

About Worcester Shotokan Karate Club (WSKC)



WSKC Chief Instructor Steve in the unique stance, tsuru ashi dachi from the Shotokan kata 'Gankaku', taken at a spectacular location on Table mountain, 3500 feet above Cape Town, South Africa.

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WSKC Chief Instructor Profile

Steve Cameron 5th Dan IJKA - Karate Timeline:

1981

Steve started his training with Ishinryu karate whilst living in Essex.

1989

Steve was working away from home in Wiltshire in 1989 and joined a Shotokan karate club (SEKU) in order to continue his martial arts training. Steve's Shotokan 'Way of life' begins.

Steve also relocated to live in Worcestershire.

1990

Steve joins the KUGB in 1990 training at Bromsgrove, Worcester (WSKC) and at various other KUGB clubs around the UK when working away from home.

1994

Work took Steve to Johannesburg, South Africa, where he joined JKA (South Africa), training at Springs, Transvaal.

1995

Steve returned to England and joined the IJKA whose World Chief Instructor was Sadashige Kato Shihan. Steve attended as many of the IJKA seminars as possible held at home and abroad for 25 years until the sad passing of Kato Shihan on 16th April 2020.

2021

IJKA UK was formed following Kato Shihan's passing and Steve was appointed Secretary of the Association.

IJKA UK is affiliated to IJKA International, whose Headquarters are now in Yokohama, Japan.

Onward

Karate is a lifelong pursuit so Steve's unbroken karate journey currently spanning 45 years since 1981 continues....

Steve's Dan Grading History

1995 ~ Graded to Shodan (1st Dan) Shotokan by Malcolm Dorfman Sensei, JKA (South Africa) Chief Instructor.

2002 ~ Graded to Nidan (2nd Dan) Shotokan by Kato Shihan, IJKA Chief Instructor (Europe)

2009 ~ Graded to Sandan (3rd Dan) Shotokan by Kato Shihan, IJKA World Chief Instructor

2015 ~ Graded to Yondan (4th Dan) Shotokan by Kato Shihan, IJKA World Chief Instructor

