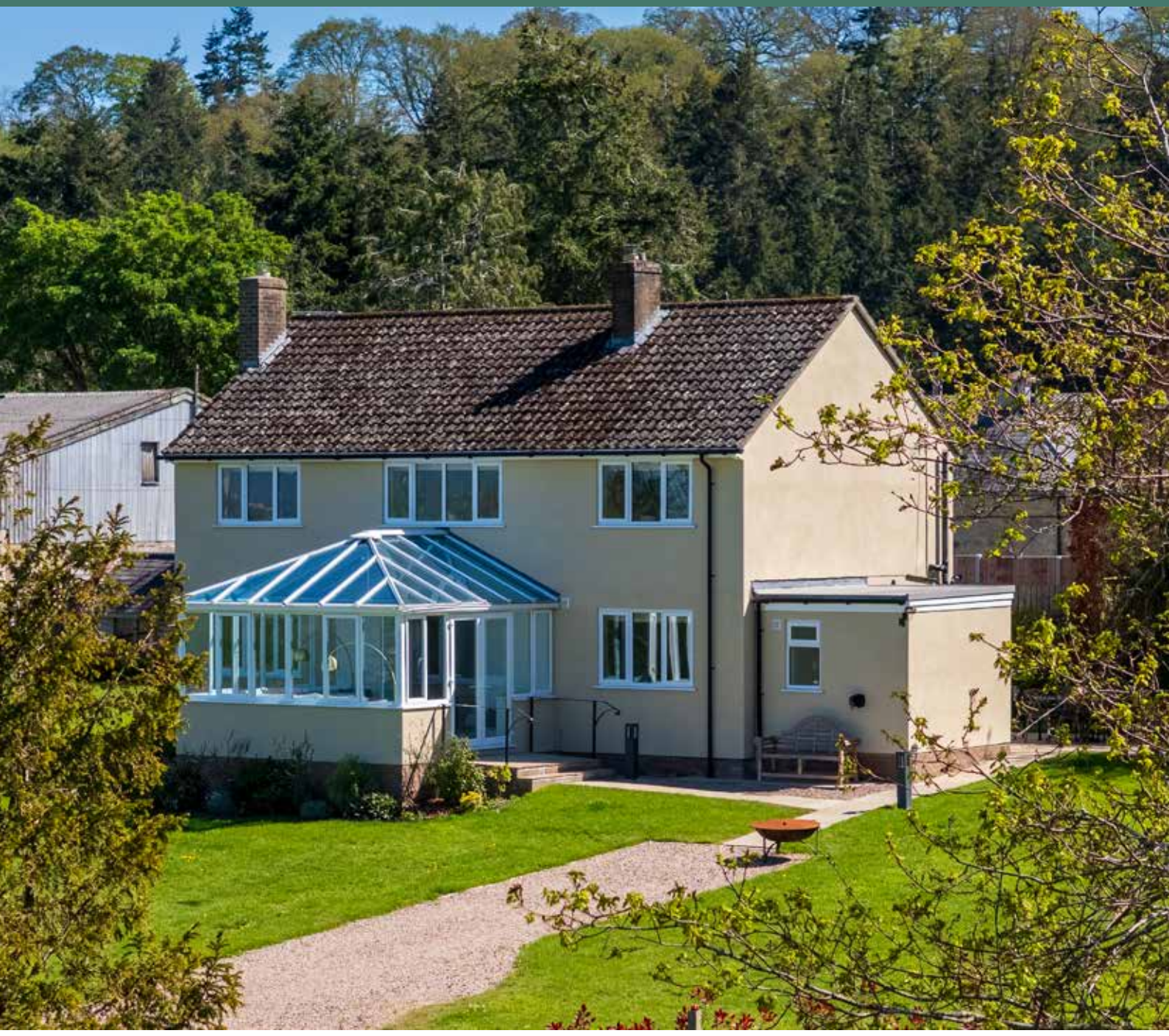
# WELLINGTONIA COTTAGE

## guest information pack



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# Location

Wellingtonia Cottage, Chirbury, SY15 6DR

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Wellingtonia Cottage can be found on Apple Maps and Google Maps by searching the name of the house.




In the interests of keeping our staff and guests safe, as well as monitoring wildlife, we operate CCTV on the estate. Please be aware that our houses and gardens do not have any CCTV surveillance. We prioritise the privacy and security of our residents and do not engage in the use of surveillance cameras to monitor or record any activities within our properties.

# Thank you

Thank you for booking with us to stay at Wellingtonia Cottage. We want to wish you a big warm welcome from the team at Marrington Escapes, and wish you the perfect break away.

We hope you love the Estate and our renovated Cottage as much as we do. The Marrington Estate is steeped in history. We've included much of it on our website, but we're looking forward to seeing what you discover!

Inside this Information Pack you will find a host of resources and tips for your break in Shropshire. We have included an Estate map, plus a walking map for the recommended routes around the Marrington Estate.

*Chris Morris*

Chris Morris



Chris
(Director)



Philippa
(Property Manager)



Sarah-Jane
(Head Housekeeper)



Jason
(Maintenance)



Jamie
(Maintenance)



Damien
(Maintenance)

We'd love to see your pictures of your time with us.
Simply tag us on @marringtonescapes on Instagram or Facebook.

