

WELCOME TO LEDBURY



Ledbury is a unique market town that effortlessly combines ancient and modern, town and country, bustling streets and peaceful corners.

If it's heritage and history you love, you'll want to know that Ledbury is home to centuries of historic sights, including nearly 250 listed buildings.

If retail therapy is more your style, Ledbury's streets are lined with distinctive independent shops and boutiques.

And if local food and drink is your passion, Ledbury's cafés, restaurants and pubs will get your mouth watering.

If it's culture you're after, remember that literary luminaries including Elizabeth Barrett Browning and John Masefield have called Ledbury home.

If you're inspired by nature, you'll love Ledbury's position at the foot of the Malvern Hills and surrounded by glorious Herefordshire countryside.

Enjoy your visit!



Twinned with Strömstad, Sweden



"Pretty, half-timbered Ledbury is only two and a half hours by train from Paddington (or an hour from Birmingham New Street)."

THE TIMES

See & Do



IN AN HOUR OR TWO

Take in the historic town centre with its wealth of independent shops.

IN HALF A DAY

Explore some of Ledbury's heritage buildings, then enjoy a bite to eat in one of the town's independent eateries.

IN A DAY

Spend the morning soaking up the town's heritage, relax over lunch, then explore the shops for treats and gifts to take home.

IN A WEEKEND

Take a day to start to discover everything Ledbury has to offer, then venture further afield. Whether you choose to explore the countryside or head to Hereford to marvel at Hereford Cathedral and the Mappa Mundi, the delights of our county await.



Eat & Drink

From a quick bite to a fine dining experience, and everything in between, there's something for every occasion.

www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/food/ledbury



Stay

Take your pick from historic inns, luxury cottages, gorgeous glampsites, lodges, B&Bs and more.

www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/stay/ledbury

A Year in Ledbury

January

BIG BREAKFAST

Feast on local food as Ledbury's cafés, restaurants, hotels, butchers, delicatessens and markets celebrate the most important meal of the day!

www.ledburyfoodgroup.org

March

DAFFODIL WEEKENDS

Head to the nearby villages of Dymock, Kempley and Oxenhall to delight in delicate wild daffodils before refuelling with drinks and refreshments served in churches and halls.

www.daffs.org.uk

May

BLOSSOMTIME

Breathe in the glorious sights and smells of the spectacular blossom in the orchards of Marcle Ridge, then enjoy tastings, crafts, talks and entertainment and more.

www.bigapple.org.uk/blossomtime

July

LEDBURY POETRY FESTIVAL

Dive into ten days of ideas, stories, debates, discussions, workshops and music. Venues throughout the town and beyond ring with the greatest poetic voices from around the world.

www.ledburypoetry.org.uk

August

LEDBURY CARNIVAL

Have a wonder-filled family day out with fairground rides, bands, stalls, dance displays, children's entertainment and, of course, the carnival procession.

www.ledbury-carnival.co.uk

September

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Explore places and stories that highlight Ledbury's fascinating history and culture.

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

H.ART WEEK

Meet Ledbury's creative people in their workshops, studios and galleries and see wonderfully varied art and craftworks for sale.

www.h-art.org.uk

October

BIG APPLE HARVESTIME

Enjoy the local orchards, watch artisan cider makers at work, and taste and buy apples, local ciders, perries and juices.

www.bigapple.org.uk/harvestime

November

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Ledbury's centre lights up for the Christmas season. With a brass band, carol singers and more, you can start the festivities the way you mean to go on.

December

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Get into the festive spirit browsing Ledbury's brilliant independent shops and being serenaded by Ledbury's musicians.

Find out what's on in Ledbury, head to www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/ledbury

Getting Here

Ledbury might seem off the beaten track, but it's a wonderfully well-connected town with excellent road and rail links to the local area and the rest of the UK.

BY RAIL

Regular trains to Hereford, Malvern, Worcester, Birmingham, Oxford, London Paddington and Euston.
www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/ledbury

BY BUS

Regular buses to Hereford, Worcester, Bromyard, Ross-on-Wye and Newent.
www.bustimes.org/localities/ledbury

BY CAR

Junction 2 of the M50 is five miles to the south of Ledbury.

