



TR Register Shropshire Group's Breakfast Meet & Run to Moat Hall Sunday 4th August 2024



Itinerary: (times are approximate)

09:30	Meet at Montford Bridge Café, Montford Bridge Picnic Area, SY4 1EB
11:00	PROMPT start of run
12:00	Arrive at Kerry Vale Vineyard, Pentrehayling, SY15 6HU
13:00	Depart Kerry Vale Vineyard.
14:00	Arrive at Moat Hall, Annscroft, Shrewsbury, SY5 8AZ

We will start the day with a sumptuous breakfast at the Montford Bridge Café just off the A5 towards Oswestry at Montford Bridge. Arrive from 09:30 and leave yourself plenty of time to enjoy this well-liked breakfast spot.

From Montford Bridge we will have circuitous scenic drive to the café at the Kerry Vale Vineyard where we will stop for coffee. They have promised to bake some fresh scones for us! On site you can taste and buy their wine. There is also a gift shop.

The land on which Kerry Vale Vineyard sits is of great archaeological interest. It was once part of the ancient Roman site of Pentreheyling Fort, a vicus (a provincial civilian settlement). As well as the Roman history, two decades of archaeological research show the site was once occupied by Bronze Age funerary monuments, a druid road, and a medieval settlement! Offa's Dyke is just a field away.

Shropshire Group members, Martin & Helen Davies, are opening their gardens at Moat Hall, Annscroft, under the National Gardens scheme. We will support them with a visit to their garden.

The Moat Hall garden is an acre around an old farmhouse within a dry moat. There is a well organised and extensive kitchen garden, fruit garden and orchard for self-sufficiency. The picture is completed by colourful herbaceous borders; stumpery; raised cut flower borders; $\frac{2}{3}$ acre pond nearby with oak gazebo; and many interesting stone items including troughs, cheese weights, staddle stones some uncovered in the garden. Refreshments will be available.

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