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# Essential information

## EMERGENCY OUT OF HOURS CONTACTS

Philippa Bason (Property Manager) **07834 587096**

Sarah-Jane Hodgetts (Head Housekeeper) **07710 087163**

Jamie Colemancan (Maintenance) **07596 865424**

## WIFI

SWS WELLINGTONIA COTTAGE
**41526569**

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

The nearest main hospital is Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shrewsbury, on Mytton Oak Road, SY3 8XQ **(01743 261000)**.

For all urgent medical enquiries call **111**, or **999** (emergency line) depending on the severity of the case.

There are three veterinary surgeries in the vicinity.

Trefaldwyn Vets, Montgomery, SY15 6EU **(01686 668234)**

Camlas Farm Vets, Welshpool, SY21 8HH **(01938 559088)**

Medivet 24 Hour Vet, Shrewsbury, SY1 3GZ **(01743 465554)**

## KEY CODE

**5050**

# Essential information

## OUR HOUSE RULES

1. Keep to public footpaths which are clearly marked on your Dingle Valley Walk map, for your own safety and that of the livestock and farmland around you. Should you come across a gate, please shut it behind you.
2. Ensure your guest count does not exceed the property capacity. This is for your health and safety and insurance purposes.
3. Jumping into the hot tub is not permitted. Please treat our home with respect.
4. No fireworks are permitted on the estate.
5. No deep fat fryers are permitted.

## PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

Public Access Defibrillators (AED) are available on the estate for use in a life-threatening cardiac emergency. In an emergency, always dial 999 immediately, and then retrieve the defibrillator. You do not need training to use it; simply turn the device on and follow the clear, step-by-step voice instructions it provides. The AED is safe and will only deliver a shock if it detects that one is needed.

Dingle Valley ///request.hiked.slung
Marrington Farmhouse ///drooling.activism.visit
Code for both C159X

## F.A.QS

We hope that this Guest Information Pack contains all the answers you will need.

If you have a question that's not included, please check our online FAQs page before contacting our Property Manager.

# Check in/out

## HOUSE ACCESS

**Check In**
You are welcome to check in from 4.30pm. Although this may seem late, we only have a small housekeeping team making sure each property is immaculate before your arrival. You will find the key to enter Camlad Barn in the key safe in the front porch.

**Parking/EV charging**
You have private parking available in the clearly marked hardstanding area just outside the property. The rental fee includes free use of the private electric vehicle (EV) charging point, located next to the entrance gate. Please bring your own charging cable.

**Check Out**
Please check-out of the property by 10am on the day of your departure. This is prompt as our housekeeping team are quick off the mark!
Before you leave, we ask that you do the following:

- ☐ Please remove all used bedding (fitted sheet, duvet cover and pillowcases) from beds and leave them on the bedroom floor.
- ☐ Put any last-minute used dishes in the dishwasher and switch on
- ☐ Check the lights and the oven are switched off
- ☐ Return any furniture that was rearranged
- ☐ Sign out of any streaming services on televisions you have used (such as Netflix or Amazon Prime)
- ☐ Take out the rubbish
- ☐ Leave used white indoor towels in the bathtub or shower cubicle. The white and blue striped towels are to be used for outdoor activities only (such as the hot tub). Please leave these on the utility floor upon your departure
- ☐ Lock the doors and return the key to the key safe

# Fire safety

**In the instance of a fire emergency, please call 999.**

**Before you go to bed**
Please close all the doors before going to bed and ensure the log burner has been shut down and made safe for the night.

**In the kitchen**
No deep fat fryers are permitted.

**Fireworks**
No fireworks are permitted on the estate at any time.

**Before you leave**
We request that guests close all windows and doors when leaving the property unoccupied.

**Firepit safety**
We hope that you enjoy using the outdoor firepit for social gatherings and BBQ's throughout your stay. Before using, please familiarise yourself with our safety guidelines.

- Supervise children at all times when fire is lit as the steel will get very hot
- Set your fire pit on stone, brick, gravel or on a slab on decking (it will develop rust as it ages which can mark some surfaces). If putting your fire pit on grass, be aware it may get scorched underneath
- Ensure a spark will not reach anything flammable
- Keep a supply of water to hand in case you need to damp down the fire
- Always use protective gloves when handling things such as BBQ racks
- Ensure your fire pit is out (or put the lid on) before leaving it unattended

**Using your firepit**
- Only use well-seasoned dry wood to reduce smoke. You can also use charcoal (but not house coal)
- Make a fire with plenty of logs and burn for at least ½ hour before you want to use it (the first ½ hour of burning produces the most smoke)
- Ideally leave an hour before cooking to allow embers to form. You can separate bigger logs to one side so that you can keep your fire ticking over while you cook over the embers
- If you're in a hurry to cook, add charcoal to the fire once it's going and move the bigger logs to one side
- It is recommended that cooking accessories should be treated with oil to protect them before use. To remove this, heat the product over the fire before the first use and wash well. After every use, rub over a little cooking oil after washing and drying. If any rust develops, clean off with a wire brush, dry well and rub over with oil.