Tourist Information

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Ledbury Town Council Office,
Church Lane, Ledbury HR8 1DH

www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/ledbury

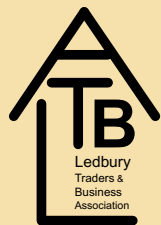
Independent Shopping

Stroll along Ledbury's historic streets and venture up secret alleys to explore the town's irresistible array of independent shops and chat to friendly shopkeepers.

You'll find everything you need, many things you'll want – and lots you won't see anywhere else. From art galleries, bookshops and boutiques to delicatessens, homewares & interiors stores and lifestyle hotspots, Ledbury has it all.

Ledbury's centuries-old market tradition continues with stalls in the town on both Tuesdays and Saturdays, with the widest selection available on Saturdays.

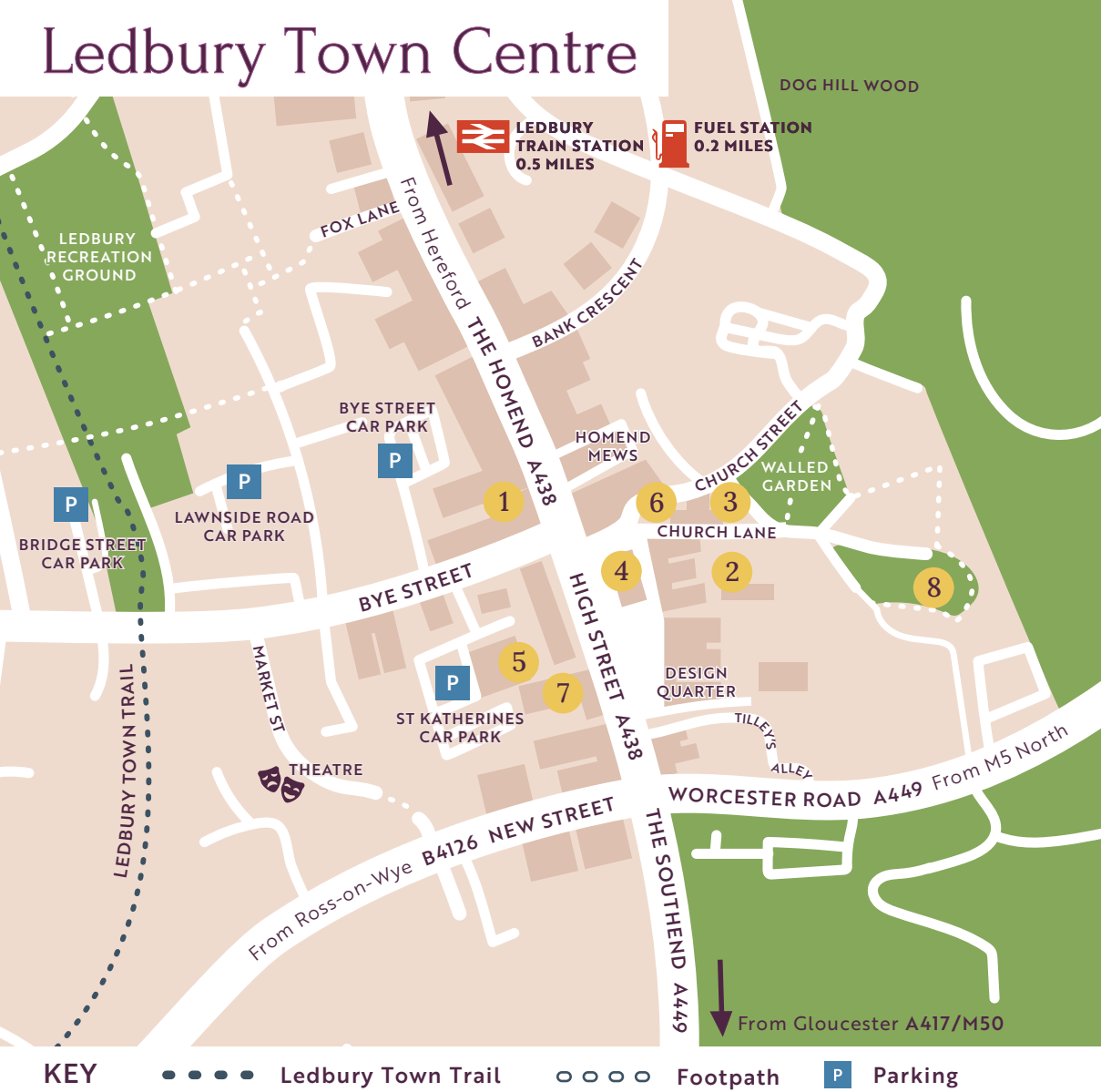
The Best of Everywhere.



