

Shropshire Fungus Group
Autumn 2023 Foray Programme

Please check for changes nearer the time

When	Where	Meeting Point	Grid Reference	Best Postcode*	What3words	Instructions
Sat 2 Sep 2023 10.30am	Llynclys Common	Meet at the parking area for the recreation ground at Porth-y-Waen	SJ269239	SY10 8LU	/// townhouse.paused. tornado	Approaching from the south via the A485, take a left turn along the A495 at Llynclys crossroads. From the north turn right at the same point. If coming from the east take the A5 north from Shrewsbury, turning west along the B4396 towards Knockin at the end of the Nesscliffe bypass dual carriageway. At the junction with the A483 take the A495 straight ahead. This is a dangerous junction so take great care. Follow the A495 for 1km. After the road bends left, just after the Porth-y-Waen village sign, take the left turn immediately after the village hall and immediately before Chad's garage, with the Lime Kiln pub a few metres ahead on the right. Down the lane, the car park is on the right through a gate after 50m before reaching the old railway line.
Sat 9 Sep 2023 10.30am	Ifton Meadows	The meeting point is at the kerbside on an access road to a part of Ifton Industrial Estate off Glyn Morlas Lane, St Martin's, near Ellesmere.	SJ320372	SY11 3DA	/// profled.returns.occ urs	From the A5, going north or south, at the Chirk/Moreton Park roundabout, take the B5070 and then the B5069 to St. Martin's. Continue on past Stan's Superstore and at the mini roundabout stay on the B5069. Turn next left on to Colliery Road and take the next left again onto Glyn Morlas Lane and follow till you see the sign for Foundation Piling on the gable end of an industrial shed. Turn next right immediately after the sign, into the access road to the industrial estate and you have arrived at the parking spot. From here it is a short walk to Ifton Meadows Nature Reserve.
Sat 16 Sep 2023 10.30am	Haughmond Hill	The starting point for this foray is the small car park on the left of the B5062, signposted Abbey Wood, just before the road goes uphill. If the car park is full, as it often is, there is additional free parking at Haughmond Abbey, accessed down a signposted lane just a few yards south west along the B5062.	SJ542150	SY4 4RW	/// shells.composers.a mount	The easiest way to approach the site is to use the Shrewsbury eastern bypass, officially the A49. From the east, take the M54/A5 and at the Preston Boats roundabout turn north on the A49. Cross the River Severn twice and at the next roundabout turn right on the B5062 signposted Newport B5062. Look for the car park on the left as you approach the hill after 3km. There is a brown sign for Haughmond Abbey just a few yards before the car park. From the south or west take the A5 bypass eastwards and at the Preston Boats roundabout turn north (A49) and then right at the next roundabout after crossing the river twice. From the north, head south down the A49 from the Battlefield roundabout and turn left along the B5062 at the next roundabout. An alternative from the east (for example from Telford) is to join the B5062 Newport-Shrewsbury road at some convenient point. Ignore the left turn to the main Haughmond Hill car park (also signposted Upton Magna). The car park and the lane to Haughmond Abbey are about two hundred metres further on the right.
Sat 23 Sep 2023 10.30am	Nesscliffe Hills and the Cliffe	Car park at the top of Nesscliffe	SJ389198	SY4 1DG	/// crinkled.moon.mam moth	From the A5 north of Shrewsbury, take the minor road into the village of Nesscliffe. From the north take the first exit (left) at the roundabout at the northern end of the section of dual carriageway which bypasses the village. From the south take the third exit (right). Continue into the village and take the lane north, opposite the Old Three Pigeons pub with Nesscliffe Hill and woods on your right. Continue along the lane for about 1km then take the first right turn. Go up the hill. At the crest of the hill, as the road levels off, opposite a public footpath and metal kissing gate on the right, turn left along a track into the woods and car park. If you miss the car park entrance turn round at Great Ness church about 1km further on.
Sat 30 Sep 2023 10.30am	Preston Montford	This is a members only event, for which pre-booking is essential. Contact Alison Curran for more details	SJ434142	SY4 1DX	///cape.recap.joys	From the A5 Shrewsbury bypass take the A458 towards Welshpool. After 1.5 km turn right along Preston Montford Lane and the Centre is on the left about 1 km after the turn. Address is FSC Preston Montford, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury, SY4 1DXI
Thurs 5 Oct 2023 11.00am	Dudmaston	At Visitor Entry Point on Dudmaston Estate adjacent to car park	SO748886	WV15 6QQ	/// rouls.elevate.verifi ng	Take the A458 south past Bridgnorth. At the second roundabout on the Bridgnorth bypass, after crossing the river Severn, turn right onto the A442 signposted Kidderminster. After about 5 km, National Trust Dudmaston is well-signposted, about 5km on the right. Coming from the south on the A442, Dudmaston is signposted on the left about 5 km north of Alverley.