# Fire extinguishers

There is no obligation for guests to use the extinguishers, especially if they are not confident in doing so. It is more important to get out of the building and stay out until the Fire Brigade tells you to return.

We hope that you won't need them, but please familiarise yourselves with the locations and types of fire extinguishers within the property and how to use them.

**How to operate a fire extinguisher**
There are a number of different types of portable fire extinguishers, each can be identified by the colour coding and labelling. Check that the extinguisher you intend to use is suitable for the type of fire encountered eg a water extinguisher must never be used on any fire involving electrical equipment. There are four (4) basic steps for using modern portable fire extinguishers.

The acronym PASS is used to describe these four basic steps.

**Pull (Pin)**
Pull pin at the top of the extinguisher, breaking the seal. When in place, the pin keeps the handle from being pressed and accidentally operating the extinguisher. Immediately test the extinguisher. (Aiming away from the operator). This is to ensure the extinguisher works and also shows the operator how far the stream travels.

**Aim**
Approach the fire standing at a safe distance. Aim the nozzle or outlet towards the base of the fire.

**Squeeze**
Squeeze the handles together to discharge the extinguishing agent inside. To stop discharge, release the handles.

**Sweep**
Sweep the nozzle from side to side as you approach the fire, directing the extinguishing agent at the base of the flames. After an A Class fire is extinguished, probe for smouldering hot spots that could reignite the fuel.

**Types of fire extinguisher**

**$CO_2$**
$CO_2$ extinguishers are multi-purpose extinguishers, covering the following types of fire:
- Flammable liquids such as petrol, diesel, white spirits etc
- Electric Risk fires

**Foam Fire Extinguisher**
Foam extinguishers are dual purpose and provide cover for freely burning materials. They are not safe to use on cooking oil. It also provides cover for the following flammable liquids:
- Petrol
- Diesel
- White spirits

**Fire Blanket**
Fire blankets are used to smother smaller fires, cutting off the oxygen supply. Fire blankets can cover: people, toasters, kettles, microwaves, bins, and electronic devices.

# Houseguide

*"We hope you enjoy your stay with us. If you encounter any problems, please just give us a call and we'll be happy to help."*

Sarah-Jane (Head Housekeeper)



## RECYCLING & REFUSE

The waste bin in the kitchen will have a fresh bin liner in place and supplies under the sink. Please empty this regularly and place the bin liners into the external recycling boxes located to the rear of the property. These will be emptied regularly. We are keen recyclers, so please do separate your recycling from your normal waste.

## LINEN, TOWELS & LAUNDERING

We provide bed linen and towels for the duration of your stay. If you are staying for a longer period, we do offer a change of bed linen and towels to keep things fresh. Upon your departure, please leave your white indoor towels in the bathtubs or shower cubicles.

The white and blue striped towels are for outdoor activities such as the hot tub. Please leave any used outdoor towels on the utility floor upon your departure.

## KITCHEN & GENERAL APPLIANCES

**Nespresso**

There is a Nespresso Machine available in the property for you to enjoy throughout your stay. If you would like to use this, please bring your own Original Coffee Pods to use.

**Speaker**

You will find a Wonderboom2 Bluetooth wireless speaker in the kitchen/dining area to connect to, so you can enjoy your music/radio/podcasts inside and out.

**Washing Line**

If you don't want to use the tumble dryer, there is a rotary washing line in the garden.

**Luggage Space**

If you find you need more space to stow suitcases and luggage, there is a useful cupboard under the staircase for storage.

**Outdoor Glasses**

You will find a range of plastic-glassware for you to use outdoors. These items can be found in the in the kitchen. For your safety, we ask that you please do not use glass outside.

**BBQ/Firepit**

There is BBQ grill attachment for use on the firepit. A BBQ grill attachment is available for use on the firepit. Please use the designated BBQ utensils provided, and do not use kitchen utensils or saucepans on the grill. Only firewood is permitted in the firepit.

## HEATING

Our thermostats are placed at a minimum of 18 degrees. Please use the thermostat on the wall to adjust the temperature. Please do not attempt to adjust the boiler or its controls.

## UTILITY LOCATIONS

**Water Stop Tap**

The water stop tap is next to the tumble dryer.

**Fuse Box**

The fuse box is in the high level cupboard in kitchen. If you experience a power shortage, please check the unit.

## GARDENING

Our gardener visits the property once a week to ensure the outside spaces are well maintained for guests. This means that they may visit your property and carry out quiet maintenance work from 8:30am on the day of your departure. Please don't be alarmed if this happens!

## SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted inside this property. You will find an ash tray under the kitchen sink for external use only. Smoking and naked flames are not permitted near the oil tank or LPG cylinders.

# Hot tub safety

To ensure the safe and enjoyable use of the hot tubs we request that you read through and adhere to the rules of this safety document.

All hot tubs are emptied, cleaned and refilled after each stay; therefore, the hot tubs may not reach optimal temperature until late evening / early next morning following your arrival.



