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Proposal

South Shropshire, UK

Monday 2019-08-12

to

Sunday 2019-08-18

Fig 1: Shropshire

LBW 2019

Event

This is a proposal for a light version of the LBW to be based in South Shropshire around Craven Arms / Culmington in south Shropshire.

The event will be held in an Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) in the Shropshire hills. This area is known for hiking and historical sites. Craven Arms contains the Discovery Centre which will form one of the main meeting points for the LBW where a meeting room can be rented by the hour.

There is Culmington village hall which can be rented for the event and it is possible to rent the Craven Arms community centre. The hall will be rented if there are sufficient attendees registered for the LBW otherwise gatherings can be held at the Discovery Centre or Andy's in Siefton about 1km out of Culmington.

Apart from the hall, the LBW will operate as in previous years with a loose schedule being run by the attendees. A potluck evening will be held either in the hall or at Andy's house.

At the end of each section of this proposal is a set of links where more information can be found.

Registration

If this proposal is selected then the normal LBW registration site will be configured to register attendees. If there are sufficient attendees, a hall may be rented for the duration.

Costs are expected to be in line with previous years, Culmington village hall can be rented for GBP9/hour. If a hall is not rented then the only costs will be tea, coffee and biscuits at Andy's house!

Team

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Information

Relevant Websites	
Shropshire Hill AONB partnership	http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/
Craven Arms Discovery Centre	http://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk/
Culmington Village Hall	https://www.culmington.org/village-hall

Location

Craven Arms

Craven Arms is a central place for the LBW, it contains a railway station, the discovery centre, various shops, a few restaurants, a supermarket and some sites of interest. Most notable being "The Museum of Lost Content". There is some accommodation in the town. There is no longer a bank in the town but there are two ATM points, one inside the Tuffins supermarket and the second outside the post office next to the chip shop.

Just down the road from Craven Arms is Stokesay Castle which is a fortified medieval manor house.

Fig 2: Craven Arms

Culmington

Culmington is a small parish about 5km from Craven Arms and 8km from Ludlow. It has no shops and is only of interest to the LBW because of the village hall.

Fig 3: Culmington

Ludlow

Ludlow contains a ruined castle and is known for its food and other attractions. There is a small market most days in the centre of the town. There is a rail station, Tesco and Aldi supermarkets near the centre. There are several ATM scattered throughout the town. Entertainment is limited in the town. There is Ludlow Brewing Company near the station who do tours, food and of course beer.
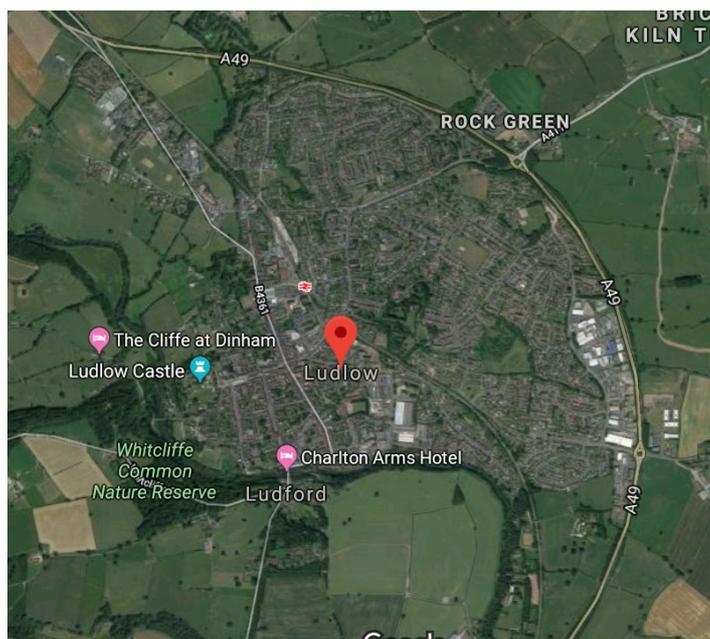
Fig 4: Ludlow

Shropshire

South Shropshire has the lowest population density in England and is known for the hills and walks. However it is spread out and transport is required to make the most of the area once you have arrived there. The area of interest for the LBW extends in a North-South line from Church Stretton to Ludlow and includes areas to the East and West of this line.

