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 **The Denbigh Show**

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## A great show bursting with energy

This year's Denbigh Show will burst with energy, offering an interesting range of activities and displays to suit all age groups from pre-school to pensioners. With a programme of top arena displays, workshops, sideshows and exhibitions there will be something to keep the whole family occupied all day long.

There will be plenty of opportunity to try new skills in various workshops or how about trying slot car racing to see if you can get to the top of the leader board. You can enter on the day, the 'Strictly' Fun Dog Show with several categories and a guest 'panel' to decide the winners, loads of fun to be expected in the ring and anything can happen and usually does!

The much loved flower show, now in its 81st year, with almost 300 classes will offer all aspects of horticulture, floristry, art, handicraft, cookery and photography not only for experienced competitors but also for amateurs and children to participate in.

For more information about the show and updated information on the entertainment programme, please visit [www.thedenbighshow.co.uk](http://www.thedenbighshow.co.uk)



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The railway runs a series of events throughout the year, including a steam Gala over the August bank holiday weekend. Other family events include a Day out with Alice the Little Welsh Engine - the real engine which is the star of a beautifully illustrated children's book by Pauline Hazelwood, scary Halloween trains and culminating with a visit from Santa in December. Last year the Bala Lake Railway celebrated its 50th anniversary.

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The 'Wildlife Way', a short one-mile circular loop, takes you alongside the riverbank and meanders through sessile oak woodland. Or perhaps, the 'Wildlife Trail', a three-mile walk through forestry tracks and opens up to panoramic views of the lake, dam, hills and moorland is more inviting. In Spring, look out for pied flycatcher, redstart and goshawk along your way. A favourite for families and dog-walkers, the two-mile circuit along the river to the spectacular Rhiwargor Waterfall is definitely worth a visit.

For those looking for more of a challenge, the seven-mile trail through increasingly wild scenery, provides stunning views of the lake. You will also find a short, one-mile accessible loop that takes in impressive views of the majestic dam for those less mobile.

For more information visit [www.rspb.org.uk/lakevyrnwy](https://www.rspb.org.uk/lakevyrnwy)

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There will be shopping opportunities to be had along with a dedicated food hall and a large trade stands area. Both days will be topped off with choirs, the massed bands finale and a colourful fireworks display.

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## Shrewsbury Flower Show

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Main ring entertainment will include the Atkinson Action Horses - A team of highly trained horses and riders who will entertain you with their dare devil, heart-stopping stunts, supported by Ridgeside Falconry with their magical display.

Children's activities include the Panic Family Circus (non animal) whilst the Village Green will entertain with a traditional Punch and Judy, Magic Russ, singing and accordion band playing. The Aldabra Giant Tortoises are on their way back as they are always so popular.

The Show opens at 8am at the Showground, Cleobury North between Bridgnorth and Ludlow and parking is free.

Save money and buy your tickets in advance at discounted rates online at [www.burwartonshow.co.uk](http://www.burwartonshow.co.uk)





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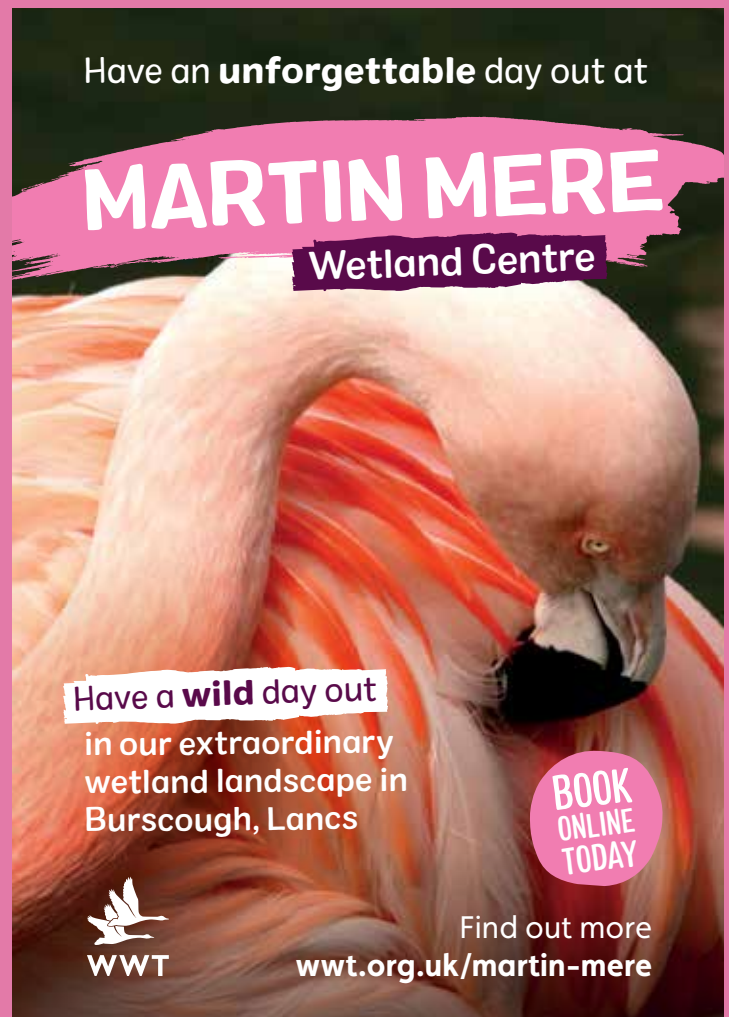
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The National Slate Museum is also a key part of the new designation. Based in the original Victorian Engineering Workshops of the vast Dinorwig Slate Quarry from its heyday in the 1870's to its closure in 1969, its magnificent structure is still breath-taking today and visitors marvel at live demonstrations of splitting slate and blacksmithing and the enormous waterwheel today.

By the 1890s the Welsh slate industry employed approximately 17,000 workers and produced almost 500,000 tonnes of slate a year, around a third of all roofing slate used in the world. Welsh slate was used on a number of buildings across the globe including Westminster Hall in London's Houses of Parliament and Copenhagen City Hall, Denmark. In 1830, half the buildings in New York had roofs made of Welsh slate!







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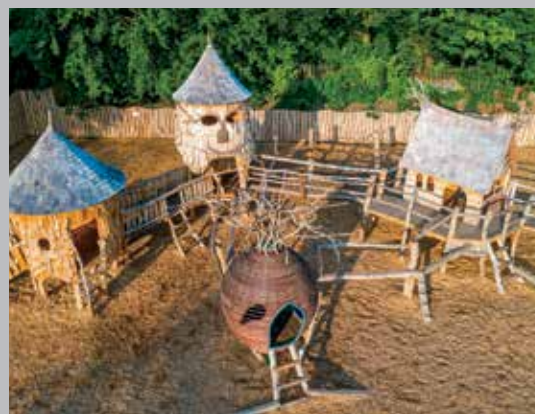
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