- Do not exceed bather load
- We do not advise use of the hot tub during pregnancy, please contact your doctor for advice before entering the water.
- People with skin, ear, genital or other body infections, open sores, or wounds should not use the hot tub because of the possibility of spreading infection or irritating an existing condition.
- People with heart disease, diabetes, low or high blood pressure, immunosuppression or are experiencing health problems should not enter the hot tub without prior consultation with their doctor.
- Never use the hot tub while using or after using drugs that may cause sleepiness, drowsiness or raise/lower blood pressure. The heat of the hot tub water speeds up the effects of alcohol and can cause sleepiness, dizziness and even unconsciousness.
- Do not use the hot tub immediately after a heavy meal.
- At 37°C plus, limit your time in the hot tub to a maximum of 15 minutes.
- Do not immerse your head in the hot tub water, and do not use the hot tub alone.
- Take care when entering and leaving the hot tub, leg muscles may be relaxed enough to make you unsteady.
- Never use glass near/in the hot tub, please use the plastic glasses available.
- Do not use any electrical appliances near/in the hot tub.
- If any fault or damage occurs with the hot tub please contact a member of our team at the earliest convenient moment.
- Parents are advised that hot tubs are not suitable for children under four years old. Please warn your children not to put water in their mouths, as this can cause infections and illnesses. Never allow children to use the hot tub unsupervised.

# Hot tub safety

- Please ensure that you take a shower before using the hot tub – this ensures that the water stays fresh for the duration of your stay, and that the filters don't become clogged!
- We ask you to shower with soap and water before and after using the hot tub. Showering before use washes away many of the common skin bacteria and removes lotions, deodorants, creams etc which reduce the effectiveness of the spa sanitizer which disinfects the water.
- When not in use, make sure the cover is on and secured.
- Do not sit or walk on the hot tub cover.
- Avoid entering the hot tub water immediately after exercising as the water temperature can affect the heart rate.
- Take care on the hot tub steps and surrounding area as water from the tub can cause it to be slippery.
- If any allergic reaction occurs leave the hot tub and rinse off in the shower. If the reaction persists seek medical attention.
- Do not turn hot tub isolation switch off as the hot tub's power needs to be turned on to carry out the cleaning cycles.
- Pets are prohibited from entering the hot tub.
- Do not wear fake tan, sun tan lotions or skin creams in the hot tub.

**Daily hot tub inspections**

To ensure the safe and enjoyable use of the hot tubs we request that you read through and adhere to the rules of this safety document.

All hot tubs are emptied, cleaned and refilled after each stay; therefore, the hot tubs may not reach optimal temperature until late evening / early next morning following your arrival.

A member of the Marrington Escapes team will inspect the hot tub daily when it is not in use to ensure the chemical levels are accurate and it is safe to use.

**Note to parents and hot tub users:**
It is your responsibility to enforce the rules of safety within the house hot tub.



# Hot tub instructions

**TO OPEN**

1. Release the two clips (circled in yellow on the front either side of the steps AND the ones at the back)
2. Holding the front handles (circled in red), fold the front half of the cover on top of the back half
3. With one person either side, grasp the metal lifting bars and raise to a vertical 90° position

**TO CLOSE**

1. Turn off all jets and light
2. With one person either side, grasp the metal lifting bars (circled in and fold down the cojoined cover sections
3. Holding the front handles (circled in red), fold the front half of the cover down to the closed position
4. Re attach the two clips (circled in yellow on the front either side of the steps



# Pet guidelines

We charge a standard fee of £50 (+VAT)per stay applies for up to 2 dogs. Each additional dog incurs a £25 (+VAT) charge. This is applied after your booking is made.

The number of dogs guests can bring are limited by the size of the property as follows. For further information contact stay@marringtonescapes.com

- Property sleeping up to 2: maximum 2 dogs
- Property sleeping more than 2: maximum 3 dogs

Dogs must be kept under control while inside the property. When out on the estate, dogs must be kept on a lead to safeguard the livestock and wildlife. Please only walk on the public footpaths.

All dogs must have had all required vaccinations and annual boosters before arrival at the Property.

Despite our best efforts, dog owners should acknowledge that outside areas are not escape-proof for dogs. For this reason, dogs should always remain under supervision.

Dogs must not be left alone in or at the property or within the grounds at any time.

Registered guide and hearing dogs belonging to guests with visual and hearing impairments are welcomed in our properties.

With the exception of registered guide dogs, dogs are not permitted upstairs and/or in any of the bedrooms. Guests should bring their own dog beds; however, we can provide medium-sized soft doggy guest beds on request at the time of booking.

Guests are asked to clean up after their dogs both inside and outside of the property within the garden area, or extra cleaning costs may be charged. Bags are available next to the dedicated Dog Waste Bins located in each of the gardens. On the wider estate, we recommend 'stick and flick' for clearing dog waste off the pathways.

Dog owners must ensure that their pets are free from parasites and fleas before they occupy the Property. Failure to do so may incur subsequent charges.

Take a look at our guide for planning the perfect staycation for your dog, or at our favourite dog-friendly pubs in South Shropshire.

