



headquarters in the event of a nuclear war.

Take a detour off the route south of Nantwich to visit **Hack Green Secret Nuclear**

Nantwich is renowned for its numerous festivals including Folk and Roots, Jazz and Blues and the Food and Drink Festival. This, plus farmer's markets and speciality food shops combine to give Nantwich a reputation for fine food.

Enjoy this traditional market town set beside the River Weaver. Its quaint winding medieval market streets are teeming with attractive Tudor timber framed buildings, many of which are Grade 1 listed. The great fire of 1583 destroyed most of Nantwich. However some buildings survived and are worth visiting, notably St Mary's Church, the town's oldest building, and Churches Mansion, a beautiful timber-framed Elizabethan mansion built in 1577.

## Nantwich

You want to sample some gingerbread or just stop for a refreshment break, Market Drayton has a wide range of pubs, restaurants, hotels and tea shops to choose from.

Market Drayton has a long history of ginger trade and models itself as the country's leading gingerbread maker with a 200 year old secret recipe still kept locked in the vaults of a bank!

Check out the busy weekly market (Wednesdays). The town was granted a market charter by Henry III in 1245. Other points of interest include St Mary's Church (1150) and The Old Free Grammar School (1558), attended by Robert Clive (Clive of India). Clive was famous in Market Drayton for running a protection racket amongst local shopkeepers and climbing the church tower to sit astride gargoyles.

## Market Drayton

Nearby are the Harper Adams University College and Chetwynd Park which is the site of annual agricultural shows. To the south of the town are Lilleshall Hall National Sports Centre and Lilleshall Abbey, the extensive remains of a 12th century Augustinian abbey.

Explore this market town with medieval origins. Planned as a new town in the 12th century, Newport



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## Newport



Follow sections of the **Shropshire Union Canal**, built by Thomas Telford between 1827 and 1835. The canal was built as straight as possible rather than following the contours of the land, and consequently is marked by deep cuttings and high embankments.

Get a taste for the canal's history by stopping for lunch in **Audlem**. Local pub, *The Shropshire Fly* is named for flyboats, the fast horse-drawn passenger waterbuses prevalent in the canal's heyday. Another pleasant place to pause is **Tyrley Wharf**, just south of Market Drayton. It has a flight of five locks which raise or lower the canal by 33ft. Cadbury's (chocolate) used the wharf as a collection point for milk brought in on narrow boats to be delivered to their factory in Knighton.

Take some time to enjoy a quieter pace of life. Visit the historic market towns of **Market Drayton** and **Nantwich**, renowned for fine food, quality produce and gingerbread! Marvel at the wonderful views of Shropshire's countryside from **Cheswardine** which was recently voted one of England's prettiest villages.



## Fine food and flyboats

## Visitor Information Centres

[www.shropshiretourism.info](http://www.shropshiretourism.info)

Market Drayton	01630 653114
Nantwich	01270 610983

## Attractions

1 Lilleshall Abbey (English Heritage)	0121 625 6820
2 Tyrley Wharf (British Waterways)	01923 226422
3 Shropshire Union Canal (British Waterways)	01923 226422
4 Hack Green bunker	01270 629219

## Cycle friendly accommodation, cafés & pubs

5 Adams House Hotel & Restaurant, Newport	01952 820085
6 The Royal Victoria Hotel, Newport	01952 820331
7 Honeysuckle Inn, Newport	01952 814141
8 The Swan, Newport	01952 810126
9 The Bridge Inn, Newport	01952 811335
10 Rosemont House B&B, Newport	01952 820526
11 Fox & Hounds, Cheswardine	01630 661227
12 The Four Awls Inn, Market Drayton	01630 652995
13 The Buttercross Tearoom, Market Drayton	01630 656768
14 The Stags Head, Market Drayton	01630 657012
15 Bridge Inn, Audlem	01270 811267
16 Beamans inc. the Old Priest House Coffee Shop, Audlem	01270 811749
17 Bhurtpore Inn, Aston	01270 780917
18 The Farmers Arms, Ravensmoor	01270 623522
19 Railway Hotel, Nantwich	01270 623482
20 Inglenook Tea Shoppe, Nantwich	01270 610510
21 Crown Hotel, Nantwich	01270 625283
22 The Union, Nantwich	01270 626046
23 Black Lion, Nantwich	01270 628711
24 The Red Cow, Nantwich	01270 628581
25 The Rifleman Inn, Nantwich	01270 629977
26 The Leopard, Nantwich	01270 610304

