

Telford area guide

Postcode district: TF2, TF7, TF8, TF12 & TF13

Location

Telford district lies within or includes part of the following towns, counties, localities, electoral wards and stations: Apedale, Arlescot, Atterley, Barrow, Benthall, Beveley, Bourton, Bourton Westwood, Brockton, Brookhampton, Broseley, Broseley Wood, Buildwas, Central Park, Church Aston and Lilleshall, Callaughton, Coalbrookdale, Coalport, Cuckoo Oak, Donnington, Donnington Wood, East Wall, Easthope, Easthope Wood, Farley, Hadley and Leegomery, Harrington, Hill Top, Holdgate, Homer, Ironbridge, Ironbridge Gorge, Jackfield, Ketley and Oakengates, Ketley Bank, Lawley, Lilleshall, Lightmoor, Linley, Longville, Madeley,



Morville, Much Wenlock, Muxton, Oakengates, Posenhall, Preens Eddy, Priorslee, Presthope, Redhill, Rudgewood, Severn Valley, Shifnal Rural, Shipton, Shirlett, Shropshire, Snedshill, St Georges, Stanton Long, Stretton, Sutton Hill, Telford, The Dean, Trench, Upper Coverdale, Wenlock Edge, Weston, Wigwig, Westwood, Willey, Woodside, Wrockwardine Wood, Wrockwardine Wood and Wyke.



History

It is named after civil engineer Thomas Telford. The town was built in the 1960s and 1970s as a new town on previously industrial and agricultural land. Like other planned towns of the era, Telford was created from the merger of other, smaller settlements, most notably the towns of Wellington, Oakengates, Madeley and Dawley.



Telford Shopping Centre, a modern shopping mall, was constructed at the new town's geographical centre, along with an extensive Town Park. The M54 motorway was completed in 1983, connecting the town with the West Midlands conurbation.



Telford now includes Ironbridge Gorge, a scenic tourist destination and UNESCO World Heritage Site. The town advertises itself as "The Birthplace of Industry", due to its proximity to Coalbrookdale and other places in the Ironbridge Gorge area, which are internationally recognised as being important to the Industrial Revolution, and being to a large extent constructed on the Shropshire Coalfield. The River Severn flows along its southernmost boundary.

Present day

Telford is by far the largest town in Shropshire, and one of the fastest growing towns in the United Kingdom. There is a large Telford Shopping Centre (and the accompanying Town Park), various office blocks, such as the blue office towers (Telford Plaza), and the Windsor Life building. The Forge retail park and a large Odeon Cinema are also located in the area. Telford also houses one of the Midlands' only ice skating rinks near the newly built Telford International Centre (TIC). The TIC comprises a number of hall and event spaces. It holds parties, conferences, concerts and is the current home of the UK Snooker Championship in December.



Amenities

Telford has a number of primary and secondary schools including Priorslee Primary School and Thomas Telford School and Madeley academy, a City Technology College (CTC), which claims to have a 100% pass rate at GCSE level, with all students achieving at least 4 GCSEs grades A*-C,[24] placing it at number one in the entire country for Key Stage 4 attainment. Further education is handled by Telford College of Arts and Technology (TCAT) and Telford New College, a sixth-form college located in Wellington. There are four other sixth forms located in the Blessed Robert Johnson Catholic School (The Oscar Romero sixth form centre), Abraham Darby Academy, Thomas Telford School and Madeley Academy.



Average current values

	TF2	TF7	TF8	TF12	TF13	TF	National
1 Bedroom properties	£ 80,700	£84,700	£119,500	£102,200	£286,200	£84,700	£154,100
2 Bedroom properties	£109,900	£112,900	£168,700	£140,000	£203,600	£112,900	£162,400
3 Bedroom properties	£117,600	£128,100	£205,200	£156,800	£225,700	£128,100	£189,000
4 Bedroom properties	£214,200	£219,800	£276,500	£229,200	£334,800	£219,800	£342,600
5+ Bedroom properties	£248,300	£311,600	£311,600	£296,000	£408,000	£311,600	£582,400

Housing stock

	TF2	TF7	TF8	TF12	TF13	TF	National
Total Detached	6,228	1,346	540	903	1,001	33,684	6,380,563
% Detached	37.92%	16.96%	35.72%	37.13%	58.45%	36.97%	23.05%
Semi-Detached	6,389	1,566	384	989	369	28,985	7,900,324
% Semi-Detached	38.90%	19.74%	25.41%	40.70%	21.55%	31.81%	28.53%
Terrace	3,387	4,148	433	514	335	23,479	8,665,051
% Terrace	20.62%	52.28%	28.65%	21.15%	19.56%	25.77%	31.30%
Flat	421	4874	155	25	8	4,965	4,741,468
% Flat	2.56%	11.01%	10.22%	1.02%	0.44%	5.45%	17.13%

Home ownership

	TF2	TF7	TF8	TF12	TF13	TF	National
Owner Occupied	4,955	4,313	910	1,607	978	55,991	14,911,858
% Owner Occupied	68.54%	57.22%	71.43%	68.24%	67.59%	61.45%	66.19%
Socially Rented	1,571	2,172	126	414	164	16,500	4,155,391
% Socially Rented	21.73%	28.81%	9.89%	17.58%	11.33%	18.11%	18.44%

House prices last updated 1st December 2012. Housing stock notes: The data above illustrates the relative proportions of the differing types of property. Based on information collected in the 2001 census, the percentages provide an indication of how common particular types of housing are within the postcode district. It is important to note that as homes are demolished and built these percentages will fluctuate accordingly.