Welcome to Ellesmere

Nestling between the Mere and the Shropshire Union canal, our little market town, flower filled all through the Summer, has a wide variety of shops to interest the visitor. See the map overleaf for details of all our local retailers and businesses. Shopkeepers here are renowned for their friendly and personal service to all their customers.

Ellesmere is steeped in history. At the centre of the town is The Square, dominated by the old Town Hall, which was built by the Countess of Bridgewater in 1833. Typical of the buildings in Ellesmere, it has a fine vaulted cellar.

In 1796 a meeting was held at the Royal Oak Hotel in Ellesmere, to raise money for the Ellesmere canal, which would link Shropshire with Netherpool, later re-named Ellesmere Port. It is said that one million pounds was pledged that morning! To honour the event the hotel's name was changed to 'The Bridgewater Arms'. It is now The Ellesmere Hotel. Eventually the canal was constructed from Llangollen's Horseshoe Falls to Hurleston Junction near Nantwich.

A short walk from the town will bring you to the Wharf. From the towpath you can see Beech House, an imposing building, where Thomas Telford is said to have lived whilst he designed and built the canal.

Ellesmere, originally a fortified Anglo-Saxon settlement, has always enjoyed the vitality of a busy market town. Indeed, regular markets have been held here since 1221 when the first Market Charter was granted by Henry III. Market day is Tuesday.

Walks & Places Of Interest

The canal provides easy and even access to a number of places of interest. Colemere, 2.5 miles (as the canal flows), is renowned for its wildfowl population. Closer to the town is Blakemere, a jewel of nature, which, together with the other meres, was carved from the earth by glacial movement some 12,000 years ago. The absence of traffic, except for the odd narrow boat chugging past, makes this walk one of great tranquillity and peace. There are numerous public footpaths from the towpath back towards the town or to Castlefields and the Mere so your walk can be as long or short as you wish! Canal archaeologists will be interested in the earliest tunnel to carry a towpath and the remains of one of the limekilns which served the area. Close by is also a canal overflow facility.

Eating Out

As often as the weather permits visitors will delight in taking a picnic to one of the beauty spots in the locality. The town has a good source of food shops from which to buy your snacks, as well as cafes, tearooms & restaurants. Most of the public houses and hotels have an impressive menu for lunch and dinner for that special treat.

The Mere

The town's existence is owed to the Mere (Anglo Saxon for 'lake') as it was used as a defence in ancient times. Meres, unlike lakes, do not have water flowing through them, but depend upon water draining from the surrounding land. This nutrient rich water encourages a wide variety of plant, insect and animal life. The meres are unique in the country and a rarity in global terms. Visit the Visitor Information Centre to find out more.

The Mereside area has recently been extensively remodeled to update all the facilities including the Boathouse Visitor Information Centre, Arboretum, Children's Play Area and Cremorne Gardens. Stroll through The Cremorne Gardens to a children's playground and a nature walk giving wonderful views of the Mere and its wildfowl. For those content to sit and watch the birdlife, there is free roadside parking and numerous seats on the promenade.

During the season you can hire a rowing boat for a trip around The Mere. Between March and May there is an opportunity to see the herons on their nests and feeding their young, via a CCTV screen in the Visitor Information Centre.

Touring

Ellesmere is wonderfully located as a centre from which to tour. The historic towns of Shrewsbury and Chester - both well worth a visit - are within easy reach, as is the north coast of Wales.

Why not book in for Bed and Breakfast (at the Visitor Information Centre or Info-Link in town) and take time to enjoy this quintessentially English town set in peaceful, undulating countryside.

WHAT TO DO

Fishing - Coarse fishing at The Mere.
Day Tickets from the Visitor Information Centre Tel. 01691 622981 & Pets Pantry 01691 624492
For further information www.shropshire.gov.uk
Wood Lane Nature Reserve - Free to visit. Permits need to be booked in advance for bird hides.
Forms available from Info-link.
Walking & Cycling - Follow the Meres trail or the shorter Cremorne Gardens nature trail.
Guides available at local newsagents and the Visitor Information Centre.
Boating & Boarding - on the Mere

EVENTS

Music Festival: 1st June 2013
Food & Drink Festival: 15th & 16th June 2013
Ellesmere Triathlon: 26th May 2013
Rotary Regatta: 7th July 2013
Market Hotel Produce Show: 17th August 2013
Ellesmere Carnival: 24th August 2013
Flower Show: 24th August 2013
10k Run: 25th August 2013
Ellesmere Festival: 13th, 14th, 15th September 2013
Bonfire Night: 5th November 2013
Winter Festival: 29th November 2013

PLACES OF INTEREST

Cremorne Gardens - The beautiful park beside the Mere, with its children's playground.
Tourist Information Centre
Tel. 01691 622981 - Containing a wealth of information for the naturalist on the local meres, bird watching, and other areas of interest.
Colemere Country Park - Picnic area and walks.
Boat House Restaurant - 623852
See www.ellesmere.info for more information.

