

Bishop's Castle 1

The Wintles and Woodbatch

Bishop's Castle 2

Lydbury North and Oakeley Mynd

Bishop's Castle 3

Hell Hole, Acton Bank and Brockton.



**Bishop's Castle is a
"Walkers are Welcome Town"**

Clunton 1

Bury Ditches, The Stepple and Merry Hill

Clunton 2

Clunton Coppice, Sowdley Wood and Purslow.

Bishop's Castle Short Walks

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Around the town.

The starting point for the Bishop's Castle walks is the town centre; the starting point for the Clunton walks is the Crown Inn car park.

Bishop's Castle

The Town Hall, Bishop's Castle SY9 5BG
01588 630023 info@bishopscastlethetownhall.co.uk
Church Stretton – Church St. 01694 723133
Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre 01588 676000
Bog Visitor Centre, Stiperstones 01743 792747
bogcentre@hotmail.co.uk

There are information racks in most pubs and shops in the villages and display boards in Bishop's Castle

Buses

There is a scheduled service from Bishop's Castle to Shrewsbury. Other scheduled services are infrequent. Go to www.shropshire.gov.uk and follow the links to transport and buses.

Shuttle Buses

The Long Mynd & Stiperstones Shuttle runs in a figure of 8 from Pontesbury on the A488 Shrewsbury road to Church Stretton, crossing at Bridges. It operates at weekends and Bank Holiday Mondays from Easter to the end of October. Timetables are readily available. www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk

Bishop's Castle Dial-A-Ride

can be used if none of the above will meet your purposes. This community service runs 2 buses – a six seater and a 13 seater – both with disabled access. The buses must be pre-booked. Telephone 01588 638350

BCT - Bishop's Castle Taxi

Rus Gromov 07551 825931 / 07551 825932

Railways

Craven Arms is the nearest station. Shropshire Link (see above) can be used to provide transport from there. Otherwise use Shrewsbury. Detailed information from: Traveline 0871 200 2233

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Maps

OS Landranger 137, 2 cm to 1 km, for a detailed overview of the whole area from Ludlow to Montgomery, Knighton, Presteigne and Church Stretton. Small roads and footpaths are all marked but not field boundaries.

OS Explorer 216, 217 and 201, 4 cm to 1 km, for a close up with all the field boundaries. 216 covers Bishop's Castle, Welshpool and Montgomery with Offa's Dyke north, the Kerry Ridgeway and the Stiperstones, 217 covers the Long Mynd, Church Stretton, Craven Arms and Wenlock Edge and 201 covers Clun, the Clun Valley, Knighton, Presteigne and Offa's Dyke south.

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Donations for these walks help us to maintain the footpaths and bridleways.

Please report any difficulties with these walks or comments to Jane Carroll on 01588 638467, jane.carroll@gmail.com

WALKING FOR PLEASURE

Around Bishop's Castle

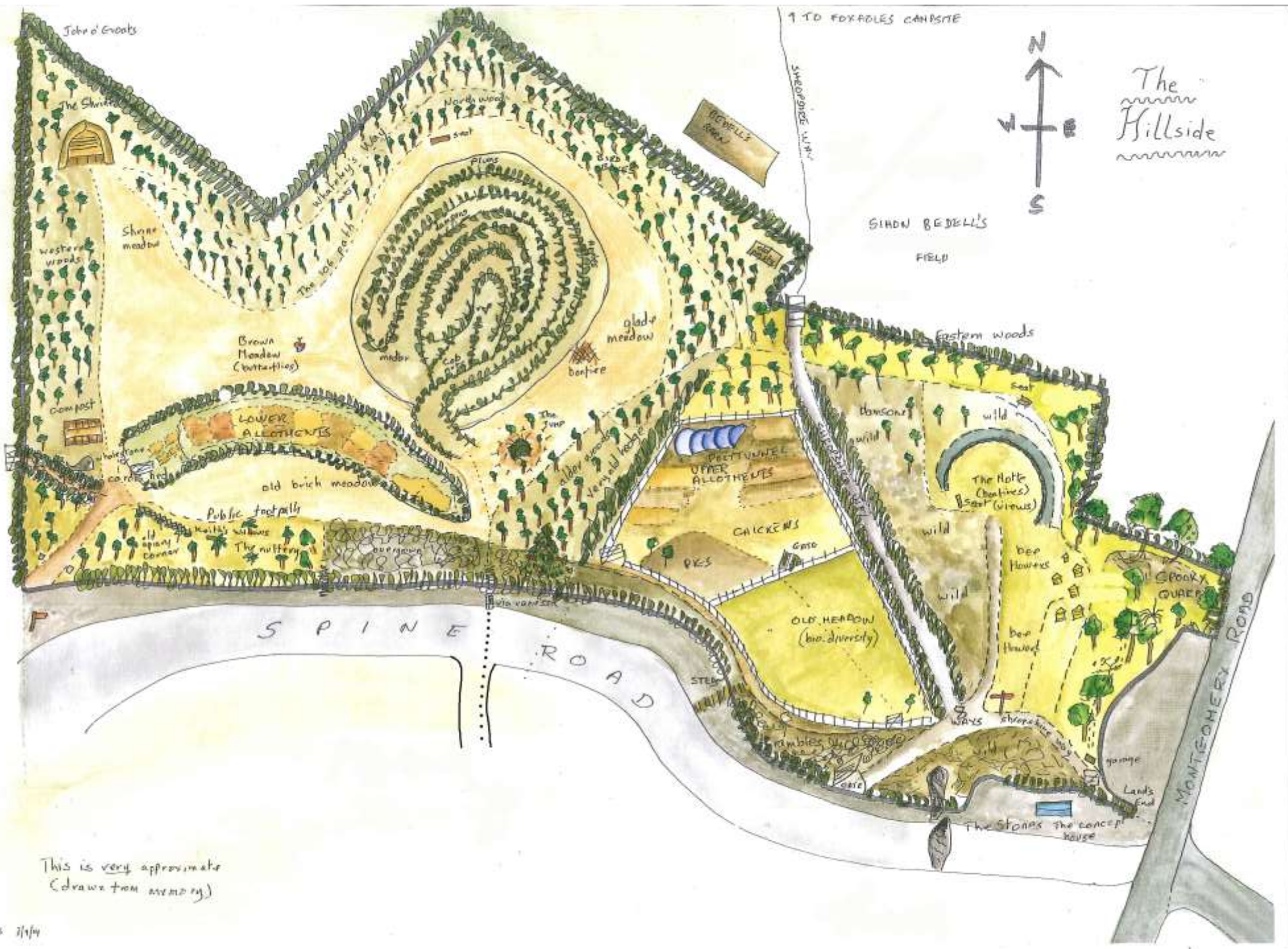
A "Walkers are Welcome Town"

