

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
7th September 2022**

Officer: Ruth Jones - Office Manager

TEAM SHREWSBURY UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

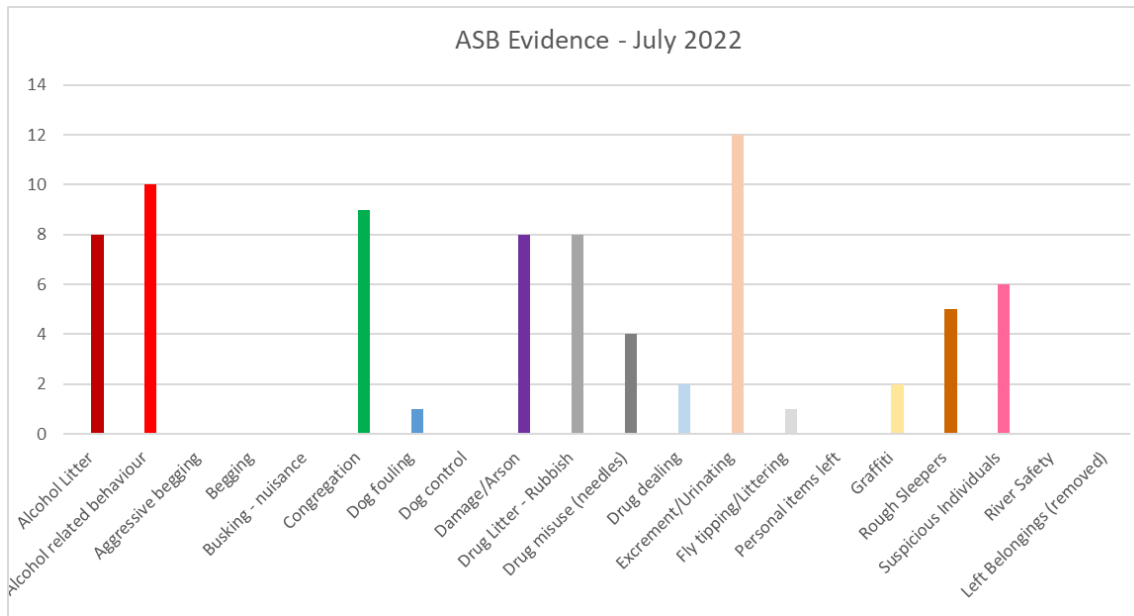
To receive an update on Team Shrewsbury

Meetings

Any ASB issues/concerns please raise via the Office Manager. Operational meetings continue fortnightly & Tactical meetings continue monthly via Teams.

Incidents

The below shows the ASB incidents recorded by Officers for July 2022:



Compared to last month:

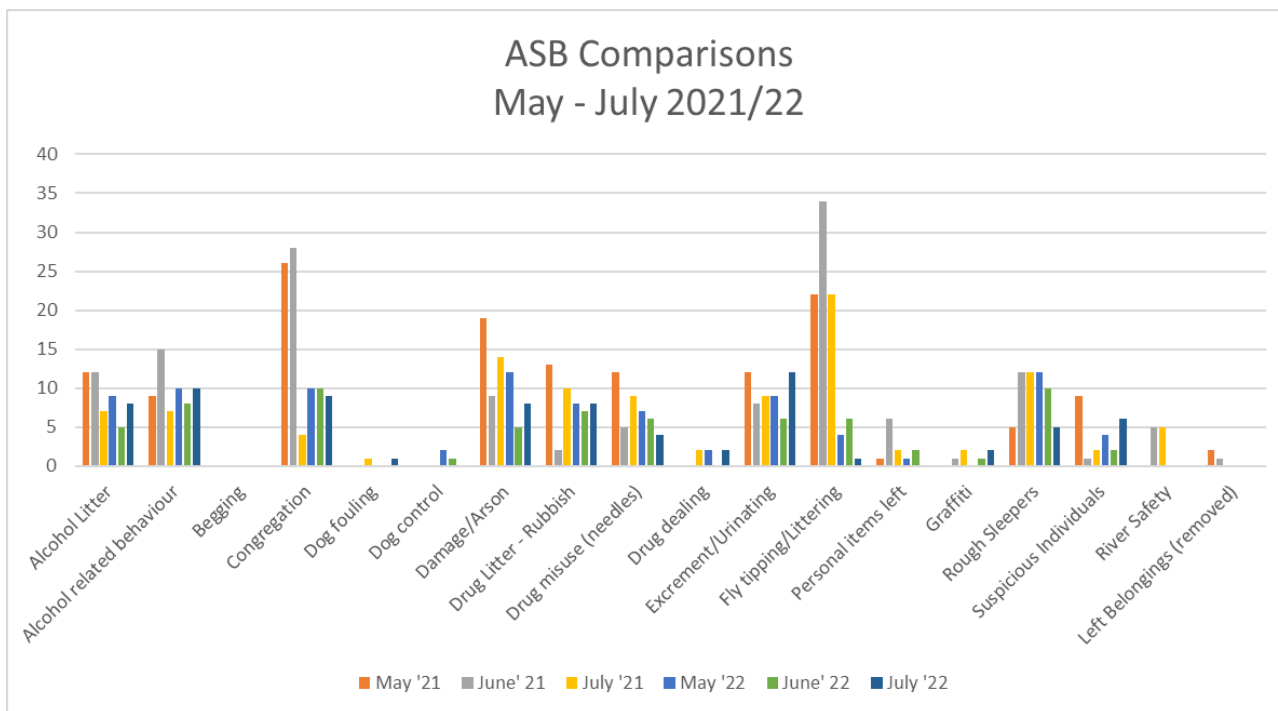
Majority of issues have reduced apart from:

Congregation – primarily Darwin Centre and Quarry

Drug Misuse (needles) – public locations including toilets, Darwin Centre & Gains Park

Rough Sleeper – primarily bedding issues.

