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**Preston Montford** is situated in the heart of Shropshire on the banks of the River Severn with views into Wales and across the Shropshire Hills. Set in a 12-hectare estate through which the River Severn runs with semi-ancient woodland growing on a steep bank of glacial drift. The estate includes ponds, a wildflower meadow, an ancient orchard, and the remains of a walled garden and a bee hotel. Easily accessible from the motorway network, yet private and secluded, the centre has 131 beds across three blocks. The centre is close to the Long Mynd and Stiperstones in the South Shropshire Hills AONB, Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site, Ludlow and Snowdonia.

All types of bookings are welcome including singles, couples, groups of adults, families and extended family groups. However, please note that we do not accept stag or hen parties. Groups have the option to book B&B, Full Board or it is possible to rent out the whole centre on a self-catering basis. There is also a range of break rooms, meeting rooms and classrooms available for group use.

### Your options:

#### Hire the whole centre

- Suitable for activity clubs, large gatherings or faith groups
- Self-catering offered
- Bed linen, classrooms and common rooms included
- Catering and activities available on request (chargeable)

#### Group accommodation with classrooms

- Suitable for special interest groups who need craft or lecture spaces
- Full board accommodation in allocated bedrooms with bed linen
- Classroom facilities with equipment available to hire
- Shared common rooms

#### Group accommodation

- Suitable for activity groups off-site all day, sports tours, family groups
- Full board accommodation in allocated bedrooms with bed linen
- Shared common rooms

[\*\*View our virtual tour of the centre\*\*](#)

Buildings	3 (Main house, Wenlock & Darwin)
No. of floors	3
Bed capacity	132 (47 bedrooms)
No. of en-suites/ dedicated bathrooms	45
Accessible bedrooms/ wheelchair access	Two twin bedded rooms with en-suite facilities on the ground floor in Darwin and Wenlock buildings, one of which is suitable for wheelchair access.
Accessible communal spaces/wheelchair access	Darwin, Wenlock and Caradoc Classrooms are wheelchair accessible, as is Darwin Common Room. The central campus is accessible with tarmac road and paved areas. The wider grounds are only accessible with off-road wheelchairs.
Linen	We do supply all linen but we do not provide a bed-making service for exclusive centre hire. Can all guests strip their beds upon departure to assist our hospitality teams.
Guest towels	Please bring your own towels.
Dining capacity in one sitting	We can comfortably seat up to 80 people in one sitting/100 lecture style. It has round tables & chairs. There are no highchairs, you are however, welcome to bring your own.
Kitchen	Self-catering only offered to groups that hire out the whole centre. The kitchen is fully equipped with a large rational oven, a standard electric hob and oven, a deep fat fryer and a commercial dishwasher. For groups wishing to cook on gas stoves, we have a covered outdoor space where gas cooking is permitted. Gas cookers and gas are not provided however, you can bring your own.
Lounges	These are Queen Anne, Darwin and Ante.
Tv	TV's available in all common rooms.
Library	There is a library available on request, with a range of natural history books, desk and seating space for four - five people.
Conference suitable space	Caradoc classroom seats 65 or 100 in the dining room. Lecture style seating but no whiteboard in the dining room. There is a nearby village hall that could also be suitable. Please get in touch for more information.
Class/work rooms	There are six work rooms which all have interactive whiteboards with ceiling - mounted data projectors and internet access for Wi-Fi enabled laptops.
Onsite bar	There is a licensed bar stocked with local ales and spirits, wines, soft drinks and snacks. Not available to self-catering groups unless arrangements are made prior to the visit.

Drying room	Yes there is a drying room.
Onsite shop	Shop selling drinks, snacks and souvenirs of your stay as well as a selection of Field Studies Council publications. This is not available to self-catering groups unless special arrangements are made prior to the visit.
Wi-Fi	There is Wi-Fi connection throughout Field Studies Council Preston Montford. Mobile signal varies depending on network.
Parking	There is parking available at the centre for approx. 25 cars plus more space on grassed areas during dry weather (if required).
Bike storage	No bike shed but areas can be adapted for bike storage if needed.
Open fire inside	No
Pets	Pets are not usually allowed. Special arrangements will be made for guide dogs.
Smoking	Smoking is only permitted in the designated smoking area.
Grounds	12 hectare estate with picnic tables and an outdoor shelter, orienteering courses, a small five-a-side football area and a sensory garden. Walking paths through fields and woodland areas. We ask guests to leave the site litter free and use the bins that are provided.
Commercial filming	Permitted.
Music/noise	Please keep noise to a minimum between 11pm and 7am.
Space for marquee	Yes. 6m x 12m - Back field (grass). 12m x 30m - Back lawn (grass). 9m x 9m - Back car park (concrete)
BBQ/firepit	There are two campfire areas with space for roughly 30 people at each. Firewood can be supplied at £25.00 per load (large wheelbarrow full).
Camping	Camping is chargeable and available in adjacent field (15-20 tents) but there are no facilities other than water. Exclusive hire customers using the campsite can use the facilities in main house. There is another area which is a certified location site. Users need to be members of the Caravan & Motorhome Club which attracts an overnight charge for Caravans/ Motorhomes.
Activities	It is possible to book activities for both adults and children during your stay (subject to availability), these are chargeable and must be booked in advance. Contact us for details





## Common Rooms

### **Queen Anne Common Room (ground floor main house)**

Chesterfield Sofas that seat roughly 25 and options to add chairs to accommodate around 40 Theatre Style. TV/DVD facilities and some board games available.

