status in June 2010. We are grateful to Wellington Town Council for their ongoing support and encouragement.

The **Walkers are Welcome UK Network** is a nationwide initiative, launched in 2007, to encourage towns and villages to be 'welcoming to walkers'. The network has expanded rapidly and there are now many locations across the UK that have joined this innovative community-led scheme to benefit from Walkers are Welcome accreditation.

Members of the WAW Network aim to:

- be attractive destinations for walkers with top quality information on local walks
- offer local people and visitors excellent walking opportunities within their areas
- ensure that footpaths and facilities for walkers are maintained, improved and well signposted
- contribute to local tourism plans and regeneration strategies
- promote the health benefits of walking and increase participation
- encourage the use of public transport



Community Involvement

We have a well-established Path Maintenance and Way-marking Team as part of Telford & Wrekin Council's Volunteer Scheme. The team meets twice a month throughout the year largely keeping paths clear of vegetation and other obstructions. If you would like to join our group see the paths page on our website for more details.

We attend the following local groups and forums....

- Telford & Wrekin Local Access Forum
- Telford Green Spaces Partnership
- Wellington LA21 Group
- Wrekin Forest Partnership

We collaborate with the local Ramblers Wellbeing Walks group –



We also collaborate with other local groups including

- Friends of Apley Woods
- Friends of Dothill and Shawbirch LNR
- Friends of the Telford T50 50 Mile Trail
- Friends of Wellington Station
- Love Wellington
- Shropshire Wildlife Trust
- Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers

Maps of Wellington Historic Town and The Wrekin Forest Walks

The leaflet containing these maps has been produced by Wellington Town Council. Copies are available (free of charge) from the library situated in Wellington Leisure Centre or can be downloaded from our website.

Membership and Patrons

How you can help the group

We are often asked how many members we have when applying for grants or attempting to promote and publicise the Wellington Walkers are Welcome group. To help us obtain this information we would like to encourage as many people as possible to register as members and to consider becoming a Patron of the group.

Membership: This is free and open to anyone who takes part in any event we organise. Any information given on the form referenced below would be used solely within WWAW and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

Patrons: are members who wish to further the aims of Wellington Walkers are Welcome, whether they are walkers or not. Patrons are invited to contribute a minimum of £10 per annum to our funds.

If you would like to register as a member or a patron, please sign up to our mailchimp list at <http://eepurl.com/dtflky5>

If you have any questions please email info@wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk

or phone 01952 247706

To become a member of our path maintenance team the email address is paths@wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk

We also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonWalkersAreWelcome>

and a more interactive Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117661485549385>