



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE  
30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Agenda No

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**Responsible Officer:** Mike Cox – Outdoor Recreation & Assets Manager

**FISHERIES UPDATE**

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**Purpose of the Report**

To receive an update on activities on the Town Council Fisheries

Angling was one of the first sports to resume after lock down.

Unfortunately a lot of the maintenance work had to wait until restrictions were eased and so work normally done over the winter period is now being completed, ready for the first competitions we are able to host, again subject to complying with national guidelines and COVID-19 Risk Assessments.

The bulk of the work has been completed at Oxon Pool with some assistance from the neighbouring touring park. Membership for that water is at 30 members with a ceiling of around 45.

Mousecroft Pool has had the major works completed albeit later than originally intended. This facility has now become more user friendly for dog walkers, anglers and visitors to the site, with car parking in the area regularly full of visitors. We still have some pegs to be replaced on the site.

Frankwell has had new fishing pegs installed and all have been prepared for the forthcoming competitions

A £5,000 grant has been awarded from the Environment Agency for the installation of new pegs at Monkmoor. These should be completed by the end of October. Sydney Avenue is having old pegs replaced and these should all be completed for the start of next season.

Junior Development has commenced with equipment being given to youngsters and coaching 1 to 1 and it is anticipated to commence an academy once restrictions ease and this will be sponsored by national tackle providers.

Competitions are currently being arranged but these will be subject to national Guidelines and local conditions.

Up to the end of August the number of permits sold was 791 compared to 250 prior to the new management of the waters. It is hoped we can soon exceed 800 with the possibility of reaching 1000 by Christmas.

The number of Junior permits is 86.



800 day tickets have been purchased so far this season.

All purchases and bookings are now done on line and this appears to have had a major positive impact on how we now operate as bookings and payments can be made anywhere in the country and with the likes of Oxon Pool, specific pegs reserved for specific dates. This also makes it easier to police waters and has removed the need for the bailiffs to handle cash.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**That the Report be noted**