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The Wintles Hillside

This lovely hillside on the outskirts of town has mown paths, lots of benches and no livestock, stiles or gates.





The Hillside



This is very approximate
(drawn from memory)

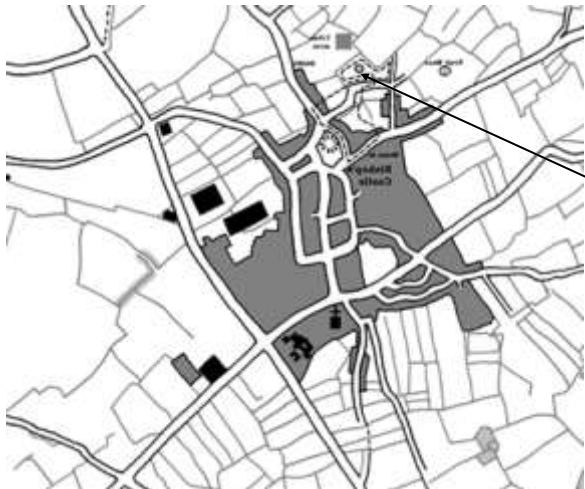
The Bishop's Castle Area

Bishop's Castle is a small and ancient market town with a history dating back some 800 years. The castle at the top of the town— only a few remnants of walls remain - was built by the Bishops of Hereford in the 13th century, thought to be a replacement of that at nearby Bishop's Moat where the motte and bailey can still be seen. The castle site is now covered by a picnic area with fine views of the town and countryside, a bowling green and the Castle Hotel and gardens.

The Town Hall at the top of the high street is a grade 11* listed building dating from around 1765 and is the visitor information centre for the town and area. It also hosts a wide variety of music events, talks, markets & sales, art exhibitions and classes. Go to www.bishopscastletownhall.co.uk for more information.

The parish church at the bottom of the town is Victorian with a 13th century Norman tower. Between the castle site and the church is an architecturally diverse array of old houses and shops, many of them medieval properties with newer fronts! There is an interesting selection of places to eat, drink and buy food for picnics and more formal meals. The town has 2 breweries, at the Six Bells Inn (opposite the church which has a peal of 6 bells) and John Roberts Brewery adjacent to The Three Tuns Inn. The latter is over the road from the Old Market Place, a paved area with good seating overlooked by the Powys Coat of Arms.

The House on Crutches Museum at the top of the High Street and The Railway and Transport Museum nearby in School Lane, both open at weekend from Easter to October, help illustrate all aspects of local history. The Heritage Resource Centre in Chapel Yard is the main research arm of the museums and people trying to find out more about the town, area and its families.



The position of Wintles Hillside in relation to the town.

The Wintles Hillside

The Wintles Hillside consists of thirteen acres of woodland and meadow privately owned and maintained by the residents of The Wintles housing development. The land is bounded on two sides by public footpaths, one of which is the Shropshire Way north which passes the Foxholes Castle Camping campsite.

Permissive paths have been established so residents and visitors can also enjoy this valuable link between town and countryside. Walkers are welcome, with or without their dogs. There is the Shrine shelter (front picture) and many benches for rest, way marked paths through and around mixed woodland.

There is a central fruit labyrinth, allotments and areas for pigs and hens as well as an apiary (well away from walkers). The Motte is easily accessible and offers great views and seats. The diversity of the planting and the way the land is managed encourage a wide variety of birds, insects and small mammals.

All visitors are requested to treat this private property with respect as if it were their own, damaging nothing and leaving no litter. Please keep to the way marked paths and clean up after dogs.

Please do NOT:

- Bicycle or ride horses
- Camp or light fires
- Feed or interfere in any way with pigs or hens.
- Enter the allotments or any other private area.
- Harvest fruit or nuts.
- Park on the adjacent road

