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## A Message from Lockley Homes Co-Founders, Tom and Karl Lockley

As winter sweeps over Worcestershire and the Cotswolds, our counties transform into a landscape of frost-tipped fields, glowing light trails, and historic streets filled with festive cheer. This season, we're delighted to bring you a guide to some of the most magical winter activities Worcestershire and the Cotswolds have to offer. From Worcester's Victorian Christmas Fayre to enchanting light trails and winter walks around Broadway Tower and the surrounding Cotswolds, there's an abundance of experiences to warm the coldest days and create lasting family memories.

In this edition of Lockley Life, we're excited to share details of our newest developments: Little Acre in Lower Broadheath and Malvern View in Inkberrow. With homes completing in Spring/Summer 2025, both of these exclusive collections of bespoke properties epitomise luxury living, offering customisation options to create a home as unique as you are.

The Malvern View development has been exceptionally popular, with only one plot remaining in this stunning countryside setting, where exceptional design meets panoramic views over the Malvern Hills.

As we revel in the festive spirit, let's also remember the importance of giving back. We're sharing details on how you can support local food and clothing banks, helping to spread warmth and kindness to those in need. By donating essentials or volunteering a little of your time, you can make a meaningful difference this season.

We hope you find inspiration in our winter guide and the latest news from Lockley Homes. From all of us, we wish you a joyful, peaceful, and safe winter season. Here's to cosy fires, brisk countryside walks, and the warmth of community this winter.

**Tom & Karl Lockley**  
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# What's On This Winter Around Worcestershire!

As winter arrives, Worcestershire transforms into a festive wonderland filled with seasonal events, markets, and family activities. Whether you're looking to soak up some festive cheer or enjoy a day out in the clean, crisp air, here's our guide to what's on this winter around Worcestershire.



## Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre

Step back in time at Worcester's Victorian Christmas Fayre, where cobbled streets come alive with over 200 stalls, festive treats, and seasonal gifts. Enjoy live music, street performers, and traditional Victorian entertainment – perfect for getting into the festive spirit!

**Date:** 28th November – 1st December

**Location:** Worcester City Centre

**Tickets:** None / Free



## Festive Train Journey on the Severn Valley Railway

All aboard the Severn Valley Railway for a festive train journey! Enjoy a scenic ride with beautiful winter views, while Santa himself makes an appearance with gifts for children.

**Date:** Select dates from 30th November through December.

**Location:** Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster

**Tickets:** Book early at [Severn Valley Railway](#) as likely to sell-out.



## Arley Arboretum Christmas festivities

There are numerous activities for all the family in December, including wreath-making workshops and a Santa's Grotto. The tea room will be open and serving festive treats; dogs on leads are also welcome.

**Date:** Select dates in December

**Location:** Arley Arboretum, Bewdley

**Tickets:** Book online via [Arley Arboretum](#).



## Christmas Tree Festival

The festival features an array of fabulous Christmas trees from charities, schools, businesses, community groups and others from across the region, for visitors to enjoy. The festival is open every day except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Come and spend your evening and enjoy a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine!

**Date:** 5th December – 6th January

**Location:** Worcester Cathedral

**Tickets:** Visit the [Cathedral's website](#) for information.



## Christmas at Croome

Croome Court, a National Trust property, is beautifully decorated for the season with festive lights and Christmas trees. Wander through the gardens, enjoy seasonal storytelling sessions, and discover the history of this stunning Georgian mansion.

**Date:** Throughout December

**Location:** Croome Court, near Pershore

**Tickets:** Usual National Trust admission applies; check [National Trust – Croome](#) for more information.



## The Mayor's Christmas Charity Concert

Celebrate the season with a special Christmas concert by The Elgar Chorale, with carols and festive readings to raise funds for the Mayor of Worcester's chosen charity.

**Date:** 11th December

**Location:** The Guildhall, Worcester

**Tickets:** Available from [Elgar Chorale](#)



## Winter Glow at Three Counties Showground

Winter Glow is a must-visit event with a magical illuminated trail, ice skating, and a Christmas market featuring local crafts and seasonal treats. Santa's Grotto will be open, creating a festive wonderland for families.

