**Shropshire Group Report**

**TR Action 349**

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The Shropshire Group’s annual Autumn Run took place on 5th November. It was a beautiful drive, accompanied by amazing autumnal colours of reds, browns and russets, taking in lovely North Shropshire and Staffordshire villages to arrive at the RAF Cosford Museum for Tea and Coffee. There was a Healey owners Club meeting also at Cosford with private rooms booked for trefreshments. This was a posh event compared to ours, but they had forgotten one thing – to bring their cars and two lonely Healey 3000’s sat in the carpark surrounded by many TR’s!

We had a good 2 hour stop at the museum taking in the fantastic displays. It was an experience to visit the magnificent Cold War Hanger which showed how close we were to starting WW3. Before leaving the museum, we gathered for a photo opportunity with a Nimrod and a Hercules as our backdrop.

The route to lunch at The Fox & Hounds, Shawbury took us past David Austen Rose’s (no room in the TR) and onto Coalport before crossing the River Severn. We had to navigate a number of flooded roads but nothing the TRs couldn’t cope with!

Our final event for 2023 was the Turkey Trot followed by a festive meal. Twenty-six cars set out from Battlefield, Shrewsbury and followed a circuitous route to the National Trust’s Attingham Park. Here all the rooms in the mansion had been decorated for Christmas and each had a themed Christmas Tree. It was magical and enjoyed by everybody. The parkland was also themed for Christmas with rustic tableaux of reindeer and sleds.

After leaving Attingham, we had a scenic drive along Wenlock Edge to Church Stretton and on to The Horseshoes Inn in Dorrington. Forty-eight of us sat down to an excellent festive lunch.

In the past we have exchanged “Secret Santa” presents. However, this year we decided that we would make anonymous donations for cancer charities. Malcolm Lainsbury constructed a wonderful “Post Box” to receive out envelopes. A total of £585 was raised and this will be split equally between Cancer Research and Prostate Cancer UK.

Hope you all had a great Christmas and a good start t the New Year.

**Photo Captions:**

**IMG\_4596 – RAF Cosford Museum**

**IMG\_8620a – Shropshire’s Turkey Trot**