

# Cambridge Society of Cheshire and North Wales

**Visit to Combermere Abbey 2pm Thursday 11 September 2025**  
**Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 4AJ**



## **The visit and tour:**

We will take a guided tour of Combermere Abbey, a Grade I-listed stately home on the Cheshire/Shropshire borders with a large mere surrounded by 1,000 acres of parkland. Originally constructed in 1133 as a Cistercian monastery, the building includes parts of a Tudor manor house (incorporating the monastic Abbots Lodge) and in 1820 it was substantially remodelled as a “Gothic” mansion by 1st Viscount Combermere. Since 1919 it has been owned and occupied by the family of Manchester car manufacturer, Sir Kenneth Crossley. In his granddaughter’s care the estate has recently completed a 27 year restoration programme removing the house from Historic England’s 'At Risk' Register. The tour includes parts of the ground floor interior and features the first floor Library (the Great Hall of the Abbots’ Lodge). The walk around the exterior façade of the Abbey also includes the service buildings including Game Larder and Clock Tower, with views of the William Emes parkland. Tea and cake will be served.

## **Access and Parking:**

The Abbey is located on the A530/A525 Nantwich to Whitchurch Road; the turning for Goldsmith Lane (to Burleydam) is opposite the estate's main entrance. The postcode to use for Sat Nav is SY13 4AN. To access, drive up to the gates which will open automatically away from you. Follow the signs “Abbey Tours” through the parkland to the gravel carriage sweep front of the house, and park. The tour commences from the main door.



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**No Disabled access:**

The principal room is on the first floor (up a staircase) with no disabled access. Wheelchairs are not allowed in the house and there are no disabled WCs. The sole visitor WC facility is up a high step with no rail. Some floors are uneven and there are loose floor coverings. Outside, many areas are very uneven, so care must be taken.

**Programme:**

The visit will commence at 2 pm and will last approximately 3 hours. Tea with cake will be provided. The visit to the house includes stairs.

**Cost per person:** £22 per person, to include tea and cake.

**Contact on the day:** Liz McClure 07764 260580

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## Reply Slip – Combermere Abbey – please reply by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**By bank transfer:** Please make payment to:

**Account Name:** Cambridge Society of West Cheshire and North Wales (please note that the restriction in text length means that a shortened version such as ""Cambridge Society of West Ches"" will be accepted).  
Sort Code: 60-40-08 Account Number: 33051798.  
Please use "Comber" and your name as the reference on the payment.

Please either post this form to David Lynas or email him with confirmation of bank transfer and the details below to [duck.lynas@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:duck.lynas@tiscali.co.uk).

**By cheque:** Please send your completed form and cheque payable to Cambridge Society of West Cheshire and North Wales to David Lynas (Committee Member), 22 Greenway, Appleton, Cheshire, WA4 3AD.

Name(s).....

E-mail address.....

Mobile Telephone number (for contact on the day).....

Do you have any dietary restrictions? .....

Please notify Caroline Lloyd ([carolinelloyd@cantab.net](mailto:carolinelloyd@cantab.net)), secretary, of change in contact details, or if unwilling to remain on database.



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