**Date:** 22nd November – 31st December

**Location:** Three Counties Showground

**Tickets:** Pre-booking advised; see [Winter Glow](#) for details.

# Embrace the Season: Top Winter Walks

We've curated some of the best family-friendly winter walks, offering scenic views, rich history, and plenty of fresh air for all ages to enjoy:

## 01 : Malvern Hills

- ◆ **Trail Options:** The Malvern Hills offer a variety of trails suitable for all fitness levels. The shorter walks around Worcestershire Beacon provide breathtaking views over the surrounding countryside and are especially magical in winter.
- ◆ **Highlights:** Frost-covered hills, sweeping views, and a chance to explore some of Worcestershire's best natural scenery.
- ◆ **Facilities:** Café stops and parking available at multiple points like British Camp and St. Ann's Well.

## 03 : Arley Arboretum

- ◆ **Trail Length:** 1-2 miles, with plenty of areas to explore within the arboretum.
- ◆ **Highlights:** This historic arboretum is beautiful year-round, with giant redwoods and winter flora. The winding paths and landscaped areas offer a mix of scenery for a cosy winter outing.
- ◆ **Family Fun:** Arley Arboretum has family-friendly trails, including a dinosaur-themed trail for kids.
- ◆ **Facilities:** Café, picnic areas, and parking available.

## 02 : Wyre Forest Nature Reserve

- ◆ **Trail Options:** There are various trails to choose from, ranging from 1 to 5 miles, which are easy to moderate, making them ideal for families.
- ◆ **Highlights:** Winter brings a serene quiet to Wyre Forest, one of the largest ancient woodlands in England. Spot wildlife, like deer and birds, and enjoy crisp winter air in the forest.
- ◆ **Family Fun:** There's a fun Gruffalo trail for younger children, making it a great choice for families with little ones.
- ◆ **Facilities:** Visitor centre, café, and picnic areas.

## 04 : Croome Park

- ◆ **Trail Length:** Main loop around the grounds is approx 3 miles.
- ◆ **Highlights:** Croome is a National Trust property with vast landscaped grounds, designed by Capability Brown. A winter walk here includes views of the lake, rivers, and an elegant 18th Century mansion.
- ◆ **Family Fun:** Kids can explore the secret tunnels and the RAF-themed playground. Croome also offers seasonal trails with activities for children.
- ◆ **Facilities:** Café, toilets, and parking available.

## 05 : Spetchley Park Gardens

- ◆ **Trail Length:** The garden pathways cover about 1-2 miles, perfect for a leisurely family walk.
- ◆ **Highlights:** Winter brings a unique quiet beauty to Spetchley's gardens, with frost-kissed plants and scenic lakeside paths. It's a lovely, peaceful spot to wander.
- ◆ **Family Fun:** Kids can enjoy spotting different plants and trees, while adults appreciate the historic charm of the garden.
- ◆ **Facilities:** Tea rooms and toilets.

## 07 : Severn Valley Country Park

- ◆ **Trail Options:** Choose from a range of walks, including short loops and riverside paths around 2-4 miles.
- ◆ **Highlights:** This country park has trails along the River Severn with winter views of the river and surrounding countryside. The park also has remnants of an old coal mining site to explore.
- ◆ **Family Fun:** Kids can explore the play areas, and the gentle paths are perfect for younger children or families with pushchairs.
- ◆ **Facilities:** Visitor centre, café, toilets, and parking.

## 06 : Broadway Tower and Surrounding Cotswolds

- ◆ **Trail Length:** The walk to the tower is about 1 mile (round trip), but you can extend it to a longer Cotswolds hike.
- ◆ **Highlights:** Broadway Tower offers spectacular panoramic views over Worcestershire and beyond. On clear winter days, you might see up to 16 counties from the top!
- ◆ **Family Fun:** Kids enjoy the novelty of the tower, while parents appreciate the surrounding Cotswolds scenery.
- ◆ **Facilities:** Café near the tower and visitor facilities.

## 08 : Pershore Abbey Park and Riverside Meadows

- ◆ **Trail Length:** Short, easy walk suitable for all ages
- ◆ **Highlights:** The Abbey grounds and nearby riverside meadows are peaceful and lovely for a gentle winter walk. The river walk offers chances to see waterfowl and other wildlife.
- ◆ **Family Fun:** With a riverside playground and a short, level path, this is a great option for a quick winter outing with young children.
- ◆ **Facilities:** Café nearby and ample parking.

