

# SHROPSHIRE WAY

## SOUTH SECTION



About  
12 miles

### Stage 10a: Wellington to Haughmond



Wellington Market Square

#### Wellington

Instead of by-passing Wellington the Shropshire Way now goes through the centre of this historic market town. Few vestiges remain of its medieval past, the fortunes of the inhabitants having been influenced by the ever changing economic climate. From livestock markets, light engineering and toy manufacturing to brewing and mining, the townscape of Wellington has changed to keep pace with new demands. The Telford New Town development threatened Wellington's independence in 1974 but in recent years there has been a resurgence of local pride and the market provides a magnet for visitors.

#### Dothill Nature Reserve

This tranquil reserve comprises three main areas, Dothill Pool, Tee Lake and Beanhill Valley each with its own special character. With lakes, streams, woods and open meadows, it is a haven for wildlife and provides habitats for diverse species.

Here the Shropshire Way Main Route joins the Silkin Way, a heritage walking & cycling route from Bratton in the North to Coalport in the South. It largely follows a green corridor created from dry canal beds and disused railway lines.



Carved owl at Haughmond Hill

#### Haughmond Hill

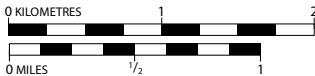
After the climb it is worth taking the path to the viewpoint for a good panorama of Shrewsbury with the Shropshire Hills beyond. There are the remains of a hill fort on a small mound and the point from which Queen Eleanor, the wife of Henry IV, is reputed to have watched the progress of the Battle of Shrewsbury in 1403. The site of the battle is about 2 miles to the Northwest.

It is possible to get information and a unique sight of the quarry workings from a viewing platform on your way to the Forestry Commission carpark. Refreshments are available here.



Haughmond Hill Quarry

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