Circular walks are centred on the local towns and include The Mynd hill and Flounders Folly. There are many archaeological sites in the area. Walking route maps can be downloaded for free from "The Shropshire Great Outdoors" website.
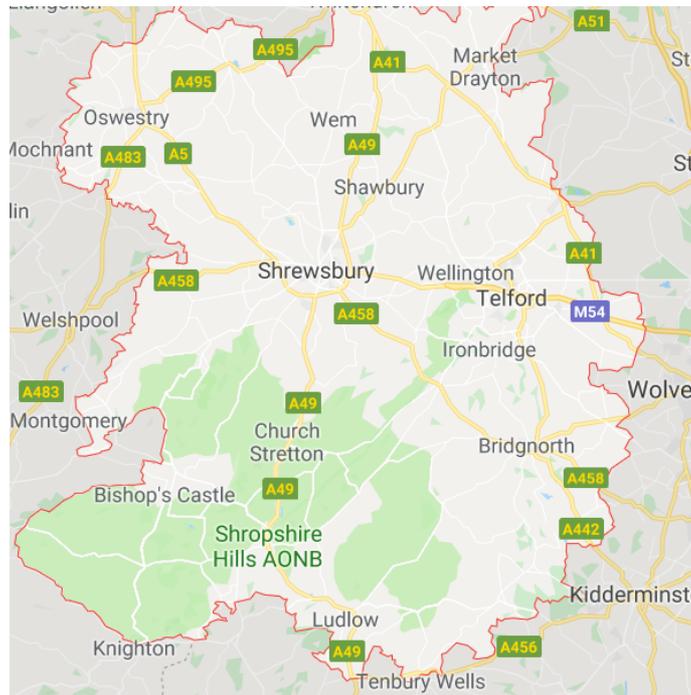

Fig 5: Shropshire

Knighton

On the border of England and Wales is Knighton in Powys, Wales. This is a notable point on the Offa's Dyke trail and contains the Offa's Dyke Centre. The entire Offa's Dyke trail is about 170km and may be walked or cycled along the length.

Fig 6: Knighton

Information

Relevant Websites	
Craven Arms	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Craven_Arms https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g504098-Activities-Craven_Arms_Shropshire_England.html
Culmington	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culmington
Ludlow	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludlow https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g186367-Activities-Ludlow_Shropshire_England.html
Shropshire	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shropshire
Knighton, Powys	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knighton,_Powys
Offas Dyke Association	https://offasdyke.org.uk/
Walks and other activities	http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk
The Ludlow Brewing Company	http://www.theludlowbrewingcompany.co.uk/
Stokesay Castle	https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stokesay-castle/

Hall

Option 1: Culmington Village hall

Culmington village hall can be rented at GBP 9/hour. It may not be continuously available over the entire week as other groups use the place on a regular basis. However there are two main rooms so it should be possible to keep a presence in the place over the entire week.

There is parking outside the hall with a height limit of 2m. However it is possible to open the barrier for higher vehicles.

There is no Internet or phone in the hall but there is 3G/4G coverage outside and an outdoor access point can be installed for the duration.

Option 2: Andy's House

If there are less than about 20 attendees then it is proposed to use Andy's house in Seifton as a gathering point, this would be interleaved with the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms depending on what is happening.

Access to the property is down a narrow farm track, past a small caravan site and over a ford. Parking at the house is limited and arrangements may be made for parking a couple of hundred metres away. There is space for an outdoor barbecue and, of course, WiFi. Plenty of options to play with solar, charge controllers etc.

Fig 7: Andy's House

Information

Relevant Websites	
Culmington Village hall	https://www.culmington.org/village-hall
Andy's House	Ask Andy!

