

MAYORAL VISIT FROM MAYOR OF VANN, TURKEY - 24th November 2009

The Mayor of Ludlow Councillor Martin Taylor-Smith and his wife the Lady Mayoress Mrs Rosanna Taylor-Smith welcomed the Mayor of Vann, Turkey Bekir Kaya and Lord and Lady Powis and Stephen Windsor.

The visiting Mayor, who is a friend of Lord Powis was accompanied by advisers, Cahit Bozbay and Lutfi Nar. The Civic party were escorted on a number of site visits including the Linney Park, Castle walks and walls, Temeside, and Broad Street.



Mayor of Ludlow (left) accepting a personal gift from the Mayor of Vann

At each stage of the visit officers from Ludlow Town Council and Shropshire Council explained the significance of the area and recent developments.

LINNEY

At the Linney, Chris Bayliss Projects Officer at Ludlow Town Council explained the issues surrounding the uses of the riverbank in this area, which is a flood plain for the rivers Teme and Corve. The Linney is the subject of a feasibility study for uses as a riverside park, picnic area and the reintroduction of boating on the river at low levels and an extended car park.

LUDLOW CASTLE

Colin Richards, Historic Environment Manager with Shropshire Council explain the proposed works to be undertaken in Castle Gardens, Castle walks and walls.

TEMESIDE.

Ian Rutherford, a former Highways engineer at Shropshire County Council, was responsible for finding a number of ways to reduce the risk of flooding in Ludlow. He gave a talk identifying where the river rises to and how this is managed, and demonstrated the defence mechanisms at Temeside following the floods of 2007.



Mayor of Vann (left) his interpreter and Lord Powis in St Laurence's Church

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE OF LUDLOW

Director from Shropshire Council John Harrison, and Colin Richards accompanied the party on a walking tour of historic Ludlow offering expert insights into Ludlow's architecture and key points of historic interest. Colin also gave a talk the natural environment and the proposed enhancements to the Castle Walks and the Town Walls.



Owner of the Charlton Arms Floyd Wilson-Lloyd (centre) with Mayor of Vann (right)

Following his tour of Ludlow, The Mayor of Vann was guest of honour at a Civic Lunch hosted by the Mayor of Ludlow at the Charlton Arms Riverside Inn.



Festive Civic Lunch at Charlton Arms