How to get to Ellesmere

LOCAL INFORMATION

Ellesmere Market is on every Tuesday in the Market Hall, Scotland Street. The hall can be booked for Special Events by calling the Tourist Information Centre on 01691 624488

Rotary Club: Wed 7.30pm at the Black Lion Hotel, Scotland Street. Tel: 01691 622418

Ellesmere Information Centre
Wharf Road Tel: 01691 624488

Post Office
26 Scotland Street Tel: 01691 622541

Banks
Lloyds TSB, Halifax and NatWest

Ellesmere Medical Practice
Trimpley Street Tel: 01691 622711

Ellesmere Library
Victoria Street Tel: 01691 622611

Blackwater Meadow Marina
Birch Road Tel: 01691 624391

Ellesmere Town Hall
Willow Street Tel: 01691 622188

Tourist Information Centre
Tel: 01691 622981

Countryside Services
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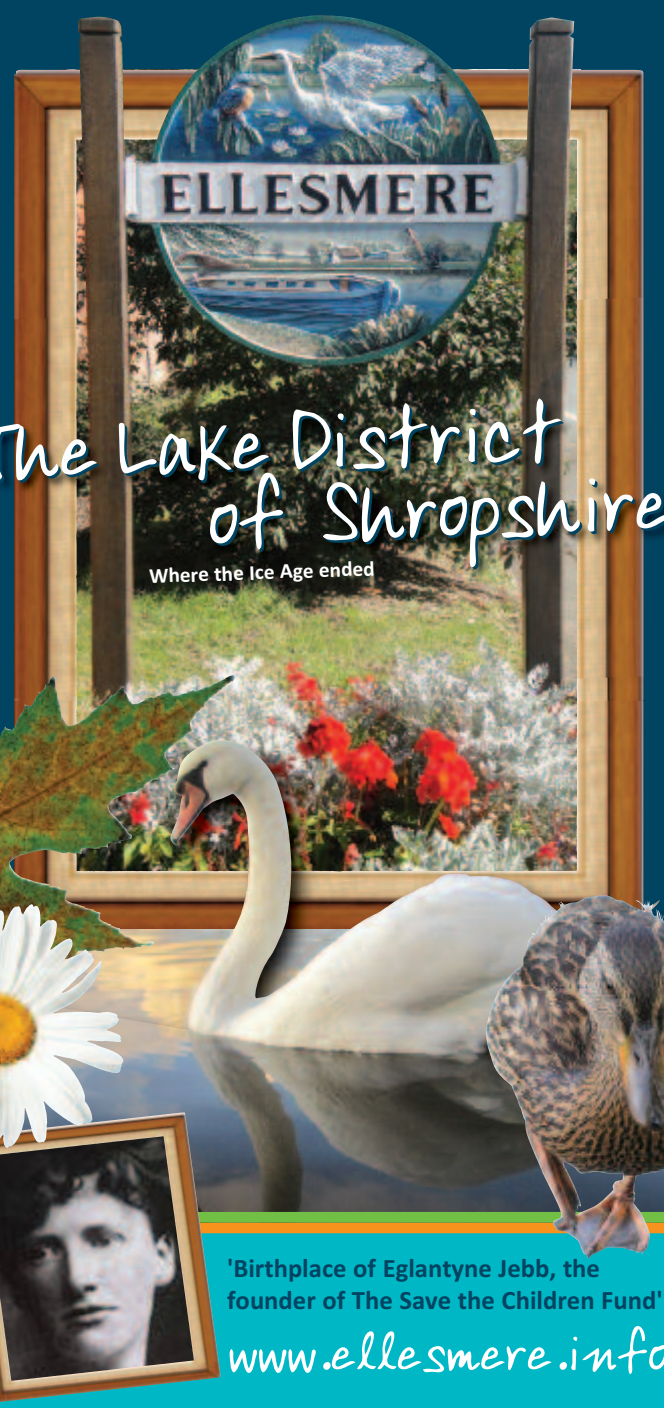

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Ellesmere, North Shropshire - Visitor Guide

