

Rea Brook Valley Local Nature Reserve

What can you do there?

Walk, relax, and watch wildlife along this beautiful green corridor through south Shrewsbury.

Follow the kingfisher way markers for a 3-mile walk along generally level ground along both sides of the brook.

Address / location:

Start at Abbey Foregate Car Park, Shrewsbury SY2 6AH.

Car parking charges apply at Abbey Foregate but there are several roads around the nature reserve offering street parking.

Getting there:

By car - Shrewsbury is 25 minutes' drive from Telford.

By bus - From Shrewsbury Bus Station the No.21 bus stops at Old Potts Way and the No.13 stops at Abbey Foregate.

From Telford Bus Station take the No.96 bus to Shrewsbury Bus Station.

Abbey Foregate is a 15 minutes' walk from Shrewsbury Bus and Train Stations.



Hedgerows are in abundance around wildflower meadows, areas of rough grass and small wooded areas with alder, hawthorn and willow trees.

This is a great place to take a picnic and enjoy time with your family while connecting with nature.

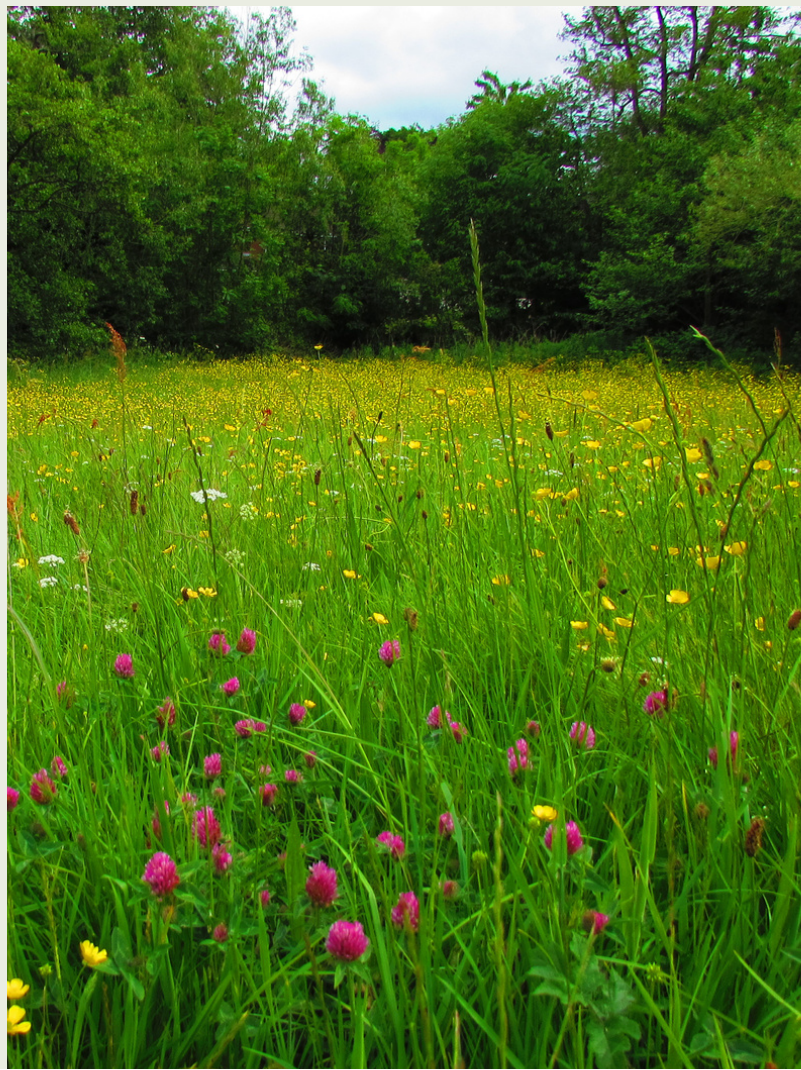
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Opening times:

24/7 all year round.

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Background:

Sightings of kingfisher are frequent, and they are known to breed on the banks of the brook. Buzzards, kestrels, and sparrowhawks are also abundant. Foxes and badgers have been seen and reports of otter activity on the brook are common.

The ponds and mill races support populations of frog, toad, and newt as well as several species of dragonfly and damselfly. The brook itself supports several fish species, including grayling, and brown trout.

Facilities:

There are **no toilets** at the nature reserve but there are public toilets at Abbey Foregate car park. There are plenty of cafes in Shrewsbury town centre.



Accessibility:

During summer months there may be cattle grazing. Sturdy footwear is required as some areas may be muddy. There are no stiles but several sets of steps.

Who manages it:

Shrewsbury Town Council,
Countryside Team.
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For further information:

A detailed description of the walk can be found here:

www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/Rea-Brook-Valley-Circular-Walk.pdf

There is also a longer (4.5 mile) walk around Shrewsbury, through Quarry Park and Rea Brook. Details can be found here:

www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/route/john-newnham-walk-around-the-severn-loop-to-a-hidden-brook

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