

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
3 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Officer: Helen Ball (Town Clerk)

UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS

Purpose of Report

- 1. To update members on recent unauthorised encampments;**
- 2. To consider any additional mitigation measures required**

Unauthorised Encampments

There have been two unauthorised encampments on Town Council land since the last Committee meeting. One at Upton Lane Recreation Ground and the other at Springfield Recreation Ground. In terms of the former, travellers moved off within the required timescales and in terms of the latter, travellers left before notice was served. Access to Upton Lane was by bolt cropping the lock to the gate by the Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses whereas access to Springfield Recreation Ground was down a grass bank from the road. Cleansing of the site was undertaken by staff once travellers had vacated.

Efforts have been made to safeguard all of the Council's vulnerable sites with various measures including height barriers, bunding, enhanced locks and various wooden and hooped bollards.

Members are asked to consider any additional measures to secure sites.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Report be noted;**
- (ii) That consideration be made towards further mitigation measures.**