Each of our properties have a dog bath outside to wash off muddy paws. Dog towels can be found alongside the blue and white striped outdoor leisure towels. Please leave used dog towels on the utility floor of the property upon check-out.

You can find some dog treats in the utility room, or on the breakfast bar in The Annexe.

Please note our properties have a mixture of hard floors and carpets.



# About the Estate

*"There's something about this land which captures your imagination and transports you to a less complicated time. There's a peacefulness here which gives you time and space to reflect and enjoy the beauty of your surroundings. South Shropshire is a hidden gem."*

Chris Morris, Owner and Director



Marrington Estate is owned by the Morris family, who in the 1840s, lived down the road in West Felton where their large family farmed. Some years after the family photograph below was taken, James Kent Morris set up his modest retail and property enterprise in 1869 which would build the foundations for the larger family business today. James Kent would have loved to know that the beautiful estate on his doorstep would one day be owned and managed by his descendants.

We have owned and maintained this estate for over 15 years, actively investing and improving the grounds. This ranges from planting trees, fencing, ditching, hedge pleaching and of course, inviting guests to come and share the space.

The earliest historical reference to the beautiful Marrington Estate is in the Domesday Book of 1086 which mentions woodland for fattening 15 pigs at Marrington, which may have been within the gorge. The place-name Marrington, given as Meritune in the Domesday Book, is derived from the Old English elements gemaere and tun, meaning settlement on the boundary.





# Walks & Estate access

With spectacular vistas, Marrington's river gorge and valley crests make for wonderful walking.

You'll find a Dingle Valley Walk map, Mitchell's Fold Walks map, Offa's Dyke Walks map and an OS Map in your property which covers much of estate and surrounding areas. Feel free to explore the designated routes at your leisure, we just ask that you don't enter any areas marked 'No Entry' on the estate for your safety.




**GATE CODE**
Whilst walking on the Estate, you may come across some locked gates. Marrington Escapes guests have exclusive access to explore these designated routes. Simply lift the code cover, reset then press **2468** and enter. Please ignore the key.





# Walking Safely










## Countryside Code

- **Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs.**
- **Take maps and guidebooks.**
- **Leave gates and property as you find them.**
- **Protect plants and animals and take your litter home.**
- **Keep dogs under close control.**
- **Consider other people.**

## How to walk safely through a field of livestock

Whatever the animal, follow our top tips and you'll be unlikely to run into any issues.

- Have a look around when you reach the edge of the field. Are there any cows with calves, horses, or sheep? Cows with calves are the most common cause of problems for walkers as they actively protect their young.
- Do not enter a field that contains a bull. There will be plenty of signage around the field and gateways to prevent this.
- Keep a good distance from the animals. If they are on a path, then you're allowed to go off the path to walk around them. If you are on open access land, then you can walk across the field to give the animals space.
- Walk quickly and quietly. Animals may approach you, especially groups of cows, which can be quite intimidating. If you panic, or run they may also start running.
- Do not approach any animals and certainly do not feed them or touch them. Animals on a farm will have strict diets, especially horses, and feeding them can be very harmful.
- Leave any gates as you find them.

## Walking with a dog near livestock

It is an offence to not keep your dog under control when in a field with animals. This is especially an issue with sheep, as dogs may chase, worry or even attack them. The law gives farmers the right to shoot a dog that is causing issues with their animals.

Always keep your dog on a lead when around animals. If cattle are running towards you, or you feel in any way in danger, then let your dog off the lead. Your dog will be able to get to safety and removing the dog from the situation will calm the cattle.

## Local Walks

Guests may follow the Offa's Dyke Circular and Mitchell's Fold Walks. Maps are left in the property. Please stick to designated routes and heed cautions marked as 'Take care!'.

## Bio security

Please note that the Marrington Estate is within an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ). For the biosecurity of the area, and to protect the local environment, guests must ensure all vehicles remain on designated roads and parking areas and do not access any fields or other unauthorised land. We also ask that you keep to authorised footpaths at all times while walking on the Estate.

# Eat and drink

## FINE DINING

**The Checkers**, Montgomery SY15 6PN (01686 639548)
**The Walrus Restaurant**, Shrewsbury SY1 1RT (01743 240005)
**Mortimers**, Ludlow SY8 1DA (01584 872325)

## FAMILY FRIENDLY

**Miner's Arms**, Priest Weston SY15 6DF (01938 561352)
**The Lowfield Inn**, Marton SY21 8JX (01743 891313)
**Castle Hotel**, Bishops Castle SY9 5BN (01588 638403)

Guests staying at any Marrington Escapes property can enjoy a **10% DISCOUNT** at The Castle Hotel in Bishop's Castle. To redeem this offer, simply show your key at the bar during your visit.

**CSONS**, Ludlow SY8 1EG (01584 879872)
**Osteria**, Shrewsbury SY1 1PP (01743 360944)
**Nags Head Inn**, Garthmyl SY15 6RS (01686 640600)
**Corn Store**, Welshpool SY21 7DL (01938 554614)
**Herbert Arms**, Chirbury SY15 6BG (01938 691176)

Guests staying at any Marrington Escapes property can enjoy a **15% DISCOUNT** at the Herbert Arms in Chirbury. To redeem this offer, simply use the discount cards available in your property.