2026 ~ Graded to Godan (5th Dan) Shotokan by Takato Utsumi IJKA Chief Instructor

Abbreviations ~

IJKA ~ International Japan Karate Association

JKA ~ Japan Karate Association

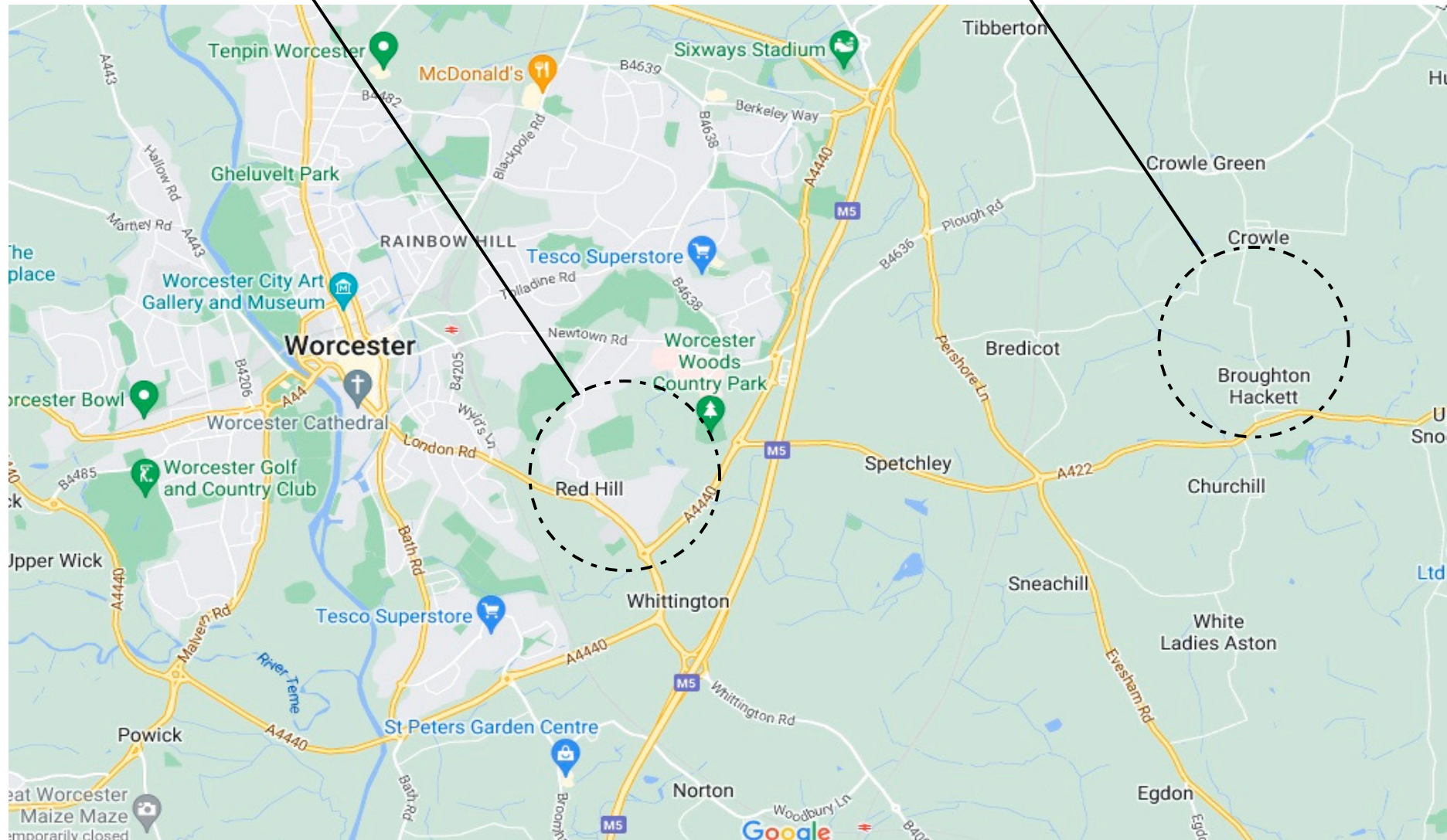
KUGB ~ Karate Union of Great Britain

SEKU ~ Southern England Karate Union

WSKC DOJO LOCATIONS

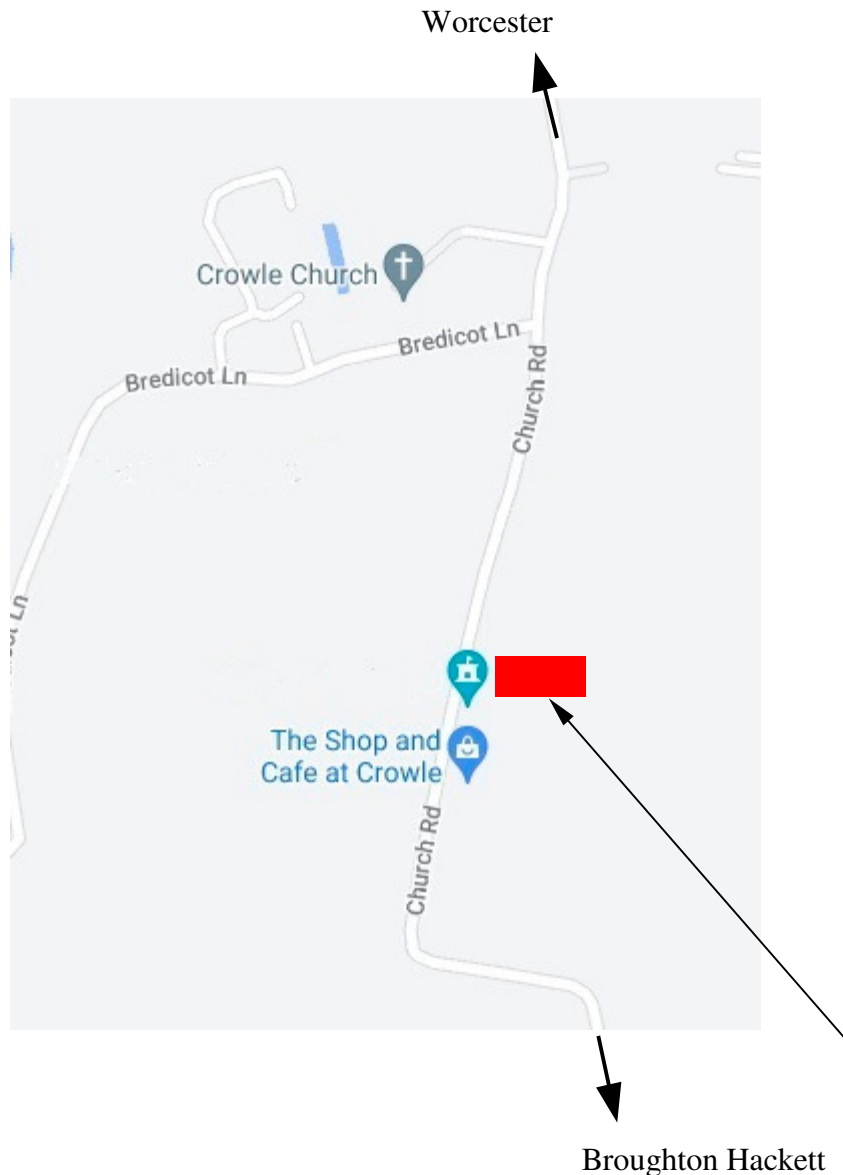
Flag 'B' ~ Nunnery Wood Sport's Centre, Spetchley Road, Worcester WR5 2NL.
See page 6 for Class times, enlarged detail and directions.

