

# Tewkesbury Town And Abbey

**Wednesday 24th May 2023 : All Day 10.15am**

Excursion Leader: Les Hayes Phone: 01225 312510 or 07502872169

Our town guide is Steve Goodchild, a local historian and the Abbey tour will be provided by volunteer guides who will lead us on a two part tour around this ancient town and magnificent Abbey Church.

Tewkesbury is a medieval market town in North Gloucestershire at the confluence of the Rivers Avon and Severn (and other lesser streams) and became an important trading post. It is positioned on slightly higher ground but still suffers from severe and more common floods. Tewkesbury had significant history in the War of the Roses being the site of the decisive battle of Tewkesbury in 1471. The Abbey Church was consecrated in 1121 as a Benedictine Monastery and is the third largest parish church in England.

In the afternoon we will also meet Denise Holden at the Heritage Centre.

**Please remember that you re responsible for your own safety and by joining this BACAS Excursion you do so at your own risk.**

**Meeting Place and time:** We will meet outside the Abbey entrance at 10:15. There are a number of car parks all well signposted in the town but the Abbey Lawn car park would be the most favourable.

There will be a lunch break at 12:30 and we will aim to finish the excursion at 15:30 to 16:00. There are plenty of eating options but the Café E Vino is recommended. Alternatively you could bring a picnic.

**Directions :** M5 and turn off at Junction 9 marked Tewkesbury.