**Hickory's Smokehouse**, Shrewsbury SY1 1HH (01743 299757)
**House of the Rising Sun**, Shrewsbury SY1 1UW (01743 588040)
**Casa Naranjo**, Shrewsbury SY1 1XA (01743 588165)
**Kanu Poke**, Shrewsbury (Vegan friendly) SY1 1PQ (info@kanupoke.co.uk)

## TAKEAWAYS

**Montgomery Fish Bar**, Montgomery SY15 6PN (07915 407060)
**Golden Fish Chinese Take Away**, Churchstoke SY15 6AG (01588 620511)



*The Checkers, Montgomery*



*Herbert Arms, Chirbury*



*The Lowfield Inn, Marton*



*The Walrus, Shrewsbury*

# Vineyards

## KERRY VALE VINEYARD (10-MINUTE DRIVE)

Kerry Vale Vineyard is a charming, family-run winery. Planted in 2010, this award-winning vineyard offers tours from May until September each year that delve into the secrets of vine growing and winemaking. You can learn about the process from grape to glass, and of course, enjoy a tasting of their wines. If you're looking for a relaxing afternoon, their vineyard cafe serves a selection of light lunches, daily specials and afternoon tea.




## HENCOTE, SHREWSBURY (50-MINUTE DRIVE)

Visit the vineyards at Hencote, which houses just over 27,000 vines. Hencote is a thriving vineyard with an on-site winery, restaurant, balcony and bar which boasts panoramic views of the vineyard below and wider Shrewsbury. Guests for their vineyard tours have the opportunity to absorb the team's deep passion for wine, and find out more about their precision management approach to viticulture. Each tour concludes with a wine tasting featuring a variety of Hencote award-winning wines.





# Staying in?

If you're hosting a celebration, or just want to relieve the stress of cooking, there are a host of private chefs who are available for hire. We've compiled a list of some of our local operators:

**Annabel Beamon**
Twisted Lemon
07540 221496
twistedlemonltd@yahoo.com

**Comyn Bruce**
07709 065195
info@comyn-bruce.com
www.comyn-bruce.com

**Penny Cudmore**
07817 284 863
Penny_cudmore@live.co.uk
@wildparsley_co (Instagram)

**Charlie Everall**
07976 475402
info@getgourmetcatering.co.uk
getgourmetcatering.co.uk

**Henrietta Hensher**
**Tetra Hospitality**
07917 354007
simon@tetrashospitality.co.uk

**Marco Meloni**
07523 298256
info@mangoitaliano.co.uk

**Ed Potter (Oak Apple Catering)**
01694 731305
enquiries@oakapplecatering.co.uk

For more information please contact
stay@marringtonescapes.com



Take a look at our guide for hiring a chef

# Local shops and services




## LOCAL SHOP & POST OFFICE

If you need any essentials, the local village shop in Chirbury is a friendly and handy haven for milk, bread and other forgotten bits. For the latest opening hours, please check Google or the 'Chirbury Cafe, Shop & Post Office' Facebook Page.

## SUPERMARKETS

The closest large supermarkets are Morrisons and Tesco, which are both based in Welshpool (a 20-minute drive).

Most supermarkets will deliver to Marrington Escapes. You can find the full address for your supermarket delivery at the front of the Guest Information Pack and in your check-in email. Please contact our team if you require specific delivery information.

Just a 10-minute drive away is the Churchstoke Shopping Centre, which has a Co-Op Food, where you can get your essentials.




Bunners, in Montgomery, class themselves as a hardware store and is well worth a visit when visiting our local town. Similar to an Aladdin's Cave, the shop is filled with everything you can think of; from little trinkets to wood burner stoves.

# Local attractions and activities

## POWIS CASTLE AND GARDENS, POWYS

Powis Castle is a unique place that combines medieval history with grand elegance. Originally built as a Welsh prince's fortress in the 13th century, it was transformed over the centuries into a beautiful country house for the Herbert family. Today, the castle is under the care of the National Trust. Visitors can explore the lavish interiors, decorated with 17th-century art, furniture, tapestries, and even Indian artefacts. The surrounding gardens are just as famous as the house itself. Dating back over 300 years, they're considered some of the finest in Britain. Take a stroll through the formal gardens or explore the wilder landscapes.

## CHIRK CASTLE, WREXHAM

Standing guard on the Welsh border for over 700 years, Chirk Castle in Wrexham boasts a rich history. Built by Edward I to control Wales, it later became a luxurious family home for the Myddelton family. Today, the National Trust manages the castle. Visitors can explore its grand interiors, from the medieval Adam Tower to the elegant 18th-century State Rooms. Chirk Castle also offers stunning award-winning gardens and over 480 acres of parkland to discover, making it a perfect day trip destination.

## ATTINGHAM PARK, SHREWSBURY

Attingham Park, near Shrewsbury, is a grand 18th-century estate owned by the National Trust. Estate highlights include a Georgian Mansion, a Walled Garden, Pleasure Grounds, Natural Play Area, and the Deer Park.

