

Shropshire Group Report

TR Action 352

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Shropshire Group's May run took us to Loton Park. Since 1970, the Hadley and District Light Car Club has been organising hill climbs in the deer park at Loton Park Estate, Alberbury near Shrewsbury. The estate is owned by Sir Michael Leighton whose family can trace its roots in Shropshire back to the 12th century.

The HDLCC arranged a cavalcade up the hill for us. It was quite exciting and felt scary – until we learnt that the competitors were reaching twice our speeds!

Our Spring Tour, at the beginning of June, was a great success. We took 52 Shropshire Group members and partners in 26 cars (all but 3 being TRs) on a tour of the North York Moors. This meant that we occupied all the rooms in The Mallyan Spout Hotel, Goathland, five rooms at The Fairhaven Guest House and a further room at The Inn-on-the-Moor. Fortunately, these were all close by which enabled us to get together for meals, evening activities etc.

Each day there was a run led by one of the organisers as well as optional routes, including walks, which allowed members to plan their days as they wished. This worked very well as we split into smaller groups and avoided convoy runs. In fact, we would meet other members in towns or wave to them as we passed in opposite directions.

The scenery of the North York Moors is picturesque with wide open spaces. One member likened it to "Shropshire Hills on steroids". The roads are a great driving experience as they sweep across the open moorland – with very few potholes!

Evening entertainment was hilariously provided by Roger and Angela Boxall. Thanks both.

The TRs behaved well with only minor niggles. However, on the homeward journey, Roger and Angela broke down outside Matthewson's in Thornton-le Dale and Gordon Grant's clutch failed.

The tour was enjoyed by everybody. Thanks must go to my fellow organisers, Peter Napier, Malcolm Lainsbury, Gordon Grant, Greg Washington and Roger Boxall. A fuller report will appear in a forthcoming edition of our Group magazine, "TR Torque" which will be published on our website.

Also in June, we had a run out for lunch at The Ragleth Inn in Little Stretton and then a visit to Aldenham Park. Aldenham Park is a privately owned house and estate just outside Morville, near Bridgnorth. It was originally built as a fortified manor house in the mid-fifteenth century for the Acton family. It is now Grade II* Palladian house with strong links to Charles I who took refuge here in a priest hole from Oliver Cromwell (leaving his coat behind). The current owner, Hettie Fenwick gave us a conducted tour of the gardens and house followed by tea and cakes.

Shropshire Group's Forthcoming Events

12th August	Shropshire Group's Club Night at The Fox and Hounds, Shawbury
22nd August	Group display at RAF Shawbury Families' Day
17th September	Shropshire Group's Club Night at The Fox and Hounds, Shawbury
TBA	Shropshire Group Run
5th October	South Shropshire Run

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Shropshire Group in the North York Moors