

GETTING TO THE HURST

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The nearest station is Craven Arms, a fairly well serviced station on the main line between Manchester and Cardiff.

Unfortunately the bus and taxi services are limited but we can arrange for train to be met at the station between 4pm and 6.15pm. Please contact us the week before your course starts if you do need transport. For the return journey we are usually able to arrange lifts among the writers attending the course, and taxis can be ordered if necessary.

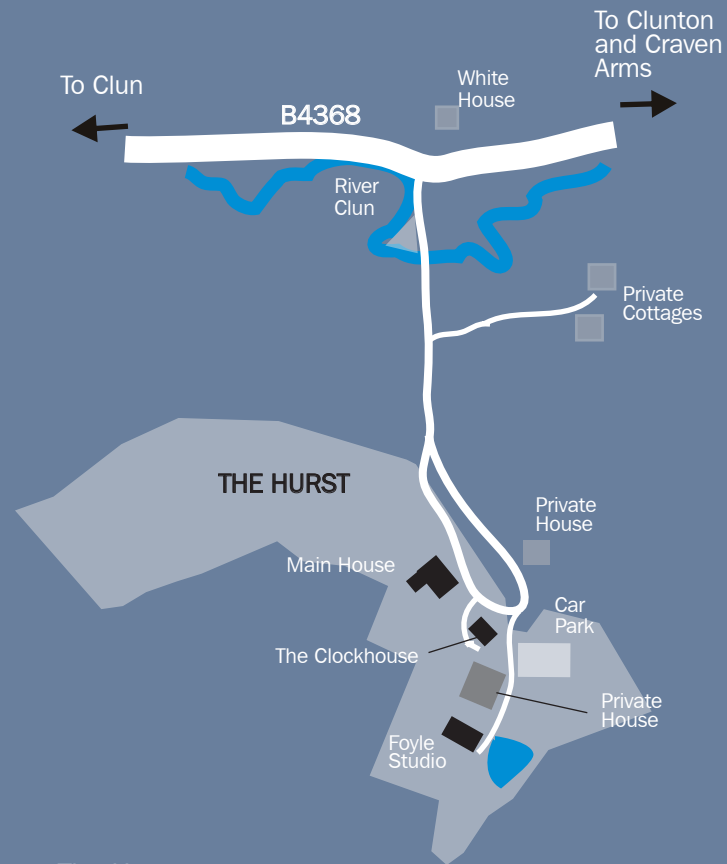
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The Hurst is situated about eight miles west of Craven Arms on the B4368 between Clun and Clunton.

Head for Craven Arms on the A49, between Ludlow and Shrewsbury. At the Craven Arms Hotel, take the B4368, signposted Clun. Pass through Aston on Clun, Purslow and finally Clunton; one mile beyond Clunton you will see a white house on your right. Just past this is a left hand turn into our driveway (signed to Hurst Mill Farm).

From Wales, or via Bishop's Castle, head for Clun on the A488. In Clun, take the B4368 signposted Craven Arms. After one mile you will come to a left hand bend with a black and white chevron warning sign - the right hand turn just around the bend is The Hurst driveway (signed to Hurst Mill Farm).

Once you are on the drive, go over the little bridge and bear right at the fork. At the top swing left for the Clockhouse. Unload here before heading to the main car park.



