



Information

www.bishopscastle.co.uk for all up to date information about the town and surrounding area.
 Or contact the Visitor Information Office at Bishop's castle Town Hall, **01588 630023**
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Other sources:

- Spotlight**, a free local "what's on" paper, 01588 638038, e-mail: enterprise.house@bishopscastle.co.uk www.bishopscastle.co.uk
- Broadsheep**, a free borders listings magazine, 01544 260051, e-mail: baa@broadsheep.com www.broadsheep.com
- Bishop's Castle Town Tours** Tuesdays & Saturdays from the Lych Gate of the parish church, May - Sept. 01588 630271
- Bishop's Castle Town Trail**, published by the local Civic Society, £2.00.
- Books**, there are a number of publications about the area's history, wild life and places of interest which can be bought locally or viewed at the library.

Transport:

- Buses** - There is a scheduled bus service from Shrewsbury to Bishop's Castle every day except Sunday - www.minsterleymotors.co.uk
- Shropshire Hills Shuttle Buses** run at weekends from Easter to end of September in a figure of 8 over the Long Mynd and Stiperstones. www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk
- Dial-a-Ride** buses and volunteer car scheme can be used to get out and about in the area when public transport is not available. **01588 638350** giving at least 24 hours' notice. Dogs by arrangement but bus passes cannot be used.
- Other Public Transport** There are good train and coach services to Shrewsbury. The nearest station is Craven Arms. Traveline: 0871 200 2233, www.traveline.info

Sponsors

The Laurels is a gorgeous Grade II listed building in the heart of Bishop's Castle, Shropshire. An idyllic location for any getaway in a house packed full of character and history. Guests can enjoy an adventure weekend with friends, a big family get together, a business conference out of the city, an exploring walk around the picturesque Shropshire landscape or simply a cosy break in heart of a warm fire in a beautiful house. We are happy to welcome walkers, cyclists and pets - with facilities for all.

We have six rooms that currently sleep a total of 17. You will have your own kitchen that provides the convenience and flexibility of self-catering. You could prepare anything from a cup of tea with biscuits to a three-course meal for the family.

We can cater to parties large or small, contact us to discuss your needs and we'll do our best to accommodate you. **For prices and availability please contact us at info@thelaurelhouse.co.uk**

The Castle Hotel Perched at the top of Bishop's Castle on the site of the old ancient fort. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day, with Dog Friendly tables available inside and outside in our fantastic hill top gardens with panoramic views of the surrounding Shropshire Hills. Serving home cooked British food using some of Shropshire's best locally sourced ingredients. Tea & Coffee served all day. Bars open from 11am onwards, serving only the best local real ales. Free Wi-Fi. Friendly welcome. 13 well-appointed spacious bedrooms with stunning views. All on-site. Graded 4 Star Inn by The AA. Call 01588 638403 or visit www.thecastlehotelbishopscastle.co.uk

Foxholes Castle Camping is a popular family run campsite, 10 minutes' walk along Shropshire Way to Bishop's Castle. The campsite has plenty of hot showers in a heated shower block and a common room. There are two cabins, a six and an eight berth, and a 7 bed bunkhouse all for hire.

Chris & Wendy Jones 01588 638924 www.foxholes-castle.co.uk

The Parth House, B&B and Self Catering accommodation in a town centre historic building with off street parking and cycle storage. Big comfy beds, wood burning stoves, lots of character, free Wi-Fi. No credit card charges. **John & Gill Lucas 01588 638854** www.theparthhouse.com for full details.

Plazaodun Delightful old stone and brick built property situated overlooking the town. Renovated with two modern bedrooms while retaining exposed beams and wood burner. Hill views from all bedrooms. Conservatory and private south facing rear garden with hill views. Three minutes' walk from the centre of town. Sleeps 6. Dogs welcome.

Shurt & Jane Altman 07790817048
www.bishopscastleholidaylet.co.uk

The Shippen, Little Woodhouse, Unley Just 15 minutes from Bishop's Castle, The Shippen is an open-plan, detached barn conversion with an oak and glass gazebo and, overlooking stunning views of the Unley Valley. The well-equipped, stylish property has central heating and a wood-burning stove, making for a cosy, comfortable holiday all year round.

Jeannie McGillivray 01588 650127 <http://the-shippen.com>

Steddlestones B and B is situated on the main road in Lydbury North close to Watcot Hall, The Pines Arms, the Church and the Village Shop. Steddlestones has 2 double and 2 twin rooms. Reviews on Trip Advisor with a certificate of excellence.

