

# Church Stretton

Church Stretton lies in a landscape of stunning variety and beauty. The only town within the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, its 5,000 residents live in a valley between the heather-covered Long Mynd and the even more imposing rocky peaks of the Stretton Hills to the east.

The town boasts a friendly welcome, three banks, a post office, traditional shops, two supermarkets, three pubs and over twenty eateries – along with free two hour on street parking, or cheap central car parks, and a Visitor Information Centre.

For walkers there are many maps, guides and leaflets, giving almost immediate access to a wilderness of high moorland through Rectory Field and Wood onto the Long Mynd plateau. On its flanks are deep gullies and shallow, rocky streams, while lower down the hills are woodlands and fields. Wildlife includes buzzards, curlew, raven, red grouse, deer, brown hares, badgers, Exmoor ponies and thousands of sheep.

Our hill country is a magnet for walkers of all ages and abilities. On offer are ambles, Walking for Health paths, more active rambles and the opportunity to walk the hill tops with surprisingly modest effort. There are over 30 miles of well maintained grassy paths and 20 miles of bridleways covering the heather of the moorlands, the grass, bracken and woods of the Shropshire Hills and the lush greenery of the batches and lowland fields.

Our prize-winning gardens at the railway station are a fitting place to start many local walks and the Shropshire Hills Shuttle buses run at the weekends, Easter to September, providing easy access into the hills from Church Stretton and Carding Mill Valley – a delightful National Trust picnic and play area along with its café, car parks and shop.

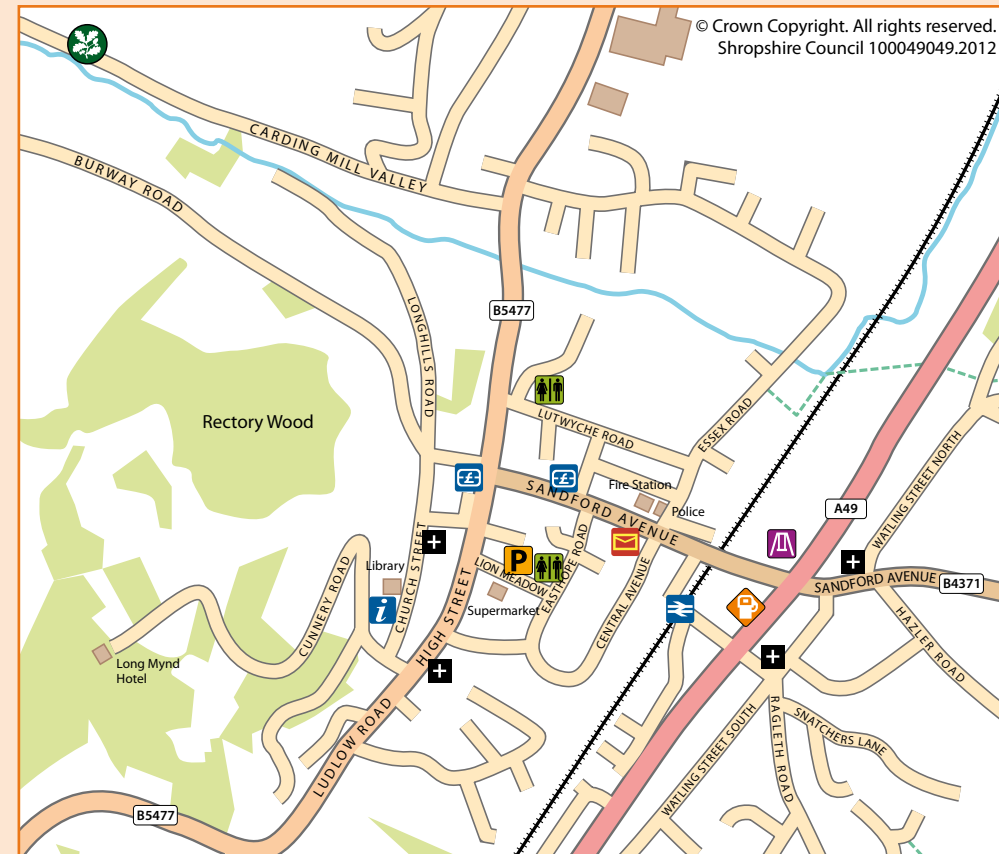
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