

WELCOME TO LEDBURY



THE PAINTED ROOM

A TUDOR MARKET TOWN ON THE WESTERN SLOPES OF THE MALVERN HILLS.

(See map overleaf for more information).

Whether you are seeking a distinctively different weekend break or stopping off on an exploration of the Wye Valley and on to the Welsh Marches, Ledbury will delight you. Its characterful blend of 'black and white' and red-brick Georgian buildings, its great range of independent specialist shops and choice of places to eat and drink will charm you into lingering, changing the pace...

As early as the 12th century Ledbury developed around its market place,

minster church and bishop's palace. The latter has disappeared but the planned layout of streets with almost hidden alleyways disappearing behind the narrow frontages is virtually unaltered. The streets are lined with a mix of tudor and georgian buildings – many with exposed timber facades and probably as many again still hidden behind render applied to bring them up to the requirements of 18th century fashion.

The 17th century market house, standing in the High Street, is a relative newcomer to the street scene but tucked in behind it is Ledbury's greatest gem: Church Lane, a cobbled alleyway containing some of its earliest tudor buildings, leading up to the church of

St Michael with its rare detached bell tower – this is quintessentially 'England as it used to be' – and a photo-opportunity not to be missed.

Back in the High Street is the St Katherine's complex which developed from the 13th century: a 'hospital' - originally built to give shelter to the old and sick - its chapel, and almshouses and nestled behind, the Master's House, only recently restored to its 15th century glory.

Many of these buildings are open to explore – most for free – and as you wander be sure to look up to get a view of the quirky architectural mix – then get a copy of the Heritage Trail to make sense of it all!



CHURCH LANE



THE MARKET HOUSE



Above: THE FEATHER'S HOTEL

Left: TINSMITHS ALLEY

Right: THE GREAT HALL, IN THE MASTER'S HOUSE DURING RESTORATION



The Old Grammar School Heritage Centre in Church Lane dates from the early 1500s and is now a museum of Ledbury's architectural heritage.

Butcher's Row House Museum, now in Church Lane, once stood in a row of shops in the centre of the High Street and now houses memorabilia of Ledbury's past.

Both open daily March–October
www.to be confirmed

The 16th century **Painted Room** contains very fine original wall paintings whose designs and inscriptions imitate the costly tapestries and leather hangings of high status Elizabethan rooms. A walking tour is available together with other activities.

Tel: 01531 632306

www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Open Mon–Sat, April–October; Sunday pm mid July–mid September plus Bank Holidays.

Following major restoration the 15th century Great Hall of **The Master's House**, behind the St Katherine's complex, is now revealed in all its glory. Now housing the Library and the John Masfield Archive, there are displays and tablet tours available.

www.herefordshire.gov.uk

Open 9.30–4.30 except Wed & Sun; 9.30–12.30 Saturday

ENJOY... SHOPPING



Browsing around Ledbury's exceptionally wide choice of independent shops in their atmospheric setting, jostling with local people at food and produce markets, or chilling in friendly hostels and cafés, is an experience that urban and country dwellers rarely share.

The shops rival the best of any small town in their high quality and friendly service. All along the High Street and Homend – and don't miss the alleyways – there are fashion boutiques from high-end to vintage, antique and contemporary home interiors, organic foods and wine and cider shops, bookshops, galleries, specialist gift shops – and too many others to define – very Ledbury!

FOOD & DRINK



Add to this, several times a week you will find market stalls with a colourful abundance of local produce and a whole calendar of special events, most of which characterise the life of this vibrant rural community.

Also check out the programme in our own Market Theatre, adhoc entertainment in historic venues around the town or, just over the hill, visit Malvern Festival Theatres.



ENTERTAINMENT



The Poetry Festival's 'Hospitality Suite'.

LEDBURY FOR ALL SEASONS

Ledbury has a vibrant cultural life augmented by a calendar of special events, many inspired by the produce and character of the surrounding countryside.

Listed here is a flavour of some events but for more details check out our website www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk

SPRING

MAY Blossomtime

An event based around cider and perry tastings in the villages around Putley fuisti sedam meam orateur sint occaecat cupidatat donec sapieistis ante, gerantium geranta sit tempus lurabitus septum accumsan heratuxorem sitpede.



SUMMER

JULY Poetry Festival

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AUTUMN

OCTOBER Big Apple: Harvest time

A celebration of English apples and cider in the Herefordshire parishes of the Marcle Ridge with rural events in which to share in the tradition of apple growing and cider making... accumsan pede id odio. Nunc vitae libero.

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MARKET DAYS

Ledbury Charter Market Tuesdays and Saturdays, Market House.

Ledbury Farmers' Market fourth Friday of every month, High Street.

WI Country Market every Friday morning, St Katherine's Hall.

Ledbury Food Festival

An annual celebration of local food and drink held in conjunction with Ledbury Poetry Festival

Ledbury Food Group

GETTING HERE



Ledbury is a Herefordshire market town, lying east of Hereford, and west of the Malvern Hills.



Ledbury has excellent transport links. The M50 (J2) is just two miles to the south of the town which is built on the Hereford-Worcester-Gloucester crossroads. It is a great centre for touring west and south towards the Welsh borderlands and the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean

whilst striking north will take you into Shropshire.