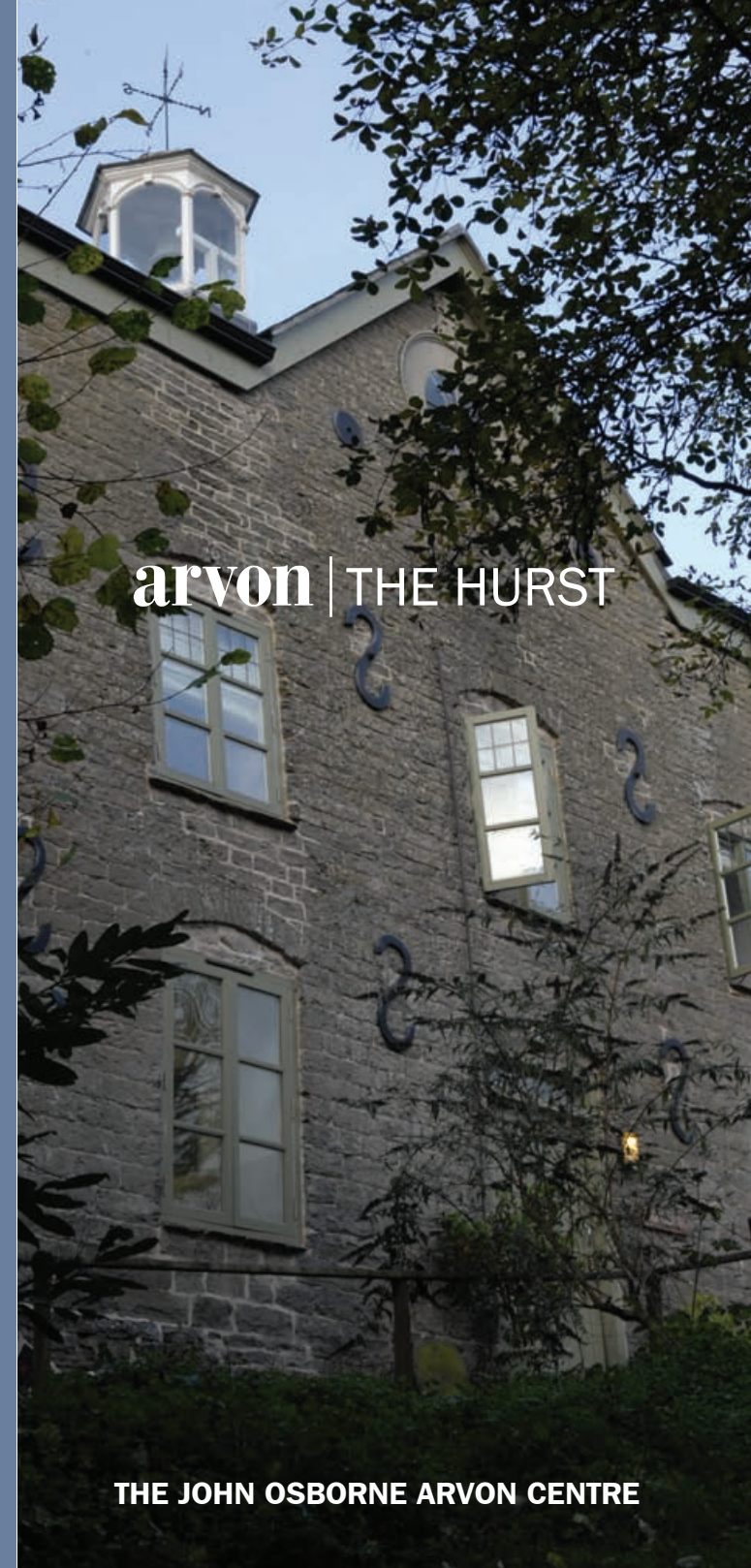
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THE JOHN OSBORNE ARVON CENTRE



Set amongst Housman's 'blue remembered hills', in thirty acres of gardens and woodlands, The Hurst is an eighteenth century 'Gentleman's Residence', and the former home of playwright John Osborne. It is Arvon's newest writing house, offering modern facilities in a peaceful and timeless environment that will help you to focus entirely on your creative life, free from all the distractions of home.

The Hurst is your home for the week. An Arvon week is run along communal lines with students sometimes sharing bedrooms, and all taking turns cooking an evening meal as part of a group. Recipes, ingredients and plenty of guidance for these meals are provided, as are breakfast and lunch. Cleaners visit only at weekends; cleanliness, tidiness and washing up during the week are the responsibility of the group.

The Hurst has a well-stocked library and a few computers and a printer. If you have your own laptop, we strongly suggest you bring it with you. Likewise if you have a memory stick for transferring your work for printing. There is no internet access.

Wherever you are with your writing, the alchemy of high quality tuition, sympathetic fellow writers, the inspirational setting and time and space to write, will make sure you are further forward after a week at The Hurst.

ARRIVING AND DEPARTING

All courses start on Mondays and you should arrive between 4pm and 6pm. Please do not arrive before 4pm.

The first 'event' is a meeting at 6.30pm followed by dinner at 7pm. Arvon courses are all different: there is no set formula, but most follow a similar structure of workshops, one-to-one feedback about your work, readings and plenty of time to concentrate on your own writing.

If you have work you wish to show the tutors, please remember they have limited time to read so please prepare a short selection in advance.

Courses finish on the Saturday and you should arrange to leave by 10am.

THINGS TO BRING

Towel
A pair of house shoes / slippers
A pair of walking boots or stout shoes
A waterproof jacket or coat
Warm clothing in winter
Paper and pens
Torch

TELEPHONES

Mobile reception at the Hurst is poor. There is a payphone in the Clockhouse: **01588 640987**. If anyone needs to contact you, please ask them to call on this number. *In an emergency* you can be contacted via the office: 01588 640658.

STAFF

The Centre Directors at The Hurst are Kerry Watson and Peter Salmon. The Administrator is Dan Pavitt. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any queries about your course, travel arrangements or any specific medical, dietary or access needs.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Foyle Studio and the Clockhouse are fully accessible for wheelchair users. Hearing induction loops are fitted in all of the communal areas.

DISCLAIMER

The Arvon Foundation cannot accept responsibility for any loss or injury sustained by students as a result of any event or circumstances (whether arising from natural causes, human agency, or otherwise) beyond its control. Full terms and conditions are in our current brochure and online.