## Cycling contacts

Trench Lock Cycles, Telford	01952 415200
Les Edwards, Telford	01952 605213
Perry Cycles, Wellington	01952 246625
Wasp Cycles, Market Drayton	01630 655525
Nantwich Cycles, Nantwich	01270 629139
A.F. Cycles, Nantwich	01270 628870
Cyclists' Touring Club (CTC)	0870 8730060
Sustrans	0845 1130065

## Public transport enquiries

Traveline	0870 608 2 608
National Rail Enquiries <a href="http://www.nationalrail.co.uk">www.nationalrail.co.uk</a>	08457 48 49 50

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## Route 75



**Nantwich, Market Drayton and Newport**  
Follow the Shropshire Union Canal through picturesque countryside, quaint villages and historic market towns

## 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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**01743 253008**

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

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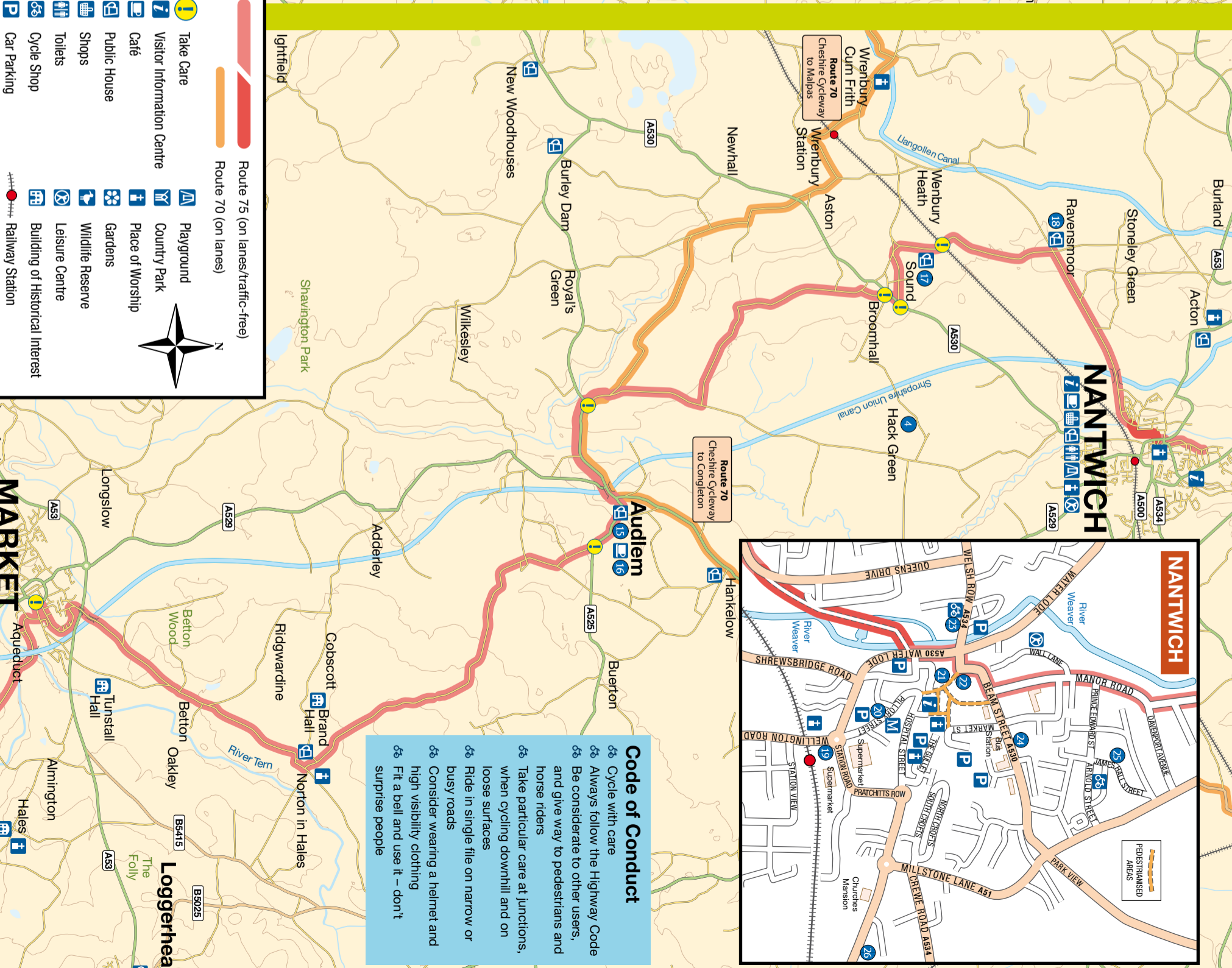
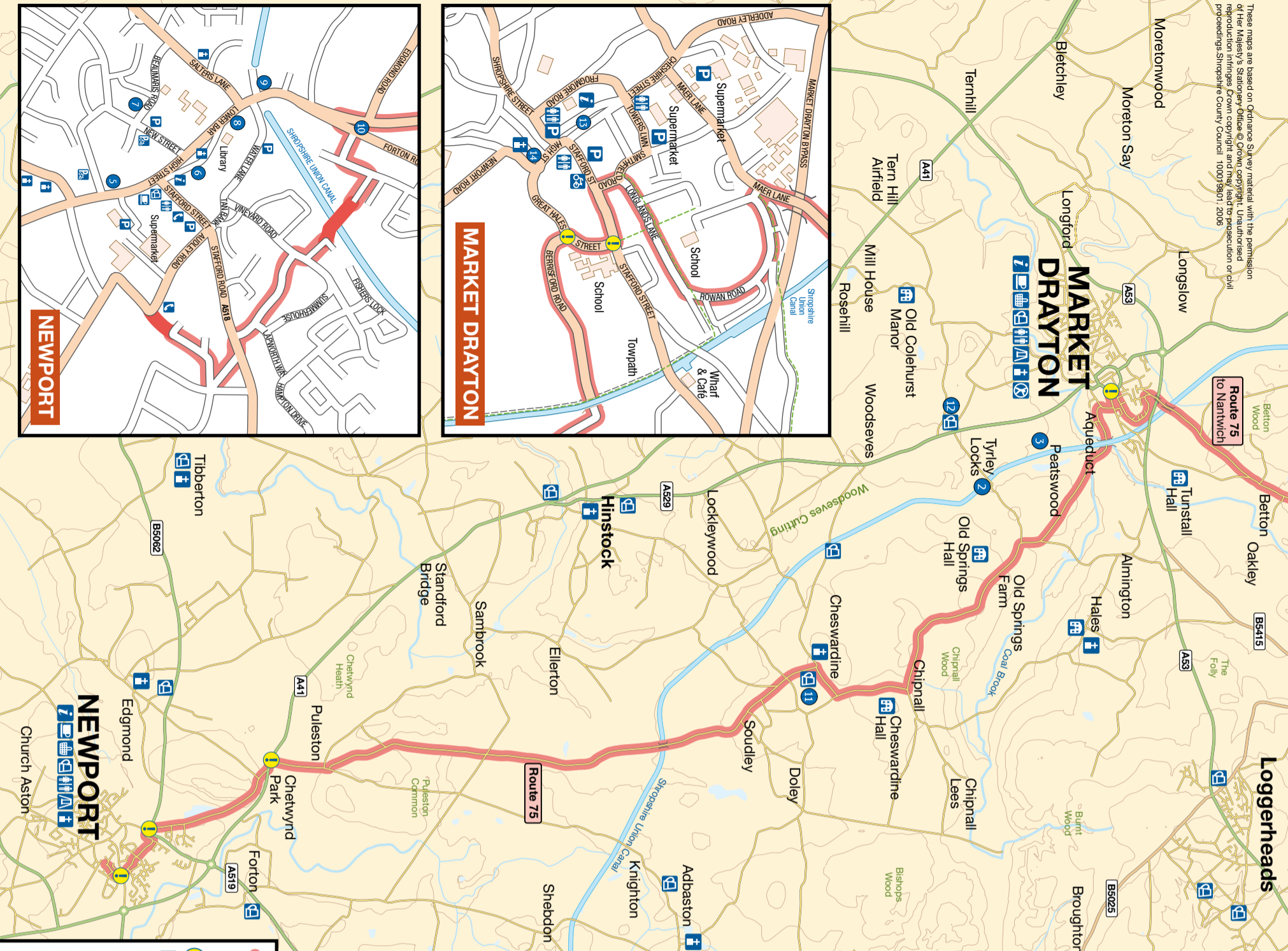
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# Regional Cycle Route 75

Nantwich, Market Drayton and Newport





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Nantwich to Newport – 30 Miles • 48 km

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**MARKET DRAYTON**

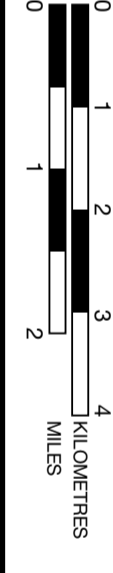
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	Route 75 (on lanes/traffic-free)		Route 70 (on lanes)
	Take Care		Playground
	Visitor Information Centre		Countryside Park
	Cafe		Place of Worship
	Public House		Gardens
	Shops		Wildlife Reserve
	Toilets		Leisure Centre
	Cycle Shop		Building of Historical Interest
	Car Parking		Railway Station
	Footpath		



**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

