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# SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
# OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

## 4 November 2026

**Officer:** Stuart Farmer – Operations Manager

**STEPPING UP TEAM UPDATE**

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**Purpose**

To update the Council on the work and implementation of the Stepping Up Team.

**Ward Visits**

Following a request from a cancelled ward visit, please inform the Operations Manager if you would like to either re-arrange a previous visit or arrange a further visit. A second visit will be diarised in the coming months for all ward members.

**Programme of Works**

The Operations Manager maintains the master spreadsheet of works with these being added to from public enquiries, councillor requests as well as officer reports.
In addition to this a new form that is to be used on the ward walks, is now in operation. This will be shared with the ward member and will allow them to see progress and will assist with land ownership identification issues when they arise.

**Criteria of Works**

The team has a spreadsheet with all tasks that have been identified either by the staff themselves, by Councillors, by the public and of late forwarded by Shropshire Council because their team haven't the resources to do them. Each task is reviewed to determine whether.

(i) it is the responsibility of others and if it is, they are informed
(ii) we have the capacity and resources to undertake the work
(iii) whether there are any timeframes that need to be considered for the work to be done (for example, working out of nesting periods, knowing when other traffic management functions are being undertaken at the same time, any embargos and whether there are clusters of work in one area). Upon that staff allocate jobs to the Stepping up Team.

Officers are currently speaking to colleagues at Shropshire Council regarding issuing letters to residents with privately owned hedges that over footpaths, this letter is currently in draft and will be issued following agreement with Shropshire Council.

Below is a snapshot of the works that have been completed of late along side countless other tasks the team have completed.

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**Work Completed of late**

The team have been completing works across the whole of Shrewsbury including:

Harlescott Park and Ride - This involved working alongside the street cleaning team to provide grounds work such as strimming and mowing alongside a considerable litter pick of the site.

Works along Roman Road from Meole Brace through to Shelton traffic lights which have included a huge amount of path widening and hedge tidying following the tractor mounted hedge cutter completing its work

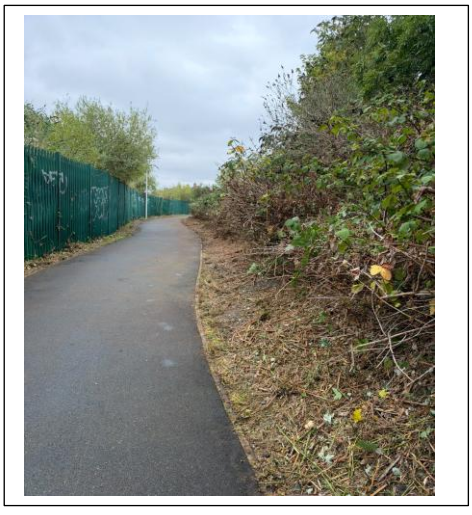
Vegetation and waste clearance along the river towpath from Sydney Avenue through to the Greyfriars bridge. This has included all of the entrances to the river along the path such as St Marys Water and the English Steps

Whitchurch Road Path Widening at the Harlescott Crossroads

Greenfields gardens to Ellesmere Road footpath clearance and widening.

**Greenfields Gardens to Ellesmere Road Footpath**









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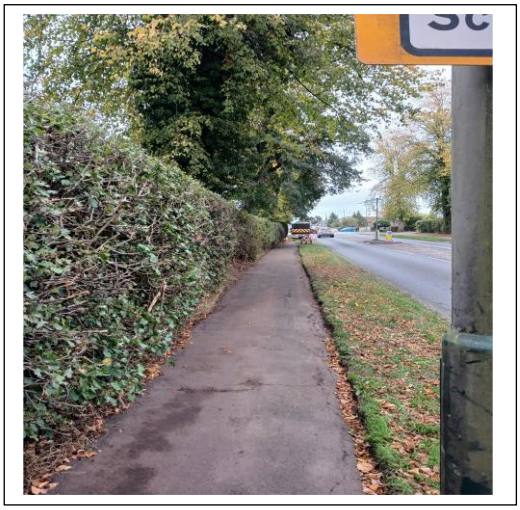
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**Leaf Clearance**

The team will also begin a programme of leaf clearance over next few weeks which will involve working alongside the road sweeping team so areas are cleared at the earliest opportunity. To assist with this, a leaf sucking machine has been purchased which will allow the leaf matter to be blown directly in to the back of a vehicle rather than raking and shovelling. This will hopefully speed the clearance up.

**Litter Picking**

If any Councillors are arranging litter picks the team will be able to assist with the delivery of equipment and collection of the bags. This can be arranged by contacting the Operations Managers, giving advance notice.

**Traffic Management**

The team leader has met with a traffic management provider for path widening on Ellesmere Road to allow this work to be completed safely. This will also include booking road space with Shropshire Council. This is required due to limited space available for pedestrians along this path during the works. Once this has been completed it will form the basis for other areas where this is required across the town.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the contents of the report are noted.**