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Shresbury in the twelfth century provides the setting and inspiration for the best-selling Chronicles of Brother Cadfael. The author Ellis Peters whose real name is Edith Pargeter sadly died in October 1995. She had lived most of her life in Shropshire and her love of the country and deep knowledge of history are reflected in the Cadfael stories, now also made into a television series starring Derek Jacobi as the 'detective monk'.

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The heart of the Cadfael stories, Shresbury Abbey was founded in 1083 and became a large and powerful Benedictine monastery. Much of the Abbey church survived the dissolution and is still a place of worship. It is open to visitors every day and a display illustrates its interesting history.

3) Live the history and solve the mystery within this medieval attraction recreate on part of the original grounds of Shresbury Abbey. Explore Cadfael's workshop as described in the books and his herb garden of 12<sup>th</sup> century plants.

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Discover more about Ellis Peters in her study. Solve the mystery to win prizes, play medieval games, create your own illuminated manuscript and learn the art of calligraphy. The Shresbury Quest is a great day out for all the family.

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Sites which feature in the Chronicles can be discovered in around Shresbury – like Shresbury Castle and St. Mary's Church. The Medieval Gallery at Rowley's House Museum offers another insight into Cadfael's era.

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In the footsteps of Brother Cadfael

Three trails around the Abbey and town linking the real sites and historical events which inspire the Cadfael stories. 'Cadfael' sites in Shresbury are marked by a silver footprint set into the pavement.

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#### Brother Cadfael Guided Tours

'Cadfael' Guided Walking tours take place in the summer months. The guides are 'Cadfael' experts and enthusiasts and are also official Shresbury Town Guides.

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#### Mystery Car Trails

Brother Cadfael had to travel by foot or mule. But if you have a car you may like to follow some of his travels through the stunning countryside of Shropshire. Use the clue cards to solve the mystery as you go.