Sat 7 Oct 2023 10.30am	Wyre Forest	Meet at Earnwood Copse parking area on south side of B4194 0.5km north of Button Oak.	SO745784	DY12 3AW	/// assures.magnitude. vampire	From the north take the A458 Shrewsbury-Bridgnorth Road. At the first roundabout on the Bridgnorth bypass, turn right onto Ludlow Road (B4364) signposted Ludlow and Ditton Priors. After 1 km turn left onto Telegraph Lane signposted Kinlet 9. After 1 km turn right onto B4363 to Kinlet. At Kinlet turn left onto the B4194 then left again after 1.5 km onto the B4194. The car park is on the right in woodland after 2 km. From the west take the A4117 Ludlow over Cleve Hill and through Cleobury Mortimer. After leaving the town take the B4363 left signposted Kinlet 4. After 5 km turn right onto the B4199 signposted Button Oak. The car park is on the right after 4 km. From the east, leave Bewdley on the B4194, passing through Button Oak village. The car park is on the left just after the road enters woodland.
Sat 14 Oct 2023 10.30am	Jinlye Meadows	Meet at parking area on west side of Castle Hill (NT land) at Plush Hill	SO451963	SY6 6JP	/// dull.bunch.galloped	From A49 north of Church Stretton, take B5477 south into All Stretton village. Just after the first houses, and 100 metres past 'bends' warning sign, take right turn up Castle Hill (a brown sign points right to Jinlye Guest House just before the junction). Follow the very narrow Castle Hill which immediately bends north (ignore immediate left/straight on turn 'unsuitable for large vehicles') upwards to open moorland on the Long Mynd.
Sat 21 Oct 2023 10.30am	Hawarden Castle	The Tinkersdale car park on the A550 in Hawarden, Flintshire.	SJ315656	CH5 3DG	/// workloads.slice.can dies	From the south and west leave the A55 North Wales Expressway at the junction with the A550 and travel north along A550. After 1.5 km, turn into the Flintshire County Council car park on the right, shortly before the T-junction with the B5125. Note that the car park has a height restriction of 7'6". From the north and east, follow the M56 west until it becomes the A494. Bend left and take the first turn off (signposted Queensferry A5129) after crossing the River Dee. At the roundabout take the second exit signposted Hawarden (A550). Continue on the A550, turn left at the T-junction in the village and then right after 200m to stay on the A550 (signposted Wrexham). The car park is on your left after 300m.
Sat 28 Oct 2023 10.30am	Cefn Coch	Because parking at Cefn Coch Woods is very limited, we shall meet at Oswestry Old Racecourse, Back Racecourse Lane, Oswestry, and arrange to car share.	SJ259304	SY10 7HL	/// equality.tipping.pre fect	From the north, leave the A5 and take the B5069 towards Oswestry. Leave Oswestry on the B4580 and travel for 2 miles. Turn left at a brown tourist sign to the Old Racecourse and follow Back Racecourse Lane for 0.3 miles. The car park is on the right. From the south, follow the A5 north, taking the slip road to Oswestry just before the new Mile End roundabout. Leave the next roundabout at the 2nd exit towards Oswestry town centre. Leave Oswestry on the B4580 and follow for 2 miles. Turn left at a brown tourist sign to the Old Racecourse and follow Back Racecourse Lane for 0.3 miles. The car park is on the right.
Sat 4 Nov 2023 10.30am	The Bog	Meet at Bog Mine parking area 50m east of the Bog Visitor Centre	SO357978	SY9 5HP	/// able.hurtles.collide	From the north take the A488 Shrewsbury-Bishop's Castle road. Leave Minsterley and pass up the Hope Valley. At the top, 8 km after Minsterley, take a sharp left turn on a road signposted Shelve and (brown sign) The Bog Visitor Centre. Follow this minor road through Shelve to a T-junction after about 3 km. Turn right and follow this road for 1 km. With the Visitor Centre on the right, follow the road round to the left and the car park entrance is on the right. From the south take the A488 through Lydham and White Grit. About 10 km from Lydham turn right on to the road signposted Shelve and (brown sign) The Bog Visitor Centre. Proceed through Shelve and onwards as directed above. From the east the easiest route is to follow the A489 west from the A49 just north of Craven arms to Lydham. From Lydham follow the instructions above as if approaching from the south.
Sat 11 Nov 2023 10.30am	Attingham Park	Outside Visitor Entry Point at Attingham Park Estate	SJ547100	SY4 4TH	/// clinic.reckons.mobil e	There are brown National Trust signs for Attingham on most of the approach routes. The entrance to the park is on the B4380 at Atcham. The B4380 is a turn off the A5 Shrewsbury bypass at the Emstrey Roundabout on the south east side of Shrewsbury. After leaving the roundabout follow the B4380 south east. Just after cross the River Severn, opposite the Myrton and Mermaid, take the second left turn to pass through an archway into the park. Do not take the first left turn after the bridge, signposted Uffington 3 and Haughmond Abbey. An estate road leads to the main parking area in 2km. From the east on the B4380, turn right at Atcham with the Myrton and Mermaid on the left. Coming north on the A458 Shrewsbury-Much Wenlock Road, enter the village of Crosshouses, turn right at the roundabout in the village and follow the minor road for 2km. At the T-junction, turn right onto the B4380, cross the River Severn and take the second left after the bridge as described above.
Sat 18 Nov 2023 10.30am	The Bog (in replacement of the Millichope Park foray)	Meet at Bog Mine parking area 50m east of the Bog Visitor Centre	SO357978	SY9 5HP	/// able.hurtles.collide	From the north take the A488 Shrewsbury-Bishop's Castle road. Leave Minsterley and pass up the Hope Valley. At the top, 8 km after Minsterley, take a sharp left turn on a road signposted Shelve and (brown sign) The Bog Visitor Centre. Follow this minor road through Shelve to a T-junction after about 3 km. Turn right and follow this road for 1 km. With the Visitor Centre on the right, follow the road round to the left and the car park entrance is on the right. From the south take the A488 through Lydham and White Grit. About 10 km from Lydham turn right on to the road signposted Shelve and (brown sign) The Bog Visitor Centre. Proceed through Shelve and onwards as directed above. From the east the easiest route is to follow the A489 west from the A49 just north of Craven arms to Lydham. From Lydham follow the instructions above as if approaching from the south.
Sat 25 Nov 2023 10.30 am	The Hurst	The Hurst, also called the Arvon Centre, near Clun	SO316807	SY7 0JA	/// ounce.resurgent.sta mpy	From the B4366 westwards from Craven Arms. After passing Clunton, take the first left after about 1.5 km, just after passing prominent white building on right. Cross the river and fork left following the one-way route. Park in the lower car park – not in the parking area in front of the main building.
Sat 2 Dec 2023 10.30am	Lime Kiln Woods	Meet on the grass verge on Golf links lane, just south of the bridge under the M54. DO NOT APPROACH VIA NEARBY LIME KILN LANE	SJ656104	TF1 2FD	/// passenger.striving.h otels	There is no car park at this location but parking is permitted on Golf Links Lane. Please park safely and considerately so as not to obstruct the road or house entrances. Park on the north side of the motorway bridge in the residential area and walk along to the meeting point. There is no parking on the south side of the motorway bridge. Leave the M54 at either junction 6 (if coming from the east) or junction 7 (if coming from the west). If using junction 6, leave the motorway and at the exit roundabout turn north along Whitchurch Drive, signposted Wellington AS223. At the first roundabout after 300 metres continue straight on along Whitchurch Drive, signposted Princess Royal hospital AS223. At the next roundabout turn left signposted Wellington AS061. Keep in the two left lanes which soon merge and head along Bennett's Bank, which after the traffic lights becomes Watling Street. Continue ahead passing more traffic lights at the Cock Hotel onto Holyhead Road. DO NOT turn left along Lime Kiln Lane at pedestrian lights near a black and white half-timbered building on the left. Soon pass a brown sign for Sunnycroft (National Trust) and after 100 metres turn left into Golf Links Lane. A brown sign indicates Wrekin Golf Club and on the left is a blue Low Bridge warning sign. The motorway bridge is 0.5km along the lane. If using junction 7, give way at the end of the slip road and turn onto the B5061 towards Wellington (a left turn if coming from the west). Turn on into Wellington, going ahead at traffic lights and remaining on B5061. Pass the Wickets Inn on the left and after 200 metres turn right down Golf Links Lane (Low Bridge sign at the junction). The motorway bridge is 0.5km along the lane.

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