

Named after Thomas Telford the famous civil engineer, Telford is one of the UK's fastest growing and most successful new towns. Surrounded by hi-tech businesses, the town centre has many cafes, Sunnycroft (National Trust).

Saints church by George Stuart (architect of nearby Attingham Park) and 19th century gentleman's villa, including the 15th century Old Hall, 18th century markets. It has a number of attractive buildings, Modern Wellington is still home to regular street

## Telford

Wellington, built on the edge of Watling Street, was an important medieval market town, with its first charter granted in 1244.

## Wellington

This section of Route 81 takes you through some of Shropshire's most starkly contrasting landscapes. Wellington, with its many fine Victorian buildings, Telford, a modern new town with an indoor shopping centre, and then on to scenic countryside interspersed with small market towns and villages.

For a fun day out in east Shropshire why not cycle to the RAF Museum at Cosford? This fascinating free museum houses one of the largest collections of historic aircraft in the UK spanning nearly 80 years of aviation history. To experience three types of transport in one day there's also the option of connecting with local trains.



## Planes, trains and bicycles



After visiting the RAF Museum in Cosford you can continue to Albrighton, a small town with pubs, a village green and the historic St. Mary Magdalene and St Cuthbert's Churches (1181). There are railway stations at Shifnal, Cosford and Albrighton



Keep an eye out for **Priorslee Hall**, a brick-built 18th century mansion - the head offices of the Lilleshall company until 1964. Today it's part of the Telford campus of University of Wolverhampton. Pass through **Shifnal**, a small market town with a grand main street, many good quality pubs and hotels and a railway station. Charles Dickens stayed here and used the site of the Oak Tree where King Charles II infamously hid from the roundheads after the battle of Worcester in 1651). Nearby are the remains of 12th Century **White Ladies Priory**.

## Beyond Telford

shops and hotels. Take time out to explore the Town Park with its extensive network of cycle and walking routes and wild areas. Or visit the tranquil **Granville Country Park**, a nature reserve with richly diverse wildlife and fauna situated around a disused deep mine one mile north of the route. At Telford, connect with the **Silkin Way** (Route 55) - a mostly traffic-free route to Ironbridge.

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National Rail Enquiries [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) 08457 48 49 50  
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## Public transport enquiries

Sustrans 0845 1130065  
Cyclists' Touring Club (CTC) 0844 736 8450  
Perry Cycles - Wellington 01952 244802  
Bicycle Buzz Ltd - Telford 01952 605213

## Cycling contacts

- 23 The Crown, Albrighton 01902 372204
- 22 The Harp Hotel, Albrighton 01902 374381
- 21 The Old Bush, Albrighton 01902 372898
- 20 Spiders Webb Café, Albrighton 01902 372379
- 19 The Gallery Guesthouse, Shifnal 01952 462702
- 18 Park House Hotel, Shifnal 01952 460128
- 17 The White Hart, Shifnal 01952 461161
- 16 Albion Inn, Oakenates 01952 614193
- 15 Crown Inn, Oakenates 01952 610888
- 14 The Sunshine Café, Oakenates 01952 613312
- 13 Red Lion, Trench 01952 617820
- 12 The Blue Fig, Trench 01952 603527
- 11 Grove House Hotel, Wellington 01952 244059
- 10 Park Hotel, Wellington 01952 223154
- 9 The Plough Inn, Wellington 01952 255981
- 8 Mollies Café, Wellington 01952 254289

## Cycle friendly accommodation, cafes & pubs

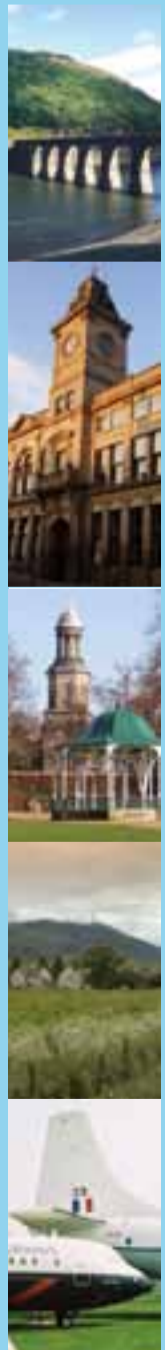
- 7 Bosobel House 01902 850244
- 6 RAF Museum Cosford 01902 376200
- 5 Priorslee Hall 01952 202976
- 4 Granville Country park (Shropshire Wildlife Trust) 01743 284280
- 3 Perry Way (disused railway)
- 2 Middle Pool and Trench Pool
- 1 Sunnycroft (National Trust) 01952 242884

