

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE****9 September 2026****Officer:** Stuart Farmer – Operations Manager**STREET CLEANSING TEAM UPDATE****Purpose**

To update the Council the work and implementation of the Street Cleansing Team.

Road Sweeping Areas

The Town centre continues to be swept on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, this involves predominantly using the smaller sweeper apart from a morning to clear any waste from the weekend. This has allowed the larger sweeper to concentrate closer on the estate and main arterial routes. Below is listed some of the areas that have been swept by both machines.

A route of the road sweeping was shared at the previous meeting and since then the following routes have now been swept:

- Monkmoor Road
- Kingsland
- Longden Coleham
- Coleham
- Belvidere
- Welshpool Road
- Shelton traffic Lights
- Grange Road
- Bank farm Road
- Porthill
- Pengwern Road
- Copthorne Road
- New Park Road
- Sultan Road
- Abbey Foregate
- Horsefair
- Ridgebourne Road
- Radbrook Road
- Shelton Road
- Copthorne Park
- The Mount
- St Michaels Street
- Roman Road
- Sultan Road
- Tilbrook Drive
- Newfeild Drive

- Tarvin Road
- Lancaster Road
- York Road
- Field Crescent
- Meadow Farm Drive
- Lesley Owen Way
- Sundorne Road
- Corndon Crescent
- Brixton Way
- Old Potts Way
- Woodcote way
- Woodfield Road
- Ingleby Way
- Shelton Road
- Pennywell
- Brackley Drive
- Oakley Street
- Telford Way
- Redwing fields
- Buttington Road
- Telford Estate
- Judith Butts
- Clive road
- Abbots Road
- Robertson Way
- Crowmere Road
- St James Road
- Racecourse Crescent
- Oakfield Estate
- Crowmeole lane
- Mytton Oak Road

Please note that were ever possible these are the mainly the main roads listed and that side roads have been swept with either the large or smaller sweeper.

Cycle tracks have also been swept on Robertson way, and this will continue during leaf fall.

Tipping rates

The tipping rates for July August are as follows

July

- Road Sweepings – 80 Tonnes
- Litter bin emptying and waste removal – 27 Tonnes

August

- Road sweeping – 66 tonnes
- Litter bin emptying and waste removal – 26 tonnes

Litter Picking

Litter picking has begun where time has allowed in residential areas however, at present this is being completed following the completion of the days bin emptying routes and requirements. Part of the team's remit has been extended from the previous contractor to ensure that when a site is visited to empty a bin the surrounding area is also litter picked at the same time.

Emptying of Bins

Bin emptying routines have been established and appear to be meeting the requirements of the service, this is not to say that the occasional bin doesn't sometime reach capacity, but this is somewhat covered in the paragraph below.

Areas of high footfall are emptying on a very regular basis and should a report of an overflowing bin be received it is actioned immediately.

Bin Replacement Programme

Several bins have been identified as either damaged or missing or unsuitable due to size, these have been reported by a number of channels including from elected members, street cleansing staff, or members of the public,

These bins will shortly be replaced with new stock, the final location of some of the bins may also change slightly after requests from residents or businesses

Residents and Businesses using street litter bins.

This continues to be an issue with many bins across the Town with a many different items being left either in the bin or left at the side of it.

Evidence is still being gathered, and the Operations Manager will continue to work Shropshire Council regarding a solution for this, however any solution will rely on Shropshire Council as the prosecuting authority.



Leaf Fall

With Autumn coming Shrewsbury Town Council are conscious of leaf fall season and discussions are currently ongoing regarding the sweeping capacity with regards leaves.

All leaf clearance will be completed using a combination of the street cleansing team and the stepping up team but will lead with the street sweeper. This will include removal from all surfaces including cycle paths and public footpaths alongside residential streets.

The operations manager is in discussions with Dawson group regarding a larger sweeper for the duration of the leafing season

Staff training

Staff have been continuing with their training and have further sessions booked for courses in the coming weeks, including

- Chapter8 Road signage installation
- Manual handling

Public Feedback

The team continues to receive positive feedback from the public for the works being carried and overall, it is seen as a positive change since Shrewsbury Town Council starting this service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the contents of the report are noted.