Ledbury's vibrant shopping experience is supported by a thriving traders' association.



Ledbury Town Centre



Walks & Trails

LEDBURY TOWN TRAIL AND RIVERSIDE WALK

See a wealth of wildlife as you stroll along the route of the former Gloucester to Ledbury canal and railway, then meander along the banks of the river Leaden.

LEDBURY HERITAGE TRAIL

Explore the ancient heart of Ledbury on this half-mile stroll that takes in some of the town's most notable buildings.

www.ledburycivicsociety.org/about-ledbury

MALVERN HILLS

Exhilarating climbs and fantastic views or gentle strolls and colourful wildflower meadows, the Malvern Hills has it all.

www.malvern hills.org.uk/visiting

THE HEREFORDSHIRE TRAIL

Enjoy Ledbury's finest sights as part of this long-distance walking trail. You'll take in five historic market towns, as well as undulating meadows, ancient orchards, steep hills and glorious river valleys.

www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/herfordshire-trail

POETS' PATH AND POETS' PATH II

Follow in the footsteps of the Dymock Poets: Robert Frost, Lascelles Abercrombie, Rupert Brooke, Edward Thomas, Wilfrid Wilson Gibson and John Drinkwater.

www.windcrosspaths.org.uk

Ledbury's Heritage

As you take in Ledbury's town centre you'll find breathtaking buildings and heritage highlights at every turn.

BARRETT BROWNING INSTITUTE

Celebrate poetry in the Poetry House. Built to commemorate poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning, it's now home to Ledbury Poetry and hosts an array of cultural and artistic events and workshops.

www.ledburyplaces.co.uk/barrett-browning-institute

BUTCHER ROW HOUSE MUSEUM

Step inside the house that moved twice! This tiny 16th-century building is a fascinating folk museum that celebrates Ledbury's past.

www.ledburycivicsociety.org

HERITAGE CENTRE AT THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Once the town's grammar school, it's now home to the Heritage Centre and tells the story of Ledbury through its buildings.

www.ledburyplaces.co.uk/heritage-centre



MARKET HOUSE

Stand underneath Ledbury's iconic 17th-century Market House. Ledbury's charter markets are held beneath it on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb/what-we-do/the-market-house



THE MASTER'S HOUSE

Built for the Master who ran the medieval hospital (St Katherine's), today this exquisitely restored building contains Ledbury's library and much more.

www.themastershouseledbury.org



PAINTED ROOM

Marvel at 16th-century wall paintings designed to imitate leather wall hangings and tapestries.

www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/en-gb/what-we-do/16th-century-painted-room



ST KATHERINE'S

Visit a 13th-century medieval chapel and hall, part of the medieval hospital that provided care for the elderly, infirm and travellers.