The below shows a comparison of the main ASB incidents during the past 3 months compared to 2021.



Incidents are currently comparable to 2021.

Financial Assistance

If you are struggling with the cost of living, you may be able to apply for some help from Shropshire Council. The Council’s Welfare Support Team administers Local Welfare Provision schemes that can provide support for people who are struggling to meet their essential living costs:

- For queries about this, please call the team on 0345 678 9078 (option 1).
- To make an application, please call our application line, on 0345 678 9078 (option 2).

For more information on the Welfare Support Team: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-council/welfare-support-team-local-welfare-provision/>

For more information on help with the cost of living: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/>

CCTV

Shropshire Council are currently obtaining costs for deployable CCTV cameras to cover both ASB and river issues.

Safer Street 4 Funding

Safer Street 4 funding to address Violence Against Women & Girls has been granted for 15 months. Funding will allow for Quarry Security, Town Rangers, Taxi Marshalls, Street Pastors, lighting of throwlines / life buoys & additional CCTV. Partners working to have operationalised a.s.a.p. to address safety issues.

Scoping exercise completed for taxi marshalling – Marshalls will be starting Fri & Sat (18 & 19/08) to engage with premises, Police, Street Pastors, Taxis & public for progressing further and determining locations required. They will be working 10pm to 4am to support local people in getting taxis, queuing, sign posting to meet a taxi, addressing any conflict with people coming out of pubs, making sure individuals have the right locations/money & be the eyes and ears for others.

Tender currently available for providing lighting on throwlines and life buoys - closing date end Aug. Funding also available for providing a 'Safe Place' within the Town Centre.

The funding will be used to look at the vulnerability for everyone on the streets & any river issues will be included.

Youth

Shropshire Council Central Youth team are currently running HAF sessions Monday to Friday in Shrewsbury - a mixture of 'walk and talks' and pop up youth spaces. Partners including Climb team, Holy Trinity Church & Shrewsbury Town Council have also worked within the sessions.

HAF sessions will be evaluated with partners at the end of the summer holiday.

Safer Streets 4 Funding will provide additional resources for 5 x nights (inc Fri & Sat on a rota based, up to 10pm) for detached work in the Town Centre including holding events at KFC.

Looking to progress Empower Her & Below the Belt Projects in Schools and Stay Safe campaigns.

We Are With You

Vaping is becoming an issue as it is seen as nice drug.

Alcohol use has also increased – Share Shrewsbury have videos from their recent conference- <https://shareshrewsbury.org.uk/conference/> .

STC

Currently working with Shropshire Council Youth teams. Currently reviewing where youths are congregating.

Youth sessions starting in Sept and contact will be made with Schools.

Additional session opening at the HIVE, this will be a cool Youth Café providing advice, guidance, careers advice etc as well as drama.

Young Shrewsbury receiving same information regarding current issues with youths and potential exploitation & violence.

Alternative Giving

A new window is scheduled to be installed at Tesco's allowing the public to make donations via contactless.

Town Rangers

BID and Shropshire Council are continuing with Town Rangers.

Rangers will be working in the Town Centre area to assist with safety and reassure the public during the daytime and early evening on a Fri & Saturday, they will have the required radio links.

Interviews taking place on 23rd August, with a view to operationalising a.s.a.p.

River Safety

Meeting taken place with Councillor and Make Our Rivers Safe Facebook Group. Action are being reviewed and progressed on a monthly basis. Shropshire Council have received a draft report from WSP, surveys have been conducted along both sides of the river. Discussions also taking place with other locations including Durham, York & Amsterdam for recommendations particularly to the NTE as the proposed recommendations need to address the issues for Shrewsbury.

Once the report has been finalised it will be shared with the Group.

Water Safety Resource Material

RLSS - <https://www.rlss.org.uk/dwp-ttretffgsdg45354367hjksakyuiydauksh>

Home and Dry course - <https://westmerciasar.org.uk/homeanddry/free-water-safety-online-course/>

SFRS - <https://shropshirefire.gov.uk/water-safety>

Educational Material

RLSS - <https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-education-resources-for-7-9-year-olds>

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-education-resources-for-5-7-year-olds>

Security

Security are assisting with patrolling the Quarry on the below days/times:

- Mon – Thurs (just locking up) - 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Fri – Sun – 2:30pm to 8:30pm

Youths who do not wish to comply or engage with security requests regarding ASB and litter etc are warned that failure to comply will lead to their removal from the park grounds.

Toilets remain an area of issue, strong words of advice are given to persons using the toilets for other than their intended purpose

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) **That the Report be noted**