

Named after Thomas Telford the famous civil engineer, Telford is one of the UK's fastest growing and most successful new towns. Surrounded by hi-tech businesses, the town centre has many cafes, Sunnycroft (National Trust), Attingham Park) and 19th century gentleman's villa, Saints church by George Stuart (architect of nearby including the 15th century Old Hall, 18th century markets. It has a number of attractive buildings, Modern Wellington is still home to regular street granted in 1244.

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interpersed with small market towns and villages.

For a fun day out in east Shropshire why not cycle to the RAF Museum at Cosford? This fascinating free museum houses one of the largest collections of historic aircraft in the UK spanning nearly 80 years of aviation history. To experience three types of transport in one day there's also the option of connecting with local trains.



Planes, trains and bicycles



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Wellington to Albrighton



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After visiting the RAF Museum in Cosford you can continue to Albrighton, a small town with pubs, a village green and the historic St. Mary Magdalene and St Cuthbert's Churches (1181). There are railway stations at Shifnal, Cosford and Albrighton

Century **White Ladies Priory**. Nearby are the remains of 12th of Worcester in 1651). The remains after the battle in 12th century **White Ladies Priory**.



Take a detour three miles north to visit **Boscobel House**, a fully restored black and white timber-frame house (and the site of the Oak Tree where King Charles II and white timber-frame house **House**, a fully restored black and white timber-frame house (and the site of the Oak Tree where King Charles II in 'The Old Curiosity Shop', descriptions of some buildings Dickens stayed here and used a railway station. Charles good quality pubs and hotels **Shifnal**, a small market town Wolverhampton. Pass through Telford campus of University of the Lilleshall company until 1964. Today it's part of the mansion - the head offices of **Hall**, a brick-built 18th century Keep an eye out for **Priorslee**

Beyond Telford

shops and hotels. Take time out to explore the Town Park with its extensive network of cycle and walking routes and wild areas. Or visit the tranquil **Granville Country Park**, a nature reserve with richly diverse wildlife and fauna situated around a disused deep mine one mile north of the route. At Telford, connect with the **Silkin Way** (Route 55) - a mostly traffic-free route to Ironbridge.

Visitor Information Centres

- Telford 01952 238008
- Wellington Library 01952 244013
- Shifnal Library 01952 461018
- Albrighton Library 01902 372226

Attractions

- 1 Sunnycroft (National Trust) 01952 242884
- 2 Middle Pool and Trench Pool
- 3 Perry Way (disused railway)
- 4 Granville Country park (Shropshire Wildlife Trust) 01743 284280
- 5 Priorslee Hall
- 6 RAF Museum Cosford 01902 376200
- 7 Boscobel House 01902 850244

Cycle friendly accommodation, cafes & pubs

- 8 The Smithfield, Wellington 01952 242795
- 9 Mollies Cafe, Wellington 01952 254289
- 10 The Bacchus, Wellington 01952 223558
- 11 The Pheasant Inn, Wellington 01952 408008
- 12 Barley Mow Inn, Wellington 01952 223688
- 13 The Plough Inn, Wellington 01952 255981
- 14 Park Hotel, Wellington 01952 223154
- 15 The Red Lion Inn, Wellington 01952 256588
- 16 Grove House Hotel, Wellington 01952 244059
- 17 Cross Keys Inn, Hadley 01952 245040
- 18 The Blue Fig, Trench 01952 603527
- 19 Red Lion, Trench 01952 617820
- 20 The Sunshine Cafe, Oakenates 01952 613312
- 21 Crown Inn, Oakenates 01952 610888
- 22 Albin Inn, Oakenates 01952 614193
- 23 Barley Mow, Oakenates 01952 22376
- 24 The Royal George, Shifnal 01952 460746
- 25 The White Hart, Shifnal 01952 461161
- 26 The Old Bell Inn, Shifnal 01952 417777
- 27 Park House Hotel, Shifnal 01952 460128
- 28 The Gallery Guesthouse, Shifnal 01952 462702
- 29 Spiders Webb Cafe, Albrighton 01902 372379
- 30 The Old Bush, Albrighton 01902 372898
- 31 The Harp Hotel, Albrighton 01902 374381
- 32 The Crown, Albrighton 01902 372204

Cycling contacts

- Perry Cycles - Wellington 01952 246625
- Trench Lock Cycles - Telford 01952 415200
- Les Edwards - Telford 01952 605213
- Cyclists' Touring Club (CTC) 0870 8730060
- Sustrans 0845 1130065

Public transport enquiries

- Traveline 0870 608 2 608
- National Rail Enquiries www.nationalrail.co.uk 08457 48 49 50

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	<b>Rhayader</b>	
	<b>Newtown</b>	<b>Powys County Council</b> 0845 607 6060 www.powys.gov.uk
	<b>Welshpool</b>	
	<b>Shrewsbury</b>	<b>Shropshire County Council</b> 01743 253008 www.shropshire.gov.uk/cycling.nsf
	<b>Wellington</b>	<b>Borough of Telford &amp; Wrekin Council</b> 01952 202826 www.telford.gov.uk
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	<b>Cosford</b>	
	<b>Albrighton</b>	<b>Wolverhampton City Council</b> 01902 555734 www.wolverhampton.gov.uk
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**Wellington to Albrighton**  
Explore Shropshire's contrasting historic villages and industrial new town. Make time for plane spotting at the RAF Museum, Cosford.

Discover Shropshire By Bike

It's great to get out and about on a bike in Shropshire. Discover hundreds of miles of National Cycle Network routes along quiet lanes, explore traffic-free trails along old railways and waterways, follow the cycle rides from historic towns and get muddy on mountain bike tracks in woods and forests.



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[www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk](http://www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk)

Sustrans  
0845 113 0065



**Route 81 (on lanes/traffic-free)**

**Route 45 (on lanes/traffic-free)**

**Route 55 (traffic-free)**

- Take Care
- Visitor Information Centre
- Café
- Public House
- Shops
- Cycle Shop
- Cycle Parking
- Cycle Hire
- Playground
- Country Park
- Wildlife Reserve
- Leisure Centre
- Building of Historical Interest
- Museum
- Railway Station
- Car Parking
- Toilets
- Place of Worship
- English Heritage
- National Trust
- Youth Hostel

Scale: 0 1 2 3 KM / 0 1 2 MILES

**Code of Conduct**

- ♻️ Cycle With Care
- ♻️ Always follow the Highway Code
- ♻️ Be considerate to other users, and give way to pedestrians and horse riders
- ♻️ Take particular care at junctions, when cycling downhill and on loose surfaces
- ♻️ Ride in single file on narrow or busy roads
- ♻️ Consider wearing a helmet and high visibility clothing
- ♻️ Fit a bell and use it - don't surprise people

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Wellington to Albrighton – 16 Miles • 26 km