## MITCHELL'S FOLD STONE CIRCLE

The focus of many local legends, Mitchell's Fold is a Bronze Age stone circle set in dramatic moorland on Stapeley Hill. It once consisted of some 30 stones, 15 of which are still visible.



*Powys Castle and Gardens, Powys*



*Attingham Park, Shrewsbury*

# Local attractions and activities

## STIPERSTONES – NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

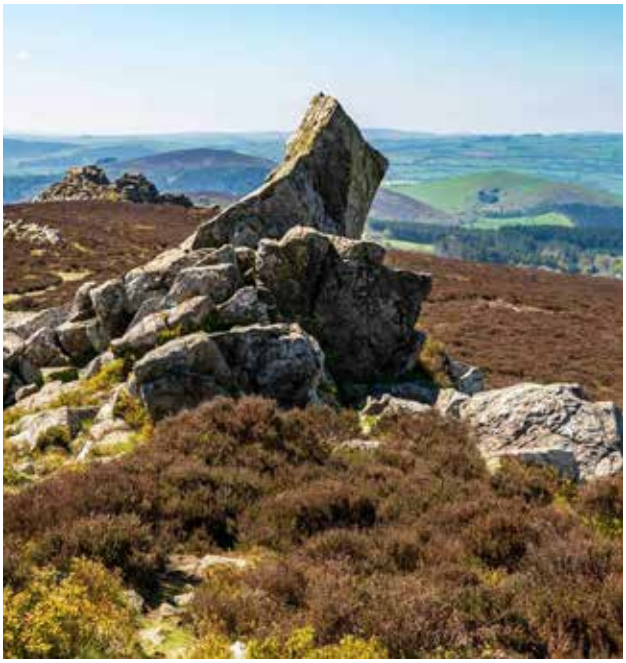
The Stiperstones are a striking range of quartzite hills in Shropshire, England, known for their rugged landscape and dramatic rock formations. They are part of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape and are home to a variety of wildlife, including birds, butterflies, and rare plants. The area is popular with walkers and nature lovers, offering beautiful views and a rich history of mining and local folklore.

## CARDING MILL VALLEY

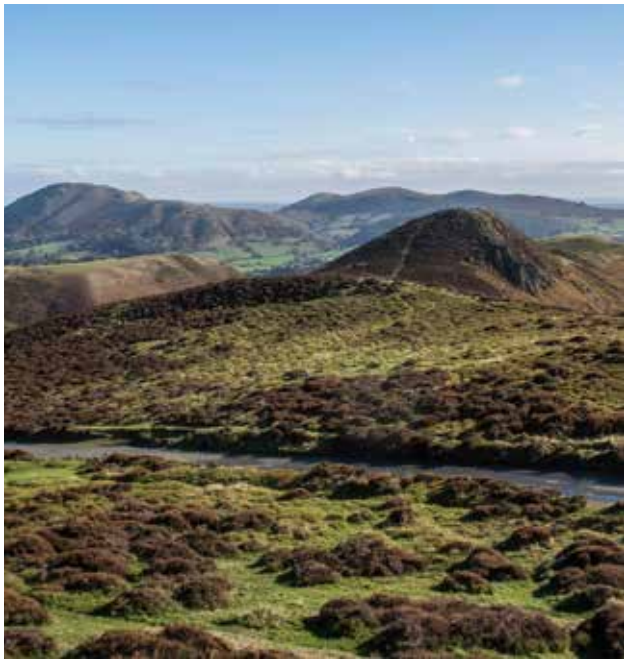
Carding Mill Valley is a beautiful valley in the Shropshire Hills, England, managed by the National Trust. It is famous for its streams, waterfalls, and scenic walking trails leading up to the Long Mynd. Visitors enjoy hiking, wildlife spotting, and exploring the peaceful countryside, making it one of the area's most popular outdoor destinations.

## MONTGOMERY CASTLE

Montgomery Castle is a historic Norman fortress in Powys, Wales, overlooking the town of Montgomery. Built in the 13th century, it played an important role during the wars between England and Wales and later in the English Civil War. Although now in ruins, the castle offers impressive views of the surrounding countryside and is a popular place to learn about the area's rich history.



*Stiperstones*



*Carding Mill Valley*

# Local attractions and activities

## ACTIVE & OUTDOORS

**Horse riding on the estate**
Guests are welcome to bring their own horses to Marrington Escapes. Enjoy incredible riding through Marrington Dingle, green lanes, and open hillsides with views to Snowdonia. We offer self-livery and full livery at local rates, including paddock turnout and ménage access. Looking for riding lessons or horse hire? While we don't keep horses on-site for guest riding, we warmly recommend PenyCoed Riding Centre nearby. Please note that horses hired from PenyCoed are strictly for use at their centre and do not have access to the Marrington Estate. For more information or to arrange livery for your stay contact stay@marringtonescapes.com.



## RELAXATION AND WELLBEING

**Fishmore Hall Spa, Ludlow**
Enjoy the benefits of a rural spa overlooking the rolling Shropshire countryside and Clee Hills. Offering the highest standard of spa and wellbeing treatments by ELEMIS, Fishmore Hall boasts four treatment rooms which combine to create two couple rooms, a steam room and a sauna as well as an outdoor Cedar wellness Hot Tub.