Flag 'A' ~ Platinum Hall, Church Road, Crowle. WR7 4AZ
See page 5 for Class times, enlarged detail and directions.



THE PLATINUM HALL (FLAG 'A')

Monday: 7:00 - 8:00pm ~ Beginners and intermediates (to 6th Kyu)
8:00 - 9:00pm ~ Seniors (5th Kyu and above)



Directions From Worcester City Centre

Follow signs for **M5 South** and this will take you out of the City along the **A44 London Road**. Carry on until you reach the first roundabout (past the BP petrol station). Turn left onto **A4440** sign posted for **Hospital / A&E**.

Then ~

A: At first roundabout, turn right and carry on to next roundabout. Go straight on and just past the **March Hare** pub in **Broughton Hackett** turn left for Crowle. Take next right hand turn (after the layby) and that will be **Church Road**. Follow that road for about a mile and the **Platinum Hall** is on the right with a gated entrance to the site that will be open.

Or

B: Carry on the **A4440** to the second roundabout and turn right and follow signs from there for **Crowle**. You will enter **Church Road** from the north end. Follow the road for about half a mile and the **Platinum Hall** will be on the left, with a gated entrance to the site that will be open.

Directions From M5 Worcester South (Junction 7)

Follow signs for Worcester City Centre travelling along the **A44 Whittington Road** and at the second roundabout turn right onto **A4440** sign posted **Hospital / A&E**. From there, follow the directions **A** or **B** above.

Parking

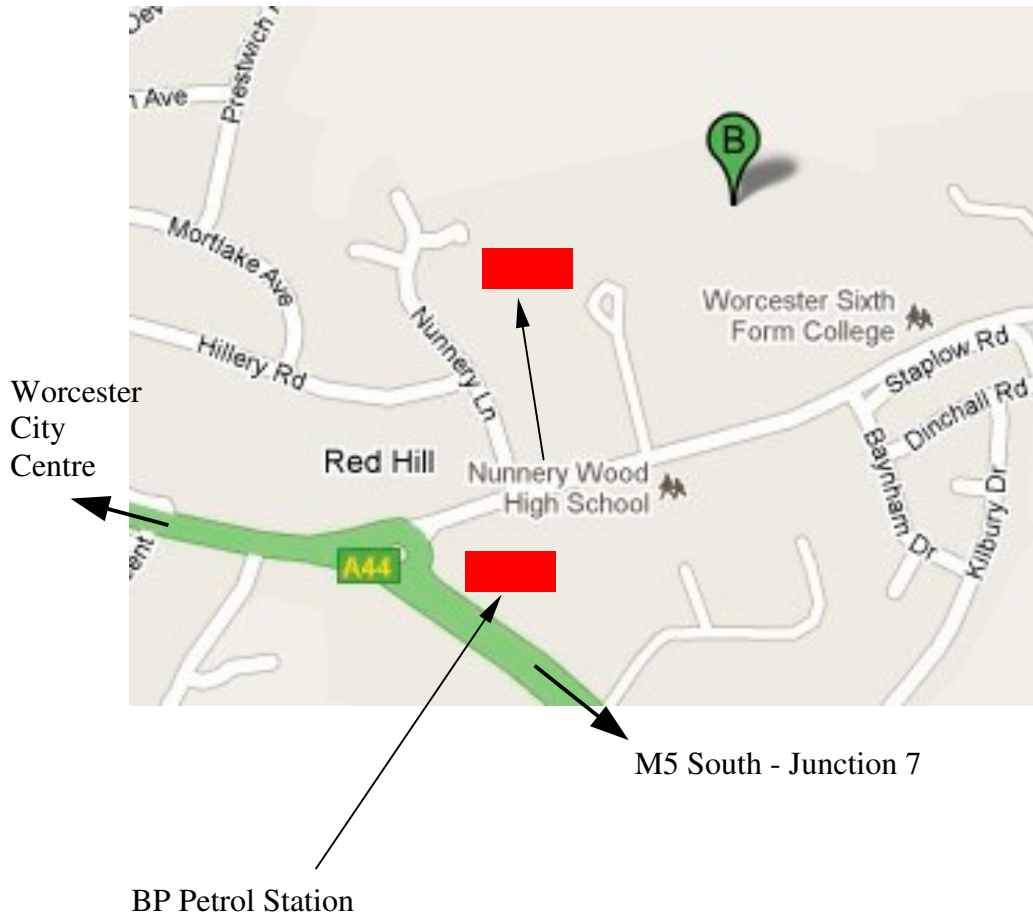
There is ample on site free parking for cars.