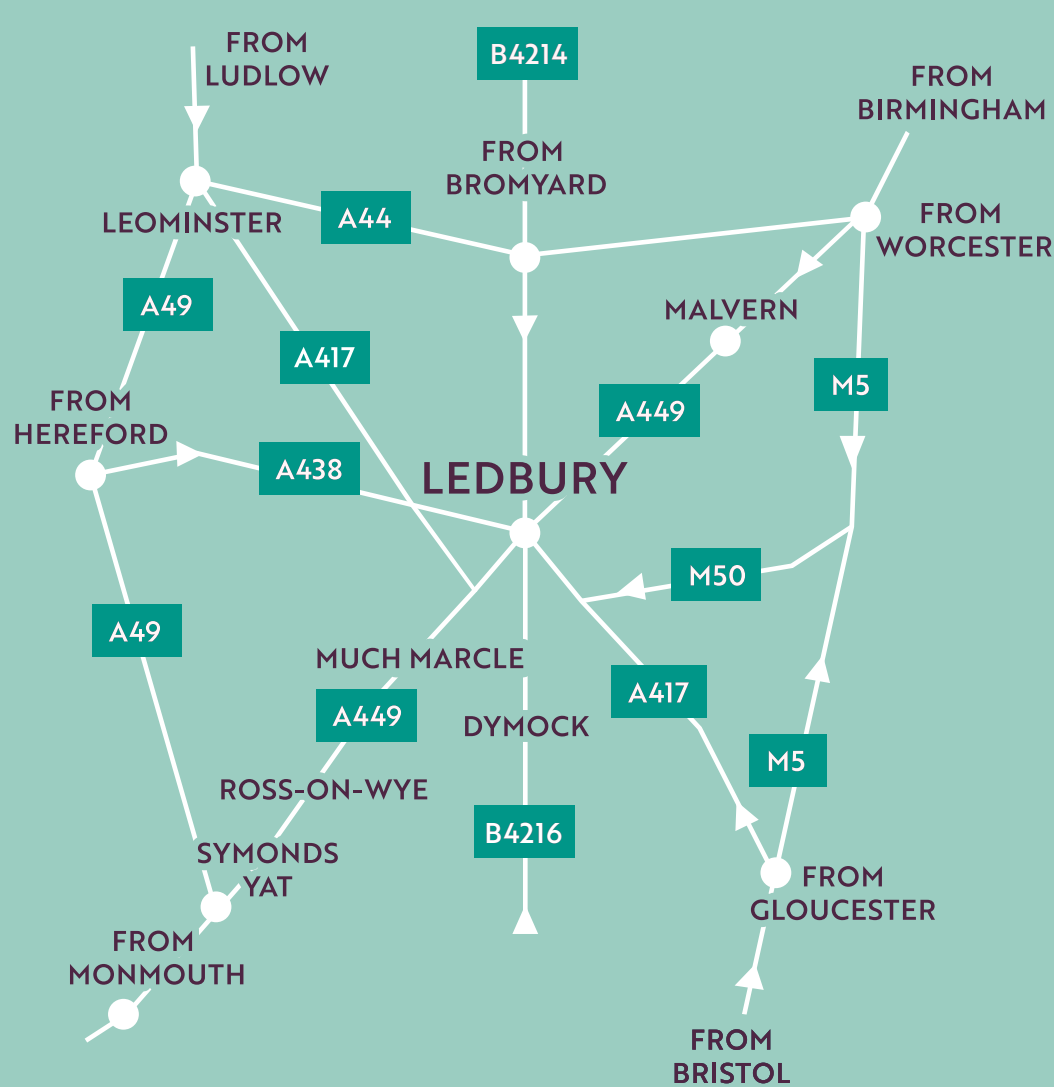
www.themastershouseledbury.org/history-of-the-masters-house/explore-the-masters-house



CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Visit "one of the finest churches in Herefordshire" to find a Titian School masterpiece and explore the fascinating history of Ledbury's bells.

www.stmichaelsledbury.org



Close By

EASTNOR CASTLE

HR8 1RL

An enchanting castle at the foot of the Malvern Hills. Surrounded by a beautiful deer park, arboretum and lake, it's a perfect place to visit.

www.eastnorcastle.com

HELLENS MANOR

HR8 2LY

Delight in a Tudor/Jacobean home with an incredible tapestry of stories, characters, art, furniture, with pretty grounds and gardens to explore.

www.hellensmanor.com

WESTONS CIDER

HR8 2NQ

Discover the craft of cider-making from blossom to bottle on a cider mill tour, stroll in the local countryside and enjoy a treat in the Scrumpy House Restaurant.

www.westons-cider.co.uk/visit



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, MUCH MARCLE

HR8 2PL

Visit a cherished 13th-century gem, renowned for its historic monuments and a remarkable 1,500-year-old hollow yew tree.

www.nationalchurchestrust.org/church/st-bartholomew-much-marcle

CODDINGTON VINEYARD

HR8 1JJ

Enjoy wine tours and tastings at one of England's most beautiful vineyards, nestled at the foot of the Malvern Hills.

www.coddingtonvineyard.co.uk