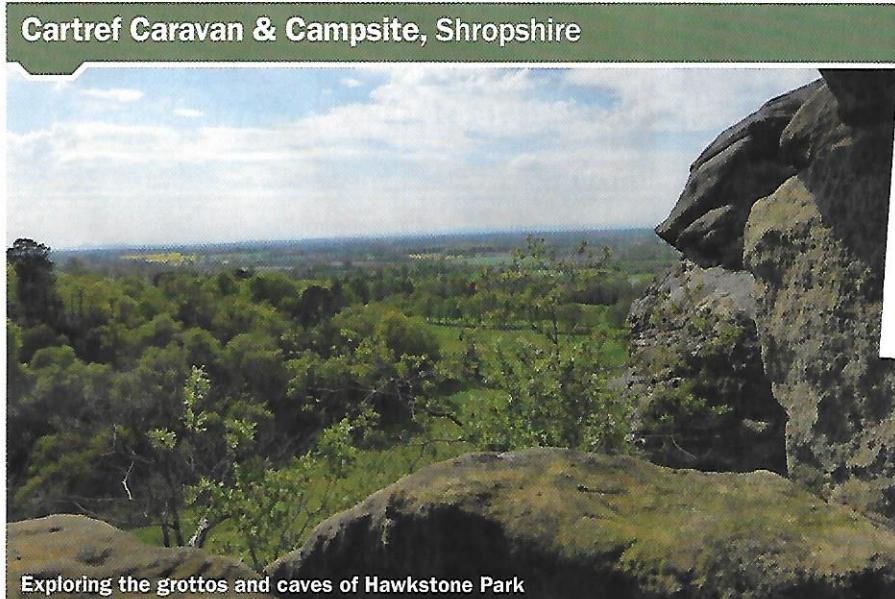


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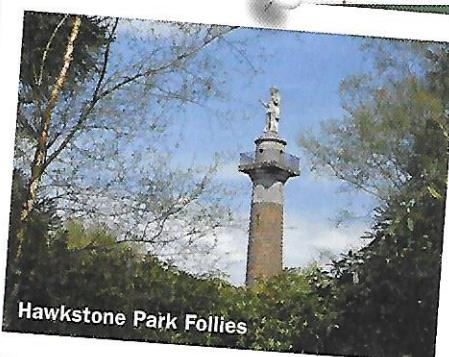
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Cartref Caravan & Campsite, Shropshire



Exploring the grottos and caves of Hawkstone Park



Hawkstone Park Follies



Pitched up at Cartref

The standard of campsite shops varies enormously but The Vintage Larder at Cartref Caravan and Campsite near Shrewsbury sets the bar very high.

After an enjoyable long walk over the nearby Lyth Hill, I was in need of energy and was wishing we had bought cake to have with our brew. Fortunately, The Vintage Larder saved the day with excellent homemade flapjack packed with fruit. The shop also sells locally made quiches, fresh fruit and vegetables, its own eggs, as well as milk and everything for a campsite breakfast and you can order excellent fresh bread for the next day.

The campsite is kept neat and tidy with tubs of flowers and hardstanding marked pitches.

There is an adult-only area, clean facilities, two washing-up sinks, a play area and gardens with benches to sit and soak up the sunshine.

Cartref is set in quiet countryside and, from here, you can walk or cycle to the village of Ford and the River Severn. Alternatively, there are so many places to visit within driving distance it would take weeks to run out of options.

The historic city of Shrewsbury is only five miles away with plenty

of black and white timber-framed buildings, shops and the river meandering through. If you enjoy walking, all the Shropshire hills are within reach, including the Wrekin, Wenlock Edge and the Long Mynd.

We set off in the 'van intending to visit The National Trust's Attingham Park, but followed the wrong brown sign and ended up at Haughmond Abbey owned by English Heritage. This turned out to be a lovely and tranquil spot to visit, with extensive and impressive ruins.

In the afternoon, we moved on to Hawkstone Park Follies, a few miles north of Shrewsbury. This fantasy wonderland of eighteenth century follies is set on a sandstone ridge. Visitors can explore the grottos and caves dug out of the rock and climb steep steps to precipitous edges crossed by high bridges. The views across the green Shropshire countryside from the top of the monument are breathtaking and well worth the climb.



Carol Kubicki

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- Cartref, Ford Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 9GD
- 01743 821688
- cartrefcaravansite.co.uk
- 3 March – 29 October
- Two adults, pitch and electric: From £21

Nearest public transport: 1½ miles

Nearest pub/restaurant: 1½ miles

Directions: From A5 bypass around Shrewsbury, turn onto B4386 towards Montgomery. Turn right for Ford and Montford (brown campsite sign here) and follow brown signs, turning left and you will find campsite on your left