

Ludlow Green Festival 2018 – Green Walk

Start: at the Ludlow 21 stall at 11.00 am. Should finish by 12.30 pm.

Walk to the Castle entrance (talk about the Assembly Rooms and the Ludlow festivals) and turn right along the path around the Castle and down to the Millennium Green. On the way point out the memorial trees, the Linney area (flax) and talk about flooding and flood prevention and the past pollution of the river from tanning. Point out the Rugby Club's PV panel roof (20KW).

At the Millennium Green talk about the weirs and old mills, the fish pass and the hydro schemes here and at Bromfield. Point out the Green Café.

Walk up to Dinham Bridge and point out Whitcliffe Common and the Bread Walk. Visit St Thomas's Chapel and turn right down St Thomas's Lane and left along Camp Lane.

At Mill Street turn right through the town wall and visit the allotments and the river. Return up Lower Mill Street, talk about the Town Walls trust and turn right into Silk Mill Lane.

Turn right on Broad Street. Point out Telford's trench, talk about the town gates (murage etc) and walls and go down Lower Broad Street. Talk about fulling mills. Cross Ludford bridge and visit the green burial site, returning back over the bridge.

Turn right along Temeside and point out the horseshoe weir and Ludlow Hydro Coop scheme (15 to 20,000KWH/month). Carry on along Temeside and point out the site of the old coal gas works, the Roman ford and the Furniture Scheme warehouse.

Turn left up Weeping Cross Lane (explain the name). Turn left onto Lower Galdeford. Point out the recycling area and talk about the park and ride.

Visit the Mascall Centre, Pea Green Café, Furniture Scheme workshop and Co-Wheels cars.

Turn left into Tower Street and point out the Renaissance Centre. Turn right into the Bull Ring and talk about the history of the Ludlow livestock markets. Point out the micro-pub at the top of Old Street, Rickards and Griffiths and talk about independent shops.

At the entrance to Bull Yard point out the view down Corve Street (the story of Ludlow's Tesco, the brewery and Myriad Organics). Go through Bull Yard and up the steps to the church yard. Talk about the town wall and the graveyards. Turn left past the Readers House and visit the Jubilee Garden. Go past the church's heating plant and talk about biomass and PV panels.

Left to the High Street (talk about Bodenham's and point out Broad Bean). Return to the Market Square via the Local to Ludlow shop and talk about the Ludlow markets.

Mike Beazley, May 2018