

GHOSTS & GHOULS OF SHREWSBURY

James I. Patterson

Shrewsbury has more ghosts than any other town in England! As a busy trading port it drew people from all over the British Isles and as far away as Germany and the Low Countries. Not all came as law-abiding traders – and not all passed over into the next life when death came a-calling.

The town has over 600 ghosts, many of which have been confirmed by paranormal researchers. The ghosts still walk the streets and alleyways (called 'shuts' locally), which have remained virtually unchanged since the thirteenth century. Walking through this, England's best-preserved medieval town on a dark winter's night, it is all too easy to feel as though you are not alone. And sometimes, just sometimes, you *know* you are not alone. Sudden drops of temperature, orbs of light; smells of lavender or smoke; maybe even the lightest of touches that will brush your shoulders or hair. The certainty is so overpowering that there is no need to see a physical reality, although wraiths do show themselves, especially to those born at midnight.

James I. Patterson, a former policeman and now town guide for Shrewsbury has walked the unchanging streets and passageways experiencing and learning a lot of the more unusual stories of the town from previous generations of constables who had, in their turn, become privy to the lesser known legends of yesteryear.

This is a ghost book with a difference. Come and explore this ancient town and meet some of the old and not so nice former residents as we wander with the author through the thirteenth-century wards of Shrewsbury.

Come along – if you dare!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

James I. Patterson was born in 1947 in the Tyne Valley of Northumberland and raised in a pit village near Newcastle upon Tyne. He joined the police in 1963 and rose to the rank of Detective Inspector. He was also awarded a scholarship to the University of Birmingham at Edgbaston from where he emerged with a degree in Theology. On retiring from the police after twenty-five years' service, together with his wife Patsy, he travelled extensively throughout Australia and elsewhere uncovering their family history before settling once more near Shrewsbury.

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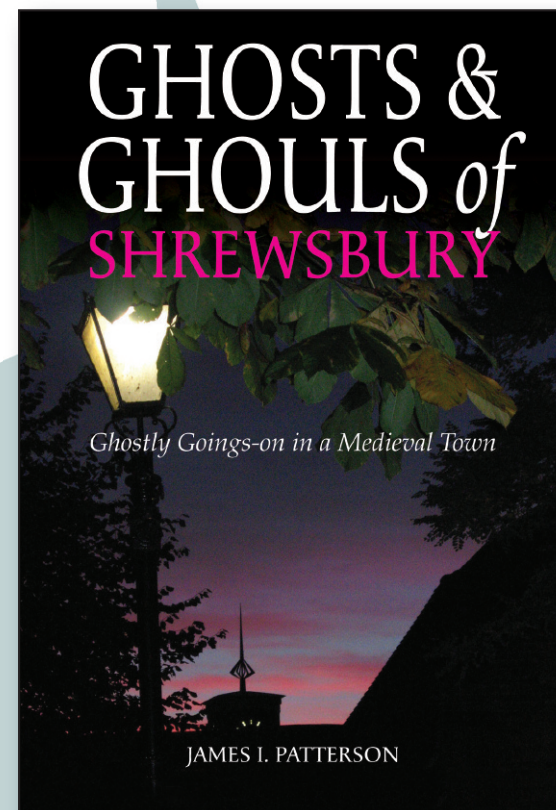
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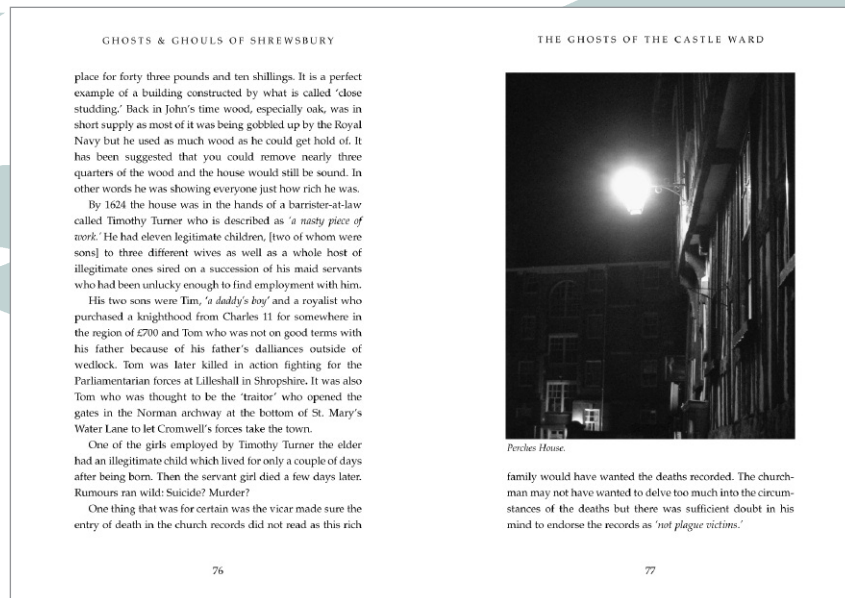


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