

Shropshire is reputedly the most haunted county in England and Shrewsbury the most haunted town. For this walk you need your lead on throughout as it is in the town centre. Scooby Scooby doo where are you?

1. Start at the impressive St Alkmunds church in St Alkmunds Square where at night you may see the ghost of a lumberjack called George Archer who fell off the steeple after being bet that he couldn't climb it. He did climb it and fell to his death and it is said that his ghost can still be seen falling from on high. Walk across to the next door church St Julians where a ghost of a man mistakenly buried alive is said to wander the graveyard.

2. Walk down Fish Street and you arrive at Wyle Cop and turning left you will see The Lion Hotel. A well dressed ghost in a grey ball gown is said to haunt this hotel and can be seen wandering down the stairs and into the ballroom where she vanishes into thin air.

3. Turn on your tail and walk back down Wyle Cop towards the English Bridge. On your right you will see a cobbled alleyway called Barracks Passage. It is said that us pups refuse to pass on the side of the street that the Tudor House is on. Faces of men and boys dressed in military uniforms, perhaps from the Bosworth battlefield can be seen in the windows.

4. Crossing the English bridge walk straight ahead to Abbey Foregate. There is a lovely picnic area to your left but as Ghost Pupsters we continue walking straight on, under a bridge and taking the left hand fork before Shrewsbury Abbey which you will see in front of you.

5. Walk around the Abbey and graveyard and then pick up the main road again until shortly you reach The Dun Cow. It is reported

to be haunted by the ghost of a Dutchman who was executed for the murder of Prince Ruperts steward. There have been several sightings of the man but perhaps the most creepy was when the landlords family all overslept to find out that every clock in the building was showing the same time - 6.45am the time of his execution. Monks have also been seen on the premises. The Dun Cow accepts dogs on the decking area but not inside.

6. From Abbey Foregate retrace your steps back to the English Bridge and once over the bridge walk down a short step of steps and along the river. Before you go under a bridge take the signpost to the left towards the town centre up St Marys Water Lane.

7. At the top turn right into Windsors Lane and right again towards the castle. Along the way you will see a slim passageway named Traitors Gate where you may see skeletons hanging from the archway.

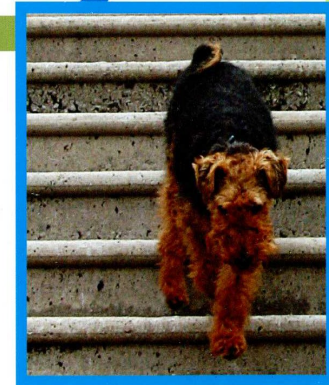
8. You will shortly arrive at Shrewsbury Castle on your right. The castle is built on the site of a notorious villain called "Bloody" Jack. "Bloody" Jack used to lure innocent young women back to his home on the promise of love and marriage where he would imprison and rape them and then cut off their fingers and toes which he kept as souvenirs. He can sometimes be seen on the lawns dragging a screaming naked lady by the name of Mary Ann by the hair and followed by shadowy figures. He was eventually caught and hanged. No dogs are allowed in the castle grounds.

9. Walking back up the main road you will see on your right Castle Court and here you should turn right and walk down the steps. You will arrive at the bus station where you turn left, walk around the back of the shopping centre and then turn left when you walk under the shopping centre walkway. Keep turning left



until you reach Mardol and walking up the hill in front of you take the alleyway by the side of The Hole in The Wall and into the square.

10. Walking diagonally across the square you need to take Grope Lane by the side of Costa Coffee and Bear Steps which leads you up to the Prince Rupert Hotel. We've saved the best for last as the Prince Rupert is ranked one of the top 10 most haunted houses by the Guardian. Rooms six and seven are reported to be haunted as a jilted bride-to-be hung herself in six, and in seven, a young man killed himself when his betrothed ran off with his best friend. More recently in the filming of the Christmas Carol members of the crew saw a man in a nightcap walk through a closed door. Next door is St Alkmunds and you are back at your starting point.



"Look at us we're GHOST
PUPSTERS!"
GEORGE THE LAD