

REA VALLEY
COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP



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Pulverbatch

Scheduled Monument

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Park beside and explore the amazing motte and bailey castle that dates from 1086. At the top of the Castle Pulverbatch mound you will be able to spot some interesting wildflowers growing on the thin soils such as annual knawel. Then walk west along Puntley Lane past Upper Castle Farm. The sunken road, which served as the main road between Shrewsbury and Bishops Castle back in the medieval period, becomes more like a footpath but be aware it is a byway open to all traffic so don't be surprised to meet everything from bikes and horses to off road vehicles.

There are plenty of public footpaths to turn this into a circular walk, or you can just stay on the lane past Riddles Wood and Westcott Hill.

In spring and summer this route is filled with amazing wildlife. Butterflies frequent the wild flower banks, beetles scuttle back and forth across the rutted path, Yellowhammer and Crossbills can be found along the hedgerows and in the woods. We have had so many amazing records from this area, and the views across the rolling hills are spectacular.

Location:
Pulverbatch

Parking:
about 10 cars

Accessibility: ☆☆☆☆
Can become muddy in places during wet weather

Likely to see:
Butterflies, birds, soldier beetles



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