## RETAIL THERAPY

**Ludlow**
Nearby Ludlow is the perfect destination for a day out. A thriving medieval market town with a lively feel and host to loads of events including the Ludlow Food Festival where food lovers from across the country flock to visit. Wander and shop the pretty historic town centre complete with its 11th century castle and enjoy delightful restaurants and cafes.



**Shrewsbury**
Just 20-miles away, Shrewsbury has an astonishing 660 listed buildings and the longest run of independent shops in the country. Explore endless boutiques and eateries on the cobbled backstreets or follow the winding river on a boat from the town's beautiful Quarry Park.



# Local attractions and activities

## CRAFTS

**Ralph Jandrell Pottery**
Ralph Jandrell Pottery is an independent studio pottery based in Chirbury, Shropshire, where award-winning potter Ralph Jandrell has been creating handmade ceramics for over 25 years. Inspired by the landscapes and wildlife of the Shropshire Hills, every piece is individually thrown, decorated and glazed by hand, resulting in distinctive works that combine artistic craftsmanship with everyday functionality. From statement table lamps and decorative platters to mugs and vases, Ralph Jandrell Pottery is renowned for its nature-inspired designs, exceptional attention to detail and commitment to traditional British studio pottery.



## FAMILY ATTRACTION

**Hoo Zoo farm and Dinosaur World**
Hoo Zoo and Dinosaur World is an award-winning family attraction in Telford, Shropshire, home to over 100 species of animals alongside life-sized prehistoric dinosaurs. Combining a traditional zoo experience with immersive dinosaur exhibits, visitors can meet everything from big cats and reptiles to lemurs and farm animals before stepping back in time to explore realistic dinosaur displays. With interactive experiences, keeper talks and hands-on encounters, Hoo Zoo and Dinosaur World offers an unforgettable day out for animal lovers and dinosaur enthusiasts of all ages.



## MUSEUM

**Shrewsbury Prison**
Shrewsbury Prison is a historic former prison in Shrewsbury, England, that operated for over 200 years before closing in 2013. Today, it is a popular tourist attraction where visitors can explore the original prison cells, learn about its history, and take part in guided tours, escape rooms, and ghost hunts. The prison offers a fascinating insight into life behind bars and the British justice system.



# Local attractions and activities

## FAMILY FUN AND ACTIVITIES

If you're looking for some activities to keep the whole family entertained, why not visit some of our local favourites:



**Flash Leisure Centre**,
Welshpool
*(20-minute drive)*



**Stokesay Castle**,
Craven Arms
*(30-minute drive)*



**Hire a Canoe**,
Shrewsbury
*(40-minute drive)*



**Sabrina Boat Tours**,
Shrewsbury
*(40-minute drive)*



**Jump In Trampoline Park**,
Shrewsbury
*(40-minute drive)*



**Home Farm**,
Attingham Park, Shrewsbury
*(40-minute drive)*



**Dinkey Donkey Experience**,
Church Stretton
*(40-minute drive)*



**Park Hall Farm**,
Oswestry
*(40-minute drive)*



**British Ironwork Centre**,
Oswestry
*(40-minute drive)*

# Local transport

## BUSES

The nearest bus station is in Chirbury, adjacent to the Chirbury Village Shop and Post Office. There are two bus services that stop at Chirbury.

81 Newtown - Montgomery – Welshpool

558 Montgomery - Shrewsbury

For latest bus timetables, please visit the Tanat Valley Coaches website.

## TAXIS

Paul's Taxis (Westbury) **07436 400 247**
Wright's Taxis (Welshpool) **01938 552 531**
Amber Cabs (Welshpool) **01938 556 611**
Stonebridge Taxis (Welshpool) **01938 555 119**
Jess Taxis (Welshpool) **07885 440 468**
Liberty Taxis (Welshpool) **07729 103 642**
Welshpool Taxis (Welshpool) **01938 691 532**
Veezu (Shrewsbury) **01743 242 242**
Dell's taxis (Shrewsbury) **07745 724 594**
Go Carz (Shrewsbury) **01743 344 344**

## TRAINS

The closest train station to Marrington Escapes in in Welshpool (7 miles) away. Managed by Transport for Wales, from here you can catch the train into Shrewsbury and either explore the town or travel further afield.



# Elevate your next stay



## ADD ON EXPERIENCES

Take your stay from wonderful to truly spectacular. At Marrington Escapes, we offer a range of unique add-ons and experiences designed to help you relax, explore, and celebrate your time here in South Shropshire.

Whether you're looking for a peaceful moment or a vibrant celebration, these exclusive estate offerings are the perfect way to make lasting memories.

Explore and book your enhancements today:

- Relax & rejuvenate: indulge in a therapeutic massage.
- Celebrate & create: unleash your inner artist with a paint and sip session.
- Dine in style: enjoy a bespoke meal prepared by a private chef.
- Walking tours

View all available add-ons here

## 10% RETURNERS DISCOUNT

We offer a 10% discount for all returning guests – simply use the code **LOYALTY10** when booking direct.

View our properties here