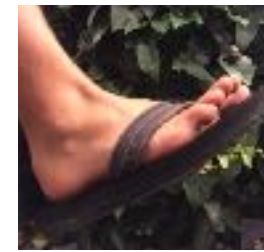


NORTH SHROPSHIRE STORY WALKS

WEM 2 - 2.5km

Toilets: Wem Car Park
Shops and cafes: Various Wem
Parking: Co-op car park



An easy circular walk around Wem. Steps over footbridge make this route unsuitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

Suggested story on walk:

William Pantulf

William Pantulf, Lord of Wem, lived in Wem castle with his family.

His overlord was Roger Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury, who was a very powerful man. William's friend Lord Hugo, fell in love with Roger's wife and she fell in love with him.

When Roger found out, he killed his wife, accused Hugo of the murder then threw him in to the dungeons before sending soldiers to arrest all of Hugo's friends...

William fled with his family to Wales. But he was followed. He fled to Ireland and Spain but he was again followed all the way. Eventually in Italy he was cornered in a Monastery.

The Abbot didn't want to give up William but he didn't want to annoy a lord as powerful as Roger either. William would face a trial by ordeal and God could decide.

William took a red hot iron bar out of a fire and held it in his bare hands. He was not harmed proving his innocence and he was allowed to return home to Wem.