



# TR Register Shropshire Group's Drive It Day Run To Stokesay Castle Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022



Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April is the National Drive It Day. This is designated by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs as the day when all owners of historic vehicles are encouraged to use them on the roads of Britain. We shall celebrate this by visiting Stokesay Castle, near Craven Arms, and having a late Sunday Lunch at the Yew Tree Inn in All Stretton.

Stokesay Castle is one of the finest surviving fortified manor houses in England. It was largely built in its present form in the late 13th century by Laurence de Ludlow, on an earlier castle. Laurence 'of' Ludlow was one of the leading wool merchants in England, who intended it to form a secure private house and generate income as a commercial estate. Laurence's descendants continued to own the castle until the 16th century, when it passed through various private owners. By the time of the outbreak of the English Civil War in 1641, Stokesay was owned by William Craven, the first Earl of Craven and a supporter of King Charles I. After the Royalist war effort collapsed in 1645, Parliamentary forces besieged the castle in June and quickly forced its garrison to surrender. Parliament ordered the property to be slighted, but only minor damage was done to the walls, allowing Stokesay to continue to be used as a house by the Baldwyn family until the end of the 17th century.

This is an English Heritage property. Parking is £3 per car (free to EH members displaying a current EH membership badge) and entry to the castle costs £9 or £8.10 for concessions (ie persons over 65). EH members free on the production of a current membership card. We will be given a 15% Group Discount if we have 11 or more paying visitors.

An optional walk, of approx. 1½ hours, to View Edge is also available. If you intend to walk, please do bring boots and suitable clothing. It is possible to walk without entering the castle. The tearoom is accessible directly from the car park.

The Yew Tree Inn is a Grade II listed building with parts dating back to the 17th Century. The current owners bought the pub September 2018 and there have been extensive renovations of the building to provide a new commercial kitchen, outside areas including an oak pavilion and gardens. We will need to pre-order food.

**Itinerary:**

10:00	Meet at Salop Leisure, SY5 6QS - Jut East of the A5 Shrewsbury By-pass on the B4380 towards Atcham
10:30	<b>PROMPT</b> Start of run.
11:30	Arrive at Stokesay Castle, Craven Arms, SY7 9AH
13:30	Depart Stokesay Castle
13:45	Arrive at The Yew Tree Inn, All Stretton, SY6 6HG

This is a non-competitive Social Run and is organised under the latest instructions of the TR Register. It will be necessary to sign the TR Register's disclaimer before the start of the run.

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