

Signed up to making Shropshire safer!

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Businesses and other organisations around Shropshire which have recently signed up to support Safe Places include:

Ironbridge - Blists Hill Victorian Town, Blists Hill Volunteer Centre, Coalport China Museum, Enginuity, Jackfield Tile Museum, Museum of Iron, Museum of the Gorge, Museum Gift Shop, Abbots Wood Day Centre, Albert Road Day Service, Aquamira, Bears on the Square, Cooperative, Ironbridge Book Shop, Ironbridge Fish and Chip Shop, Ironbridge Pharmacy, Merrythought Teddy Bear Shop.

Craven Arms – Casca, Premier (Spar), The Gateway, The Paper Shop, Tuffin's Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre.

Ellesmere - Black Lion, Co-operative, the Library, Ellesmere Pharmacy, League of Friends, Pete's Café, Premier Supermarket, Relate, Rowland's Pharmacy, Sanchi Jewellers, Talgarth Tea Rooms, White Lion Antiques

Bishop's Castle - Bishop's Castle Pharmacy, the Cooperative, Enterprise House, Information Centre, Kirsty's Café,

Mace, Spar, Stonehouse (Coverage Care).

Ludlow - Boots, Brown and Francis, Cancer Research, Castle Tea Rooms, Ludlow, Library, One Stop, Tower Street, Oxfam, Rockspring Centre, Sandpits; S.C.Price, Shoe Zone, Spar, Wesley's Café, Working Together.

Wem - Castle Pub, Cooperative, Gemini Hairdressers, Nat West Bank, Old Post Office Pub, Relate, Rowland's Chemist, Seasons Florist, Treacle Mine, Wem Library.

Bridgnorth - Age Concern, BamBoo, Blue Cross, Bridgnorth Library, Cooperative - Low Town, Delo's, Elegance, Jewel in the Severn, L W Foxall,

Murrays Health Care, Red Cross, The Brasserie, The Falcon, The Tudor Room, Top Notch, Innage Lane Resource Centre.

In addition businesses are still signing up in towns that have been visited previously (and even some that are still to be visited by our recruiters!)

These include: In Oswestry, Chalk; in Shrewsbury, Two Fat Rascals and Shropshire MIND; in Market Drayton, Wayfarers; in Baschurch, Greenacres.



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In early summer the Safe Places scheme celebrated a major milestone, recruiting its 200th Shropshire 'Safe Place' - and that place was The Wenlock Smoothie, in Much Wenlock. But since then recruitment work has gone on unabated and many more businesses and other organisations have signed up to the scheme, which can now really be said to be Shropshire-wide.

Safe Place locations provide vulnerable people, such as those with learning difficulties, those living with dementia, those who have anxiety attacks, or those who feel bullied or threatened with a place they can go to find assistance.

In all the supporting organisations, staff have been trained to provide support to vulnerable people who

become distressed or confused when out in public for whatever reason. This support includes contacting carers or other agencies, such as the police, who can assist.

Since the 200th celebrations Ironbridge, Ellesmere, Bishop's Castle, Craven Arms, Ludlow, Wem and Bridgnorth have been visited.

For a full list of all the businesses and other organisations in these towns which have readily agreed to support Safe Places see the back page.

And since these sign-ups there have been plenty more. Newport and Wellington have been visited, with Madeley, Highley and Cleobury Mortimer coming soon. By our Christmas edition we're sure to have lots more names to report!

Now you can find us on Facebook as well as Twitter

Safe Places Shropshire now has a Face Book Community page, set up by one of our team members from Telford, Richard Taylor-Murison, the Equalities Officer with Telford & Wrekin Council. So come on and follow us on:

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Safe-Places-Shropshire/1144904945524971>

Twitter at @SafePlaceShrops

Special days that can benefit many users of Safe Places

'Dignity in Mental Health' is the theme for this year's World Mental Health Day on 10 October.

The annual event is focused on global mental health education, awareness and advocacy and a full programme of activities and support will be announced soon by the Mental Health Foundation. So keep an eye on <http://www.mental-health.org.uk/>

Speaking of special days that focus attention on important issues, International Disability Day this year falls on 3 December. The aim is to encourage a better understanding of those affected by a disability, together with helping to make people more aware of the rights, dignity and welfare of

disabled people, as well as raise awareness about the benefits of integrating the disabled into every aspect of life, from economic, to political, to social and cultural.

Disability Day is not concerned exclusively with either mental or physical disabilities, but encompasses every known disability. Events will



include discussions, forums and campaigns, organised locally, regionally and nationally. The overall aim is to

show non-disabled people that those with a disability can be an active and equal member of society.

For more information visit <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/disability-day/>

The card that can speak for you

This is the card that people can carry if they have communication difficulties. It enables businesses supporting Safe Places to know who to contact on their behalf and where to reach them. Cards can be obtained in several ways - from businesses



with a Safe Place sticker on the window, from hatecrime@shropshire-disability.net, or from ann.shaw@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Finding out more

To find out more about Safe Places and the businesses near you that are signed up to it, please visit the Shropshire Disability Network website - <http://shropshire-disability.net/safe-shropshire/>

'Reflection' to build on success

After more than two busy and very worthwhile years, the Safe Places team feels now is the moment to stand back and look at what has worked and what has not, to think through ways to reach even more people with the message of Safe Places.

In other words, a new look at ourselves is called for - and what could be a better time to do it than National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2015. This special national week will run from 10-17 October and our 'reflection' will be held on the 14th at the new University Centre Shrewsbury.

Hate Crime Awareness Week aims to tackle hate crime issues by raising awareness of

what hate crime actually is and how to respond to it, encourage reporting, and promote local support services and resources.

Shropshire and Telford have made a very good start because, basically, the awareness week will seek to encourage everything we are trying to do through our Hate Crime Reporting Group!

The week will still be valuable to us because it will give us an opportunity to do more to raise awareness locally. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a particular idea they would like to put into action. We do have funding available for good ideas.

These are the organisations behind Safe Places Shropshire