## Attractions

- Telford 01952 238008
- Wellington Library 01952 382990
- Shifnal Library 01952 461018
- Albington Library 01902 372226

## Visitor Information Centres

## Route 81 National Cycle Network 150 miles through England and Wales



Aberystwyth

Rhayader

Newtown

Welshpool

Shrewsbury

Wellington

Telford

Cosford

Albrighton

Wolverhampton



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## National Cycle Route 81



**Wellington to Albrighton**  
Explore Shropshire's contrasting historic villages and industrial new town. Make time for plane spotting at the RAF Museum, Cosford.

### Discover Shropshire By Bike

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## Wellington to Albrighton

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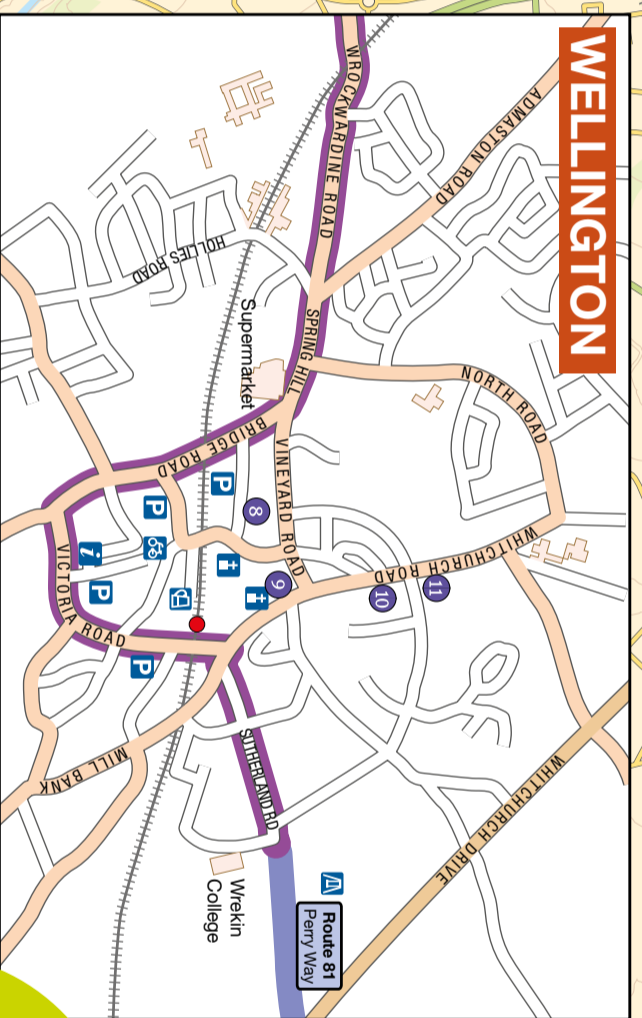
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	Route 81 (on lanes/traffic-free)		Route 55 (traffic-free)
	Route 45 (on lanes/traffic-free)		
	Take Care		Car Parking
	Visitor Information Centre		Cycle Shop
	Café		Cycle Parking
	Public House		Cycle Hire
	Shops		Playground
			Country Park
			Railway Station
			Wildlife Reserve
			Leisure Centre
			Building of Historical Interest
			Museum
			Place of Worship
			English Heritage
			National Trust
			Youth Hostel

**Code of Conduct**

- ♻️ Cycle With Care
- ♻️ Always follow the Highway Code
- ♻️ Be considerate to other users, and give way to pedestrians and horse riders
- ♻️ Take particular care at junctions, when cycling downhill and on loose surfaces
- ♻️ Ride in single file on narrow or busy roads
- ♻️ Consider wearing a helmet and high visibility clothing
- ♻️ Fit a bell and use it - don't surprise people



**National Cycle Route 81**  
Wellington to Albrighton – 16 Miles • 26 km

