

cc. Mr. Gow
Mr. Howe
Mr. Mower
Supt. Cawthorne

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO MONTGOMERY, BRECON AND RADNOR: FRIDAY 2 JULY

You are due to visit these constituencies in Wales on 2 July, before going on to Gloucestershire on 3 July.

I attach a programme, which has been agreed between Mr. Edwards and the Conservative Area Agent for Wales. Mr. Edwards had suggested that you go on a "walkabout" in Welshpool, but Derek and I both feel that it would be more secure and more worth while for you to make a specific visit in Welshpool, and we suggest that you go to a primary school there.

I should add that Mr. Edwards has pointed out that you will be visiting mid-Wales just at the time when, as far as can be seen now, important decisions affecting the future of industrial development in mid-Wales will have been taken in the context of the Assisted Area Status Review. Any unfavourable decisions that may emerge from the Review will obviously not be welcome in mid-Wales. But I think this is a risk that we must take.

Content with the attached programme?

- Pretty exhaustive!
not.

WM

Yes

no

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① prog to be (walkabout KTR) briefing by 29 June we will make ~~appropriate~~ arrangements

② prog book. Contacts to whom I can write.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 0915 Arrive Shawbury Airfield
(7 miles from Shrewsbury)
- 0915-1000 By car to Welshpool
(A53 and A458: 24 miles)
- 1100
1000-1040 Ysgol Maes y Dre, Primary School, Welshpool
[This primary school has 300 pupils, aged
7 to 11, and 15 staff. It is right in the
centre of Welshpool.]
- 1100 1100
1040-1100 By car to Newtown
(A483: 12 miles)
- 1120 1210
1100-1150 Visit Tootal Menswear, Newtown
[This employs 200 staff, and 90 per cent of
them are women. The firm is one of the
longstanding job suppliers in the Newtown
area.]
- 1210 1220
1150-1155 By car to
- 1215
[1155-1230 Visit KTK Limited, Newtown
[This is a Development Board for Rural Wales
project. It is an electronics firm. Despite
the fact that it employs only some 30 people,
it is expanding well.]
- 1230-1235 By car to
- 1220 1255
1235-1310 Visit Dr. Dafydd Richards Training Centre, Newtown
[This Adult Training Centre was opened in 1970,
and now has 74 places providing day care and
training for adult mentally handicapped people.
It is run by the Powys Social Services Department. The
Welsh Office announced recently as part of the
programme of joint finance for health and
social services a contribution to the cost of a
Special Care Unit to provide for the more severely
handicapped and those with multiple handicaps.]
- 1255 1300
1310-1315 By car to
- 1300
1315-1415 Lunch for Party Workers, Newtown
- 1415-1445 By car to Cwm Whitton Farm, near Knighton
(via B4355: 22½ miles)
- 1445-1530 [This is owned by Mr. Verney Pugh. It is an
excellent example of the use made of Less Favoured
Area Assistance for maintaining upland farming.
A visit would give recognition to the development
of the suckler cow industry since Mr. Pugh has
for many years been Chairman of the Brecon and

Radnor Suckled Calf Society, a successful marketing organisation). You will also be able to see an outstanding example of a cruck house, a form of domestic architecture dating from medieval days.)

- 1530-1540 By car to Knighton Hospital
- 1540-1620 Visit Knighton Hospital
(This is one of the smaller hospitals in Wales, and one of the more isolated. It has 20 beds.)
- 1620-1650 By car to Llandrindod Wells
(A488, A44 and A483: 19 miles)
- 1650-1750 Tea Reception, Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells