

Fancy a rural ramble along a canal with the relaxation of slow boats and swans?



Or a gentle stomp between the twin villages of Kinnerley and Knockin?



Each of these can easily be done using the 576 country bus. And each of the walks finishes at a pub, a tearoom or a village shop! *(details inside)*

For those who prefer the bustle of a market town, Oswestry's old town streets house many curios and other sights, as well as a thriving market.



The whole journey takes 1 hour 10 minutes.

We suggest these bus times for you, but please also check a **576** route timetable for additional departures.

If in doubt phone Traveline **0871 200 2233** or visit these web sites:

travelinemidlands.org.uk
arrivabus.co.uk/midlands

Monday to Saturday (not Bank Holidays)

Shrewsbury bus stn (stand R)	0900	1100	1300
Ruyton XI Towns	0930	1130	1330
Cranberry Moss Caravan Park	0941	1141	1341
Kinnerley	0949	-----	1349
Knockin	0954	1154	1354
Maesbury Marsh	0958	1158	1358
Oswestry bus stn	1010	1210	1410

Oswestry bus stn (stand 4)	1045	1245	1425
Maesbury Marsh	1056	1256	1436
Knockin	1102	1302	1442
Kinnerley	1106	1306	1446
Cranberry Moss Caravan Park	1112	1312	1452
Ruyton XI Towns	1121	1321	1501
Shrewsbury bus stn	1157	1357	1537

If you walk to Queen's Head take the 70 or 70A bus back to town. They depart Queen's Head at 02 and 32 minutes past the hour to Shrewsbury, and at 12 and 42 past to Oswestry.

A *Day Saver* ticket is valid for unlimited journeys on the 70, 70A and 576 as well as other Arriva services in Shropshire.

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Enjoy a ride out on the

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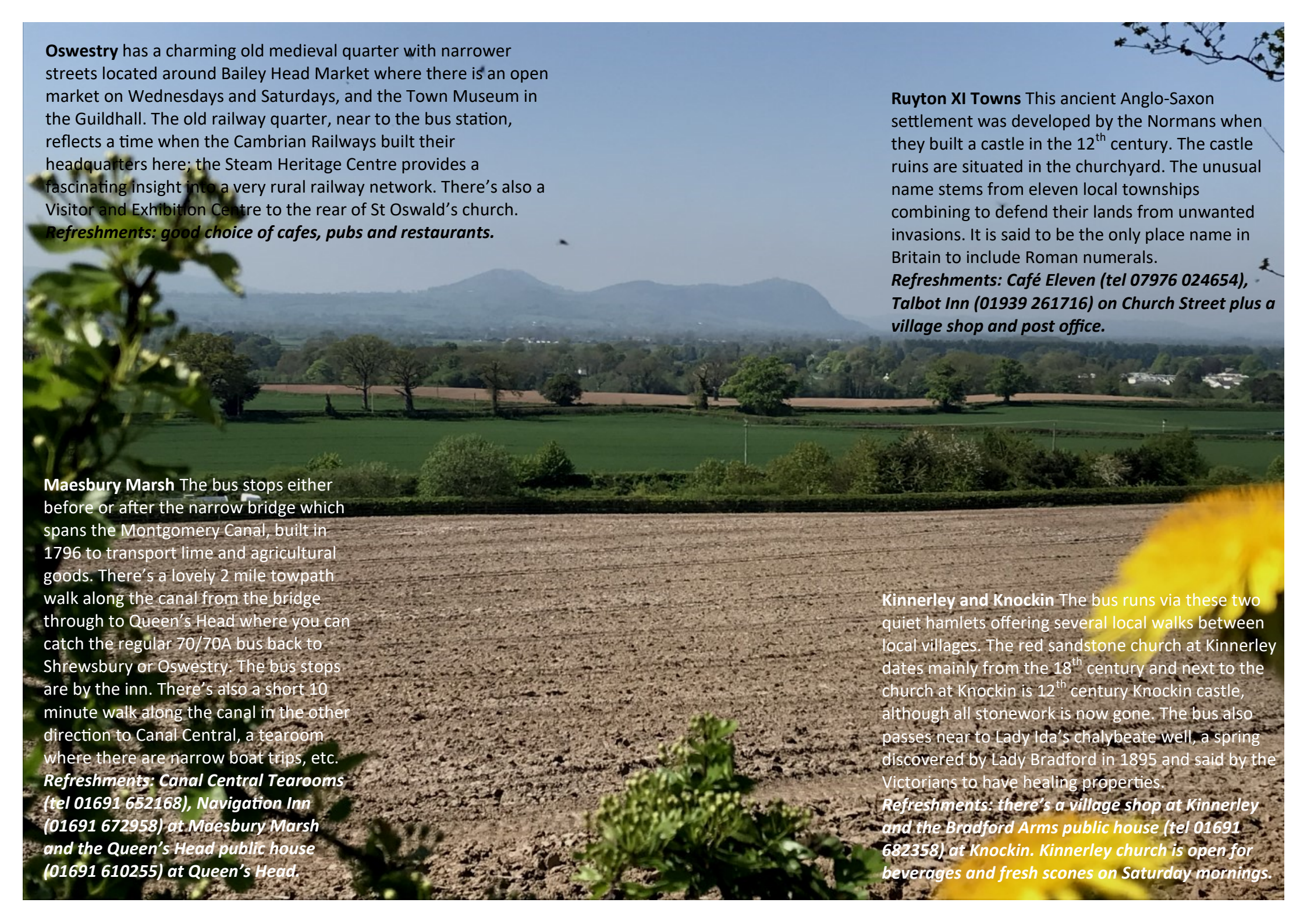
Shrewsbury to Oswestry



The 576 bus makes for a lovely day out, following the back lanes of Shropshire between Shrewsbury and the old market town of Oswestry.

It calls into some delightful villages. You'll see over the hedgerows so there are plenty of scenic views on the way across the Severn plain to the Welsh hills.





Oswestry has a charming old medieval quarter with narrower streets located around Bailey Head Market where there is an open market on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and the Town Museum in the Guildhall. The old railway quarter, near to the bus station, reflects a time when the Cambrian Railways built their headquarters here; the Steam Heritage Centre provides a fascinating insight into a very rural railway network. There's also a Visitor and Exhibition Centre to the rear of St Oswald's church.

Refreshments: good choice of cafes, pubs and restaurants.

Maesbury Marsh The bus stops either before or after the narrow bridge which spans the Montgomery Canal, built in 1796 to transport lime and agricultural goods. There's a lovely 2 mile towpath walk along the canal from the bridge through to Queen's Head where you can catch the regular 70/70A bus back to Shrewsbury or Oswestry. The bus stops are by the inn. There's also a short 10 minute walk along the canal in the other direction to Canal Central, a tearoom where there are narrow boat trips, etc.

Refreshments: Canal Central Tearooms (tel 01691 652168), Navigation Inn (01691 672958) at Maesbury Marsh and the Queen's Head public house (01691 610255) at Queen's Head.

Ruyton XI Towns This ancient Anglo-Saxon settlement was developed by the Normans when they built a castle in the 12th century. The castle ruins are situated in the churchyard. The unusual name stems from eleven local townships combining to defend their lands from unwanted invasions. It is said to be the only place name in Britain to include Roman numerals.

Refreshments: Café Eleven (tel 07976 024654), Talbot Inn (01939 261716) on Church Street plus a village shop and post office.

Kinnerley and Knockin The bus runs via these two quiet hamlets offering several local walks between local villages. The red sandstone church at Kinnerley dates mainly from the 18th century and next to the church at Knockin is 12th century Knockin castle, although all stonework is now gone. The bus also passes near to Lady Ida's chalybeate well, a spring discovered by Lady Bradford in 1895 and said by the Victorians to have healing properties.

Refreshments: there's a village shop at Kinnerley and the Bradford Arms public house (tel 01691 682358) at Knockin. Kinnerley church is open for beverages and fresh scones on Saturday mornings.