

Shrewsbury Flower Show - Car parking and Access

Shropshire Council is reminding people about parking arrangements in Shrewsbury town centre on the days of the Shrewsbury Flower Show (Friday 8th and Saturday 9th August 2014).

Parking your car if you are visiting the show

On the days of the show Shropshire Council's Frankwell Main Long Stay Car Park and Frankwell Riverside Short Stay Car Park will be designated as Flower Show car parks, for use by people visiting the show. In addition there are temporary car parks at Radbrook Road, Burrs Field & the Shropshire County Show Ground.

Motorists are advised to use one of these designated Flower Show car parks by following the 'AA - Flower Show' direction signs which will be actively managed throughout the day to help you to reach the most suitable car park.

The Radbrook Road and the Shropshire County Show Ground car parks which are further away from the town centre will have a frequent free shuttle bus service direct to and from the showground. Low floored buses will be available for visitors in wheelchairs or with pushchairs.

Each of the Flower Show car parks will be open from 9am on the Friday and Saturday, and the cost will be £4.50 per car all day. There will be sufficient car parking for all cars visiting the show.

Parking for non Flower Show cars will be available at Frankwell sports field before 9am, at a cost of just £2 all day

St. Julian's Friars car park will not be open for public car parking on either 8th or 9th August.

Coach parking

Frankwell Main car park is the only coach park available this year, with capacity for up to 200 coaches. Parking is free for all coaches which is a brand new incentive offered by Shropshire Horticultural Society.

If you are visiting with a HGV vehicle or a non- Flower Show coach visit please use Abbey Foregate Car Park although a limited number of spaces are available.

Mobility buses shuttle service

A fleet of mobility buses will be operating a shuttle service from Frankwell Main car park/coach park for people in wheelchairs, and those who may have difficulty walking, plus their carers.

An extended evening service for Park and Ride

The Park and Ride service will be extended only for people visiting the show late afternoon or those specifically wishing to see the fireworks display.

Buses will run every 15 minutes from 6.45pm, stopping for the fireworks display at 9.15pm and then resuming afterwards until 10.15pm.

The bus stops/drop off points are at Shoplatch and Barker Street where the main access is accessible by St John's Hill and Claremont Hill. However, people will be picked up only at Barker Street after the firework display has finished.

A return trip costs just £1.60 and the sites are well signed on all approaches to the town centre.

Concessionary passes are not accepted on this service

Park and Ride – Normal Daytime Service if you are not visiting the show

People who wish to visit the town centre to shop or work are asked to use the Park & Ride service, **which will be dedicated to the non Flower Show car park** users who wish to avoid Flower Show traffic.

This service will run every 10 minutes from 7.30am on the Friday and from 8am on the Saturday, with the last bus leaving the town centre at 6.45pm.

A return trip costs just £1.60 and the sites are well signed on all approaches to the town centre.

The Abbey Foregate car park, Raven Meadows multi-storey car park and the short-stay town centre car parks will all be open as normal on the days of the Flower Show with Ravens Meadows remaining open until 11pm on both days of the show.

Road closures and 'No Parking' areas

St Chads Terrace (by St. Chads) on the Town Walls route will be closed for both days. Through traffic will be able to use the High Street or St. Johns Hill.

There will also be closures at Castle Gates, Castle Street, High Street, Shoplatch, and St. Johns Hill for 15 minutes for the military parade through the town at around 11.10am on both days.

There will be 'No Parking' Orders in place at various locations including Victoria Avenue, Priory Road (emergency route), Claremont Street, Radbrook Road and Pengwern Road (for buses to park). Also, some other roads outside the town centre may be affected due to Flower Show traffic these are on busy routes into the town or near car parks.

Local Special Flower Show town bus services

There will be a number of Special Flower Show town services operating with a single departure at 10.20pm from Claremont Street going to the following locations:

Abbey Foregate,
Bayston Hill,
Coleham,
Cophorne,
Gains Park,
Harlescott,
Meole Estate,
Meole Village,
Monkmoor,
Mount Pleasant,
Radbrook,
Sundorne
Sutton Farm.

There will be a limited number of spaces on these services so passengers are advised to leave enough time before departure. Please note that concessionary passes will not be accepted on these services. Journeys on these services will cost £2 per passenger.

For more information, call **01743 253787** during normal office hours or e-mail zoe.mortimer@shropshire.gov.uk