IMPORTANT

A polite request to inform you that we do not enter the Platinum Hall building until 6:55pm to respect the class being held before our Karate Classes, who's booking finishes at 7pm.
Thank you for your kind understanding and co-operation.

NUNNERY WOOD SPORT'S CENTRE (FLAG 'B')

Thursday: 6:30 - 7:30pm ~ Beginners and intermediates (to 6th Kyu)
7:30 - 8:30pm ~ Seniors (5th Kyu and above)



Directions From Worcester City Centre

Follow signs for **M5 South** and this will take you out of the City along the **A44 London Road**.

At the top of **London Road** hill turn left into **Spetchley Road** (at the odd shaped roundabout / junction).

Take the **second** turning on the left (**not** Nunnery Lane) and follow this driveway around to the right with Nunnery Wood School on your left to arrive at Nunnery Wood Sport's Centre car park.

Important: A 'One Way' system is in operation at the car park.

Directions From M5 Worcester South (Junction 7)

Follow signs for Worcester City Centre travelling along the **A44 Whittington Road**. At the odd shaped roundabout turn right (just past the BP petrol station on your right) cutting across London Road and into **Spetchley Road**.

Take the second turning on the left (**not** Nunnery Lane) and follow this driveway around to the right with Nunnery Wood School on your left to arrive at Nunnery Wood Sport's Centre car park.

Important: A 'One Way' system is in operation at the free car park.

To find our Dojo in the Sports Centre

We use the **Dance Studio**.

Enter the Sports Centre via the main reception and turn right walking past two squash courts and a gym, the **Dance Studio** is at the end of the corridor.

We are independent of the sports centre and there are no fees to pay at reception.

Training fees - WSKC

The fees for training with Steve Cameron Sensei who has 45 years continuous karate experience and was a student of the Japanese karate master Kato Shihan for 25 years from 1995 until 2020, are very modest.

WSKC prides itself on providing quality instruction at two great dojos (training venues) at very affordable prices.

There is no club joining fee, all we ask is that you fill out a club membership form. The first two lessons are FREE. Before a student can grade at the club they will have to obtain an IJKA licence at a suitable point in time.

For the first few lessons no special clothing is required. Just wear loose fitting clothing such as tracksuit bottoms and a T shirt.

We can obtain karate Gi (Suits) for our students at trade prices.

Monthly 2

We encourage our students to train twice each week to make good progress and this monthly fee covers the cost of attending both training sessions each week throughout a month.

Monthly 1

Equally we understand that some people can only train once each week and this monthly fee covers the cost of attending one session each week throughout a month.

Per Class

This fee is charged for occasional attendance by visiting karateka.

Category	Monthly 2	Monthly 1	Per Class
Junior (12 ~ 15)	£30	£20	£6
Adult (16+)	£40	£25	£6
Family (Parent + 1 Child ~ age 12+)	£45	£30	£8
Husband + Wife or Couples	£35 each	£20 each	£6 each

Fees applicable from 1 July 2025

How often is WSKC open

The club is open every week throughout the year and only closes for the Christmas festive season. The closure is usually for about two weeks.

Affiliation

WSKC is affiliated to IJKA UK, which in turn is affiliated to IJKA International, whose Headquarters are in Yokohama city, Kanagawa prefecture, Japan.

Takato Utusmi Sensei 7th Dan is now IJKA Chief Instructor.

Takato Sensei was personally chosen by Kato Shihan initially as Chief Instructor for IJKA Japan and accepted the new role of IJKA Chief Instructor in 2021 after one year of respect following Kato Shihan's passing.