**Darwin Common Room (Darwin block)** - 20 informal/conference/theatre style seating with TV/DVD facilities.

### **The Ante Room**

This is also in the Main House and can seat 12 people. There is a TV and table football.



**Common room**



**Bathroom**

## Classrooms

**Caradoc Classroom** – 30 Classroom Style/65 Theatre Style – ground floor main house.

**Darwin Classroom** – 30 Classroom Style/50 Theatre Style – ground floor Darwin block.

**Wenlock Classroom** – 30 Classroom Style/50 Theatre Style – ground floor Wenlock block.

**Nesscliffe Classroom** – 24 Classroom Style/30 Theatre Style – portacabin outside main building.

**Wrekin Classroom** – 24 Classroom Style/30 Theatre Style – portacabin outside main building.

**Ercall Classroom** – 24 Classroom Style/30 Theatre Style – portacabin outside main building.

## Accommodation

The main house has 18 dormitory rooms, majority with en-suites. These can provide a total of 58 beds. The Wenlock building is ground floor – suitable for the less mobile and with 10 twin bedded en-suite rooms and two triple en-suite bedrooms, one of which is suitable for wheelchair access. The Darwin building has 17 en-suite rooms with a ground floor wheelchair accessible room. Z-beds available on request, but please confirm availability first. We do not have cots, but you are welcome to bring your own.

### Main house 1st floor

*7 bedrooms sleeping 27 people. (Public toilets on ground floor)*

Single bedrooms – 1 en-suite

Triple bedrooms – 1 en-suite

4-bedded rooms – 3 with shared/dedicated bathrooms

5-bedded rooms – 1 en-suite

6 bedded rooms – 1 en-suite

### Main house 2nd floor

*4 bedrooms sleeping 10 people.*

Single bedrooms – 1 en-suite

Triple bedrooms – 3. 1 en-suite, 2 with shared/dedicated bathrooms

### Main house 3rd floor

*7 bedrooms sleeping 22 people.*

Single bedrooms – 2 en-suite

Triple bedrooms – 1 with shared/dedicated bathroom, 1 en-suite

4-bedded rooms – 2. 1 en-suite, 1 with shared/dedicated bathroom

6-bedded rooms – 1 with shared/dedicated bathroom

### Wenlock

*12 ground floor en-suite bedrooms sleeping 26 people. (Public toilets on ground floor)*

Twin bedrooms – 10

Triple bedrooms – 2. 1 bathroom suitable for disabled guests

### Darwin

*17 en-suite bedrooms sleeping 47 people. The building has 2 additional bathrooms (including baths) on ground floor, 1 of which is suitable for disabled guests.*

Twin bedrooms – 3

Triple bedrooms – 13

Bunk-bedded room - 1





## The local area

The centre is close to the Long Mynd and Stiperstones in the South Shropshire Hills AONB, Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site, Ludlow and Snowdonia. Preston Montford is located 6 miles west of Shrewsbury. Within easy reach of the North Shropshire meres and mosses, and the Welsh and Shropshire Hills. Less than one hour from Birmingham. Less than 2 hours from Manchester and Liverpool, 3 hours from Central London. Shrewsbury is a historic market town with a full range of shops, bars, cafes and restaurants.

## Nearest hospitals, doctors and pharmacy

**Bicton Heath Pharmacy** - SY3 5AD,  
**Meole Brace Boots or Sainsburys** - SY3 9NB  
**Mytton Oak Surgery** - 01743 362223  
**Shrewsbury Minor Injuries** - 01743 261000  
**Shrewsbury Hospital Accident and Emergency** - Open 24/7.

## Directions

**By road** - From the A5, take the roundabout exit signposted to Mid-Wales and Welshpool (A458). Half a mile along this road, turn right onto B4473, the centre is located on the left after approx. ½ mile. SAT NAV: SY4 1DX.  
**By train/bus** - There is a bus from Shrewsbury bus station to Montford Bridge, which is then a 15-minute walk from Preston Montford. Shrewsbury Railway Station has a taxi rank outside and Preston Montford is a 10-minute journey.

## Staff

Some of our centres may have staff living on-site. Whilst their presence will not interfere with your stay, we would ask you to be considerate and respect their privacy.

## Drug and alcohol policy

We would ask guests to familiarise themselves with and adhere to the behaviour and drug/alcohol policies contained within our [customer information document](#).  
Some centres may have specific licencing agreements in place in respect of the consumption of alcohol - please enquire with the centre directly for more information.

## Entertainment

All of our centres hold a licence to play music, media & radio. If you intend to bring/hire in your own music/entertainment, please enquire with the centre directly for more information as a temporary events licence may be required.



[View a video of the local area](#)

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to help plan your  
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