Owner and Host Josie Challoner 01588 680435
www.steddlestonesbards.co.uk

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Mount Cottage in Bull Lane, Bishop's Castle is a cosy cottage converted from 17th century barn. Three minutes walk from the centre of this picturesque market town. Modern and fully equipped while retaining its original character.
Heather Hills 01588 38288 www.mountcottage.co.uk

Spa4 Leisure Centre, located in the grounds of the Community College, boasting a wide range of excellent facilities and activities including: Swimming Pool, Fitness Suite, Group Exercise Classes, Season's Courts & Theatre. In addition the centre also offers children's swimming lessons and a GP Referral Scheme.
Contact: 01588 630243 or email sportmembers@stame-leisure.co.uk

Bank House B&B A beautiful B&B at the heart of Bishop's Castle. Five gorgeous ensuite bedrooms with outstanding backdrops. Perfect for walkers, cyclists, yoga retreats and group bookings (up to 14). Why not book Bank House for your next big celebration? Read our 5 star TripAdvisor reviews or watch the video tour.

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Minion Ellison & Matthew Ellison 01588 638314 or 07813 550637
newhousefarmlun@gmail.com www.new-house-clun.co.uk

The Ganges Balti Restaurant & Take-Away This award winning restaurant has been in the oldest part of the town, close to the castle wall, for 27 years. It specialises in Tandoori and signature dishes and lies built on excellent reputation on customers' recommendations. Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence and in the Good Curry Guide. Free delivery service within 2 miles.

M.A. Zafar 01588 638543/239 or 07903 772189
info@thegangesrestaurant.co.uk
www.thegangesrestaurant.co.uk



Bishop's Castle

Where time's on your side



A small market town in the Shropshire Hills
www.bishopscastle.co.uk



A Timeless Blend

Bishop's Castle is both timeless and buzzing. Once England's smallest borough, it retains its 12th century layout and strong sense of its history yet it impresses visitors as a lively, vibrant community with a fresh and friendly outlook with music and festivals at its heart. It has a long and proud history of brewing.



At the top of the steep High Street, gradient 1 in 6! is the 18th century Grade 11* listed Town Hall with its clock which rings every 15 minutes. The Town Hall hosts the visitor information centre and tells the story of this historic town. This is a 'must visit' on your tour of the Town. At The Town Hall they also hold markets, art exhibitions, local art and crafts for sale, workshops, events and you can even get married there. www.bishopscastletownhall.co.uk

Next to the hall, on the ancient Cobbles, is the House on Crutches which houses the Local History Museum. Twice weekly guided tours and the Town Trail tell the town's history through its buildings. Continuing up the town is the Market Square with its shops and to the right, the Old Market Place with the Powis Coat of Arms at one end. The site of the castle, which gave the town its name, is even further up, beyond the Castle Hotel's lovely garden. Only a length of wall remains but it is a picnic area with great views.



Putting back the Clock

Whilst a stroll through the town will reveal its bright and modern influences, Bishop's Castle still retains its sense of timelessness. For 800 years the Welsh drovers brought livestock along the Kerry Ridgeway to markets here and further afield. It has always been a small, working country market town. Regular livestock auctions are still held and store cattle sales are some of the largest in the country.

Although only 1,700 people live in the town itself, it is the hub of a large, very rural area where England meets Wales. Shops and services here supply every daily need and cater for a wide variety of tastes and incomes.

Bishop's Castle is still home to generations of local families. Traditional and quirky independent shops line the main street and friendly faces with time to stop and chat are all around. Perhaps the relaxed pace of life is influenced by the clock on St. John's Church, for it is one of the few remaining onehanded clocks in the country.

Free car parking and the absence of traffic wardens gives residents and visitors time to browse and meet with friends. Bishop's Castle has a surprisingly large collection of unusual



shops and galleries selling vintage and new clothing, textiles, handbags, boots & shoes, jewellery, ceramics, , kitchenware, antiques, furniture, books, flowers, plants and vegetables, objets d'art, local meat and cheese and delicatessen items.



There are regular exhibitions of original art and crafts in the town from some of the best local designer-makers. The beauty and tranquillity of the ancient landscape have been an inspiration to many. The town is the home of many artisans and an Arts

Festival is held every February half-term week.

Music plays an important part in the life of Bishop's Castle with local orchestras, choirs and bands. There are open mic sessions and concerts/gigs at local pubs and many of our festivals are music based – "Party in the Park" which features local bands, the Real Ale Trail and the Mojo& Gumbo Festivals at the Vaults. Michaelmas Fair in September boasts a town centre stage for musicians.

