

apley friends of woods



1 Apley Castle

The original Apley Castle still stands today adjacent to the west side of Apley Woods. Built around 1270, the Castle is grade II* listed and has its own Chapel and Great Hall and was once surrounded by its own moat. It was renovated in 1996 and is now eight privately owned properties.



2 Energy Rising sculpture

Located in the heart of the woodland is a very unusual carved stone sculpture called 'Energy Rising'. It is believed to symbolise lava emerging from the earth. Further along the path you will find the ornate stone chairs situated within the former Fleur de Lys garden area.



3 Site of the Georgian Manor House

This magnificent Georgian manor house was the centre piece of a 900 acre estate with its grand gardens and vistas. The clay to make the bricks was dug from the nearby Apley Pool. Sadly, it became too expensive to maintain and on 18th November 1955, the entire house was dismantled and sold off.



4 Dovecote

The Apley Woods Dovecote dates from the 18th century. The lower storey is vaulted and provided storage space and access to the upper level. In this upper level are the nest holes for the birds.



5 Ice House

When King Charles II had cherries, strawberries and ice cream served at a special occasion in April 1667, it caused quite a sensation. Outside ice houses were soon a feature of many wealthy estates. Apley's ice house is believed to date from the 18th Century.