## Tips for Winter Walks

- ◆ **Dress in Layers:** It can get chilly in the winter months, so make sure everyone is bundled up!
- ◆ **Bring Snacks and Warm Drinks:** A Thermos of hot chocolate can be a fun treat for kids along the way.
- ◆ **Check Opening Times:** Some locations may have seasonal hours or holiday closures, so it's best to check ahead.

# Supporting Our Community

At Lockley Homes, we take pride in being active members of our communities, here's just one highlight from our summer:

## Clay Pigeon Shooting Day at Bransford Manor

This summer, we sponsored the Clay Pigeon Shooting Day at Bransford Manor by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Andrew Grant, in aid of St. Richard's Hospice. This incredible organisation provides compassionate care and support to adults facing serious progressive illnesses, enhancing their quality of life from diagnosis through treatment and beyond.

The day was a wonderful mix of fun and community spirit, as Team Lockley joined other participants for a light-hearted clay pigeon shoot, all with the shared goal of raising much-needed funds for this meaningful cause.

We're thrilled to share the fantastic news that the event raised just over £62,000 for St. Richard's Hospice. This remarkable achievement wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and generosity of everyone involved.

We also received a heartwarming note of thanks from the Clay Shoot team:

"Thank you once again for the incredibly generous support you gave to the Clay Shoot day on Saturday 21st September. We are thrilled to announce that the event, has raised just over £62k for St Richard's Hospice. This is an incredible amount, and we are truly grateful to Lockley Homes for sponsoring the event and helping us achieve this outstanding result.

At a time when St Richard's, and many hospices across the UK, face continuing financial challenges, this wonderful sum will help us to provide care and support to patients and families across Worcestershire both at the hospice and within patients homes.

Your kindness is appreciated and has helped us make a difference to individuals at a very difficult time in their lives- thank you!"

If you'd like to learn more about the vital work St. Richard's Hospice does, visit [strichards.org.uk](http://strichards.org.uk).



St. Richard's  
Hospice  
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# Looking to Get Involved in Our Community This Year?



Here are some meaningful ways you can make a difference in the coming months:

## Contribute to St. Richard's Hospice Shops

Declutter your home while supporting compassionate care for patients and their families.

### Drop-off Locations:

- ◆ St. Richard's Hospice charity shops across Worcestershire, including Worcester, Droitwich, and Pershore

Learn More: [St.Richard's Hospice](http://St.Richard's Hospice)

## Support Worcester Foodbank

Help families in need by donating food and essential items.

### Drop-off Locations:

- ◆ Worcester Foodbank Warehouse (Lowesmoor Wharf)
- ◆ Donation bins at local supermarkets, including Tesco & Asda

Learn More: [Worcester Foodbank](http://Worcester Foodbank)

## Donate Clothing to Maggs Day Centre

Support vulnerable individuals by donating clean, wearable clothing.

### Drop-off Locations:

- ◆ Maggs Clothing Project, The Trinity, Worcester

Learn More: [Maggs Day Centre](http://Maggs Day Centre)



# Seasonal Home Maintenance Checklist: Winter Edition

Prepare your home for winter with our seasonal maintenance checklist! Keeping up with a few key tasks can help protect your home, enhance energy efficiency, and keep things running smoothly all season long.



## 01 : Heating System Check-Up

- ◆ **Service Your Heating System:** Schedule a professional inspection to ensure your heating system is ready for the colder months. Regular servicing can improve efficiency and prevent unexpected breakdowns.
- ◆ **Replace Filters:** If you have a furnace, change the filter to improve airflow and maintain air quality. This should ideally be done every 1-3 months during high-use seasons.
- ◆ **Test Thermostats:** Check that your thermostat is working correctly and adjust programmable settings to reduce energy usage when you're asleep or away.

## 03 : Gutters and Roof

- ◆ **Clear Gutters and Downspouts:** After autumn leaves have fallen, clear out gutters to prevent ice dams and damage caused by water backup.
- ◆ **Inspect the Roof:** Look for missing or damaged shingles and schedule repairs to prevent leaks and winter drafts.
- ◆ **Remove Debris:** Remove any branches, leaves, or other debris from the roof and gutters to avoid clogging and potential damage from heavy snow.

## 02 : Insulation and Draft Proofing

- ◆ **Seal Drafts:** Check for drafts around doors, windows, and baseboards. Use weatherstripping or caulking to seal gaps and keep warm air in and cold air out.
- ◆ **Add or Check Insulation:** Well-insulated homes are more energy-efficient. If needed, consider adding insulation to attics or basements.
- ◆ **Inspect Windows and Doors:** If you have older windows, consider using thermal plastic window film or heavy drapes for an added layer of insulation.