Ellesmere Area Code: 01691
Postcode: SY12 0EG

Mereside:
Boathouse Restaurant - 623852
Boathouse Visitor Information Centre - 622981
Mereside Farm B&B, Stokes of Ellesmere,
Pork Pies & Sausages - 622404
Kiosk - 624620
(www.meresidekiosk.co.uk)

Church Street:
Mere Motors Service Station - 622343
Riley Gift Shop - 07789274980
18 The Red Lion Hotel - 622632

Talbot Street
12 Blakemere Vets Surgery - 622201

Watergate Street:
3/5 Morris Cook
Accountant - 622098
Guys & Molls
Hair & Tanning
- 624411

Market Street:
7 Brights - 622286
10 Anuyou Hairdressers - 624969
JC Dyke Builders Supplies - 624085
12 SR Drinnan,Opticians - 623300
4 White Lion Antiques - 623835

Cross Street:
2 Ceri's Hair Salon - 622114
1-3 Halls Estate Agents - 622602
4 B. Hawkins & Son - Butcher - 622329
5 Rowlands Pharmacy - 622698
6 Vermeulen Bakers & Deli - 622521
8 Petes Sandwich Bar - 623414
9 New Wan Loy Take-Away - 623479
10 J.S Hair - 622443
11 Barlows Electrical - 624427
17 Jelly Bean, Cakes & Gifts - 624428
The Swan Inn - 622596
19-21 TIGGS Clothes for all the
family and home ware - 622444
25 Co-operative Supermarket - 622560
TGs Builders Merchants - 622540
The Studio, Fitness/Hair/Beauty - 624627
Ellesmere Kebab & Pizza - 624638

Birch Road:
1 Award Winning Asian
Spices Indian Restaurant - 623689
White Hart Inn, Dog Friendly - 624653
Blackwater Meadow
Marina - 624391

Wharf Road:
Bowen Son & Watson Estate Agents - 622534
2a Rainbows - 07837 873458
2b Mere Framing - 624800
3 Greenspace Architects - 623889
4 Fashelles Fashion &
Tourist Information Centre - 624488
Tescos

High Street:
1/3 Ellesmere Newsagents - 622498
4 Greetings, Cards, Gifts & Balloons - 622248
8 Relate Charity Shop - 623404
10 Coral Chinese Takeaway - 622853
12 Shropshire Fish Bar
& Southern Fried Chicken - 624287
14 A.D.T. Carpets - 624422
5 Thai-Mere Restaurant - 624670
18 Ellesmere Dental Practice & Chiropodist - 623333
20 The Corner House Café Restaurant - 623478
The Ellesmere Hotel, Dog Friendly - 622055
Memory Lane Antiques & Curios

Scotland Street:
1 Newdell Computer Solutions - 623232
3 Talulah Bags & Accessories - 07828874319
4 Spar - 622475
5 Sanchi Jewellery - 622282
6 Coco Coffee Shop - 07976 822658
10 Mr Mod Barbers - 624070
10a Relate Tots to Teens Charity Shop
8 Ellesmere Fruit & Veg - 623442
9 Ellesmere New and Used Centre - 623897
9a Shropshire Web Design - 623897
11 Lily the Pink Flower Shop - 623628
11 Sue Haskey, Chiropodist - 622970
13 Talgarth Tea Rooms - 624440
16 The Market Hotel, Dog Friendly - 624332
20 The Signtists - The Vinyl Sign Centre - 622990
22 Body & Soul, Holistics and Beauty - 623365
24 Pet's Pantry & Fishing Tackle - 624492
26 Post Office & The Party Shop - 622541
30 Quirky Art Ceramics Studio & Gallery
32 S.J. Hodgkins - Butcher - 622279
Scott's Victoria Garage - 622449
42 League of Friends Charity Shop
42 Courtyard Interiors - 622550
The Black Lion Hotel - 622418
Defennas Hairdressers
Natwest Bank
Flex Appeal Gym
Beautiful Planet - 623070

Willow Street:
2 Mere Park Financial Services - 624866
8 Gough Thomas & Scott Solicitors - 622413
North Shropshire Tyres - 622088/624060
Mere Park Financial Services Ltd - 624866
Town Council Offices - 622689
Town Hall - 622188

Victoria Street
17 Marios Plaice Take away - 623248
15 Washing Well Launderette
Comrades Sports & Social Club - 622419
Library - 622611

Trimpley Street:
Community Nursing Home - 622364
The Meres Day Centre - 622584

Ellesmere Business Park:
Lakeside Coaches - 622761
8 EEZYINK www.eezyink.com /
623934 / 08456 449428
Brownlow Vet Group - 622137 / 622152
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