Accommodation

Accommodation is limited and it is expected that attendees will be distributed around the area.

Campsites and camper vans

Sparchford Farm Camping and Caravan Site
Culmington, Ludlow SY8 2DE, UK
+44 1584 861222
http://www.sparchford.co.uk/

Wayside Touring Park
Craven Arms Rd, Aston on Clun, Craven Arms SY7 8EF, UK
+44 1588 660218
http://www.waysidecamping.co.uk/

Elsich Barn Campsite
Diddlebury, Craven Arms SY7 9LF, UK
+44 1584 861284
http://elsichbarn.co.uk/

Greenway Touring and Glamping Park
Craven Arms SY7 9LU, UK (off Corvedale road)
+44 1584 861431
https://www.greenwaytouringandglamping.co.uk/

200m from Andy's house is: Seifton Farm Caravan Site
Culmington, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2DG
https://www.outandaboutlive.co.uk/campsites/campsite-finder/shropshire/ludlow/seifton-farm

To find more search for SY8 2DG in Google maps then select "nearby" and search for Camping.

Hotels and B&B

50m from Andy's house is: Pool Cottage B&B
5 Seifton Ln, Seifton, Ludlow SY8 2DG, UK
+44 1584 861503
https://poolcottageludlow.co.uk/
Note: At time of writing this place has no bookings for the LBW period.

To find more search for SY8 2DG in Google maps then select "nearby" and search for B&B

Activities

Hiking

South Shropshire and the borders area are known as a hiking and walking area.

History

Plenty of historical sites to visit. Wikipedia has lots of information.

Further afield

Ironbridge is just under one hour travel away. Industrial history!

If you are interested in renewables and sustainable living then CAT in Wales is about 90 minutes away.

Information

Relevant Websites	
Official Tourism site	https://www.visitshropshirehills.co.uk/things-to-do/activities/walking-and-hiking/
Shropshire's great outdoors	http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/walking/circular-walks/
Shropshire Hills AONB	http://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/enjoying-the-shropshire-hills/walking/
Ironbridge Gorge Museums	https://www.ironbridge.org.uk/explore/
Centre for Alternative Technology	https://www.cat.org.uk/
Wikipedia on Shropshire history	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Shropshire

Beer and food

The area is known for the food, the nearest KFC or McDonalds is about 20 miles away from Andy's house!

Ludlow Brewing Company

Notes from David Crye:

My photograph confirms normal opening hours:- Mon-Thu 10am-5pm, Friday 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

Normally their food counter looked limited to pork pies only!

I spoke to staff. She confirmed they can still additionally open in an evening by arrangement where they serve beer and we can bring in outside catering if we want, e.g. order in Pizzas or Chinese or something else. I went one evening November 2014 due work colleague retirement do linked to BBC and Woofferton Transmitter with catering brought in and some Woofferton staff were the live band!

Ludlow

Ludlow is known for food and holds a regular food festival. Many small restaurants and Gastropubs in the area. Tripadvisor has a listing.

Craven Arms

Craven Arms is more limited than Ludlow but has a good Indian, two fish and chip shops, Subway and a few cafes. Prices are generally lower than Ludlow.

Local pubs

There are several good Gastropubs in the area, transport is required to get to them.

Information

Relevant Websites	
Tripadviser Ludlow	https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g186367-Ludlow_Shropshire_England.html
Ludlow restaurants	http://www.ludlow.org.uk/eat.asp
South Shropshire eating	https://www.ludlowsouthshropshire.co.uk/food-and-drink.html

Info

Visas and documents

Even with the current uncertainties it is not expected that there will be any difficulties for EU citizens to come to the UK.

If driving from Europe then it is recommended that carefully check your vehicle insurance policy before departure.

Electricity

Same as the rest of Europe. Around 240V 50Hz.