## 04 : Safety Checks

- ◆ **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Test all detectors, replace batteries if needed, and make sure each room is equipped with a working smoke and CO2 detector.
- ◆ **Fireplace and Chimney Maintenance:** If you have a wood-burning fireplace, have the chimney cleaned to remove any buildup. Make sure the flue opens and closes properly.
- ◆ **Clear Pathways and Stairs:** Make sure outdoor walkways, stairs, and driveways are clear of debris. Stock up on de-icing salt or sand to prevent icy slips.

## 05 : Plumbing Protection

- ◆ **Insulate Pipes:** Wrap exposed pipes in insulation sleeves to prevent freezing and potential bursts during extreme cold snaps.
- ◆ **Disconnect Hosepipe:** Remove garden hosepipes, drain them, and store them indoors to protect outdoor faucets from freezing damage.
- ◆ **Set Up a Steady Temperature:** Maintain a consistent indoor temperature, especially if you'll be away. Setting it no lower than 12-15°C can prevent pipes from freezing.

## 07 : Prepare for Emergencies

- ◆ **Create a Winter Emergency Kit:** Stock up on essentials like torches, batteries, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable food in case of power outages.
- ◆ **Know Your Water Shut-Off Valve Location:** In case of a burst pipe, knowing where the shut-off valve is can save you from extensive water damage.

## 06 : Exterior Preparations

- ◆ **Check Siding and Foundation:** Inspect the home's exterior walls and foundation for cracks or gaps and repair them to prevent cold air from seeping inside.
- ◆ **Cover or Store Outdoor Furniture:** Move outdoor furniture, grills, and other equipment indoors, or cover them with waterproof tarps to prevent winter weather damage.
- ◆ **Check Outdoor Lighting:** Shorter days mean more time in the dark, so make sure your outdoor lights are functioning properly and consider adding timers or motion sensors.

Taking these preventive steps will help you enjoy a warm, safe, and comfortable winter season. If you have any questions or need assistance with preparing your home, don't hesitate to reach out to the Lockley Homes team.

News Updates

# Live a Lockley Lifestyle: Our homes

Introducing Little Acre, Lower Broadheath.

We're excited to unveil Little Acre, our exclusive new development in the picturesque village of Lower Broadheath, Worcestershire. This development features two detached, four-bedroom homes, each built to meticulous standards, combining contemporary elegance with traditional craftsmanship.

These luxurious homes are designed with high-end finishes and premium details throughout, offering spacious living and a perfect blend of modern comfort and timeless style. With only two plots available, now is your opportunity to secure one of these exceptional homes.

**Key Features:**

- ◆ Two detached four-bedroom homes
- ◆ Built to the highest craftsmanship standards
- ◆ Prices from £1,150,000
- ◆ Located in the beautiful village of Lower Broadheath, Worcestershire
- ◆ Coming Spring/Summer 2025

PLOT 2



PLOT 1



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Homes Ready in Spring 2025

# Malvern View - Inkberrow, Worcestershire

We're excited to announce that our Malvern View homes will be completed this Spring! Nestled in the picturesque village of Inkberrow, Worcestershire, this exclusive collection features six custom-build plots offering luxury, personalisation, and craftsmanship.

With only one plot remaining, priced from £895,000, now is the time to secure your place in this exceptional development. Contact us today to secure the final plot at Malvern View and begin your journey to owning a one-of-a-kind home.

#### Why choose Malvern View?

- ◆ Breathtaking Views: Overlooking open countryside and the iconic Malvern Hills.
- ◆ Generously Sized Plots: Each plot spans approx. a quarter of an acre.
- ◆ Tranquillity & Style: Enjoy the rare combination of space, serenity and luxury.



#### All Available Properties:

- ◆ Little Acre, Lower Broadheath: Plots 1 & 2 (4-bedroom houses)
- ◆ Britannia Gardens, Fernhill Heath: Plot 5 (3-bedroom house)
- ◆ Malvern View, Inkberrow: Plot 2 (3-bedroom hybrid bungalow)

Discover more about these exceptional homes on our website. Don't miss out - register your interest now at [lockleyhomes.co.uk/register](https://lockleyhomes.co.uk/register).

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