The train station is on the London Paddington line with connections to Birmingham, Worcester, Cardiff and Swansea.

Ledbury has a central pay and display car park at St Katherine's with additional parking off Bye Street (see map). Short stay coach parking is available in Bye Street with longer stay on the outskirts.

TOURIST INFORMATION

Visit our website www.discoverledbury.co.uk or, in town, the Ledbury TIC is a one-stop shop for all visitor enquiries:

Ice Bytes 38 The Homend, Ledbury, HR8 1BT

E: info@visitleadbury.info

T: 0844 567 8650

For more information on guided town walks contact: 01531 650414

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USEFUL LINKS

www.ledburytraders.showmeledbury.co.uk

www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk

www.comecyclingledbury.com

www.ledburycyclehire.com

www.geopark.org.uk



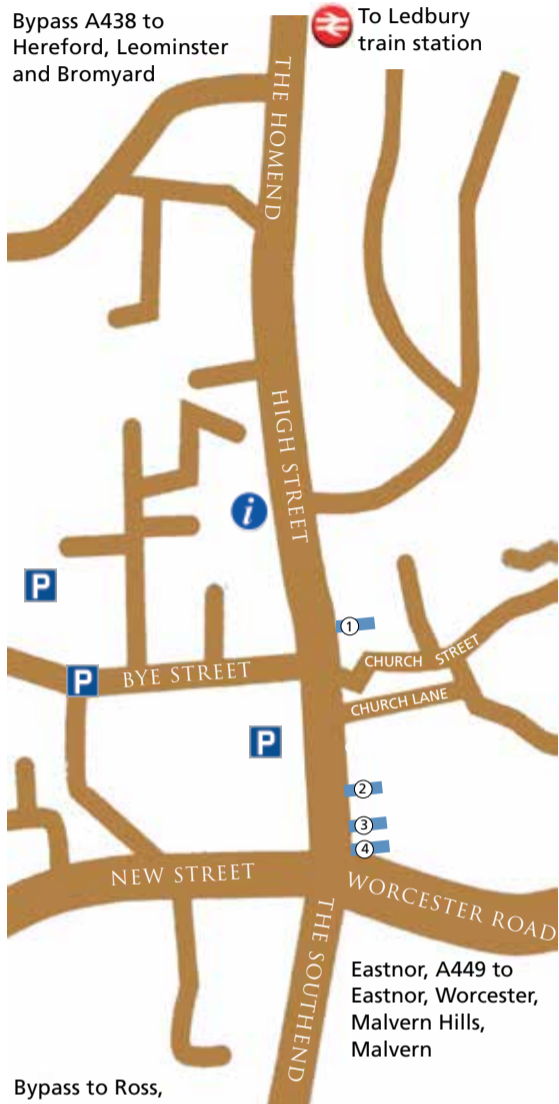
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LEDBURY

Donec sapien ante, accumsan utem, sodales com modo, auctor quis, lacus. Matris ex populus non bartrem occalis sint, sed fugistum regibus et hostes fruentis erat – propellis laudamus non bellis tuit.

Bypass A438 to Hereford, Leominster and Bromyard

To Ledbury train station



Eastnor, A449 to Eastnor, Worcester, Malvern Hills, Malvern

Bypass to Ross, Much Marcle, A449 to Gloucester, M50 Motorway

KEY

EXPLORE . . .



Herefordshire is one of England's most rural agricultural counties, famed for its rich pasturelands, fruit orchards, hopyards and of course its cattle – known worldwide for the colour of their coats which in fact reflects the rich soil of their homeland.

Places not to be missed very close to Ledbury are the 19th century gothic revival **Eastnor Castle** with its richly decorated interiors and surrounded by an arboretum and lake; the charming and atmospheric **Hellens** manor house in Much Marcle –steeped in history and known for its paranormal activity! and nearby **Westons Cider Mill**, a 400 year old farmhouse nestled among apple and pear orchards where cidermaking has been established since the 1880s. (For more information see panel to right)

Or take the opportunity to explore the quiet country roads and stray off the beaten track along narrow lanes that twist and turn through idyllic countryside and river valleys dotted with picturesque villages and hamlets . . . just follow the winding tracks to make your own journey of discovery: explore a colourful country garden, absorb the timelessness of an ancient church or taste some English wine in a local vineyard . . .



In fact the roads are quiet enough to abandon the car and hire a **bike** for a super leisurely day. Cycle hire is available with lots of information on routes to take with special places to pause. For example the area around Dymock, only 5 miles away, was home to and no doubt inspired a group of poets (including Robert Frost, Edward Thomas, Rupert Brooke)

in the years leading up to the first World War (inset above).

Or just walk – ramble – hike – however energetic you want to be. In the centre of town there is a trail following the route of the old canal and the town is surrounded by woods and parkland – where gentle walks such as up into Dog Wood will reward with wonderful views. Alternatively, get the maps out and explore the Malvern Hills – the AONB extends right to our doorstep – including Eastnor Park - there is a wealth of choice. And if archaeology interests you head to the Geopark Visitor Centre in nearby Colwall for walks exploring our geological and industrial heritage as well as wildlife and nature reserves.



PLACES TO VISIT NEARBY

EASTNOR CASTLE



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Tel: +44 (0)1531 633160 eastnorcastle.com

HELLENS MANOR



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