



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
2 DECEMBER 2024**

Officer: Andy Hall – Youth and Community Manager

Youth Services

Purpose of Report

To provide an update of Youth Services activities.

Youth Activities

Young Shrewsbury's Youth activities returned week commencing 4th November 2024 after the half-term break. All youth clubs held at The Grange, Ditherington, The Hive and The Lodge Monkmoor are back up and running as normal. We are delighted to report that all the numbers attending are up, particularly those at The Lodge with Junior and Senior sessions. The new partnership with the Hive delivering Music activities during these sessions focusing on combating antisocial behaviour has been well received. There are a number of trips and Christmas-based activities planned for the coming weeks leading up to Christmas.

Monkmoor Football and Tennis sessions held at Monkmoor Recreational Ground, supported by Shrewsbury Town Football Club coaches, have been hampered with the poor weather and the closure of the Astro pitch over the last month due to snow and ice.

HAF (Holiday Activity Fund activities) Easter and Summer 2025

Young Shrewsbury are currently unsure regarding the future HAF funding from central government for 2025, we are waiting for guidance from Shropshire Council.

Alternative Curriculum

The Alternative Curriculum (AC) delivery continues this term, with all attendees from Shrewsbury Academy.

Youth Council

It was agreed at the last Youth Council meeting to see if the new Shrewsbury MP Julia Buckley could visit and meet our members. I am pleased to inform you that Julia is keen to do this, and arrangements will be put in place for a future date.

A Youth Council meeting, including training, was held on Thursday 28th November 2024: Helen Ball and Andy Hall will give a verbal update to the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) The report be noted.