13 Amp 3 pin plugs are used in the UK, adapters are available.

Fig 8: UK Plug

Money

British pounds, it is possible to change Euro in Ludlow at the bank but you should bring some cash. Cards are accepted almost everywhere and money can be extracted from ATM.

Time zone

UTC+01:00. One hour behind central Europe.

Weather

This area of Shropshire gets the leftover rain from Wales so it is pretty green. Expect it to rain a couple of times during the week.
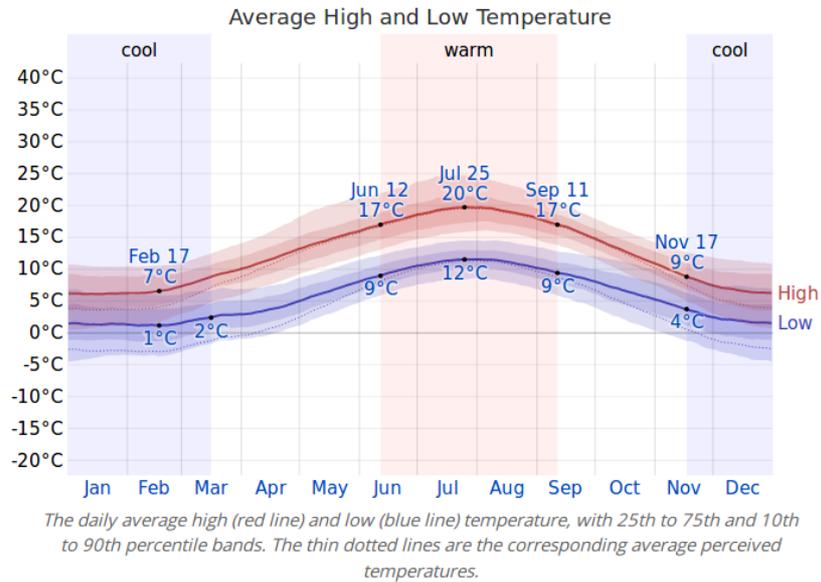
Fig 9: Temperature in Craven Arms
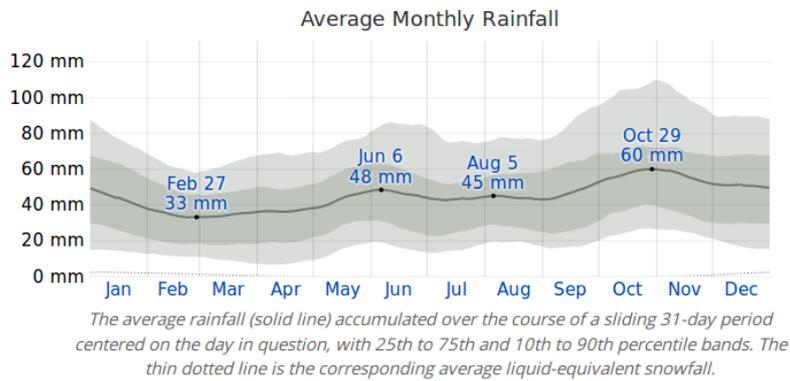

Fig 10: Rainfall in Craven Arms

Information

Relevant Websites	
Average weather	https://weatherspark.com/y/39724/Average-Weather-in-Craven-Arms-United-Kingdom-Year-Round

Travel

Train

The area is well served by trains with stations in Ludlow and Craven Arms. However you will need to phone for a Taxi or arrange a pickup if you need onward transport.

Bus

There is an infrequent bus service in the area.

Driving

It is recommended that, if possible, you bring personal transport. There is Wicked Vans and Cars in Ludlow but generally no rental companies in the area.

David Crye notes: My Land Rover can carry six polite beer drinking passengers.

Cycling

Cycling is very popular in the area but be aware of the hills and other vehicles.

Information

Relevant Websites	
Wicked vans, Ludlow	https://www.wickedvanhire.co.uk/
National Rail online timetable	https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/
Shropshire public transport	https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/public-transport/