

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
7 APRIL 2025**

Officer: Andy Hall – Youth and Community Manager

Youth Services

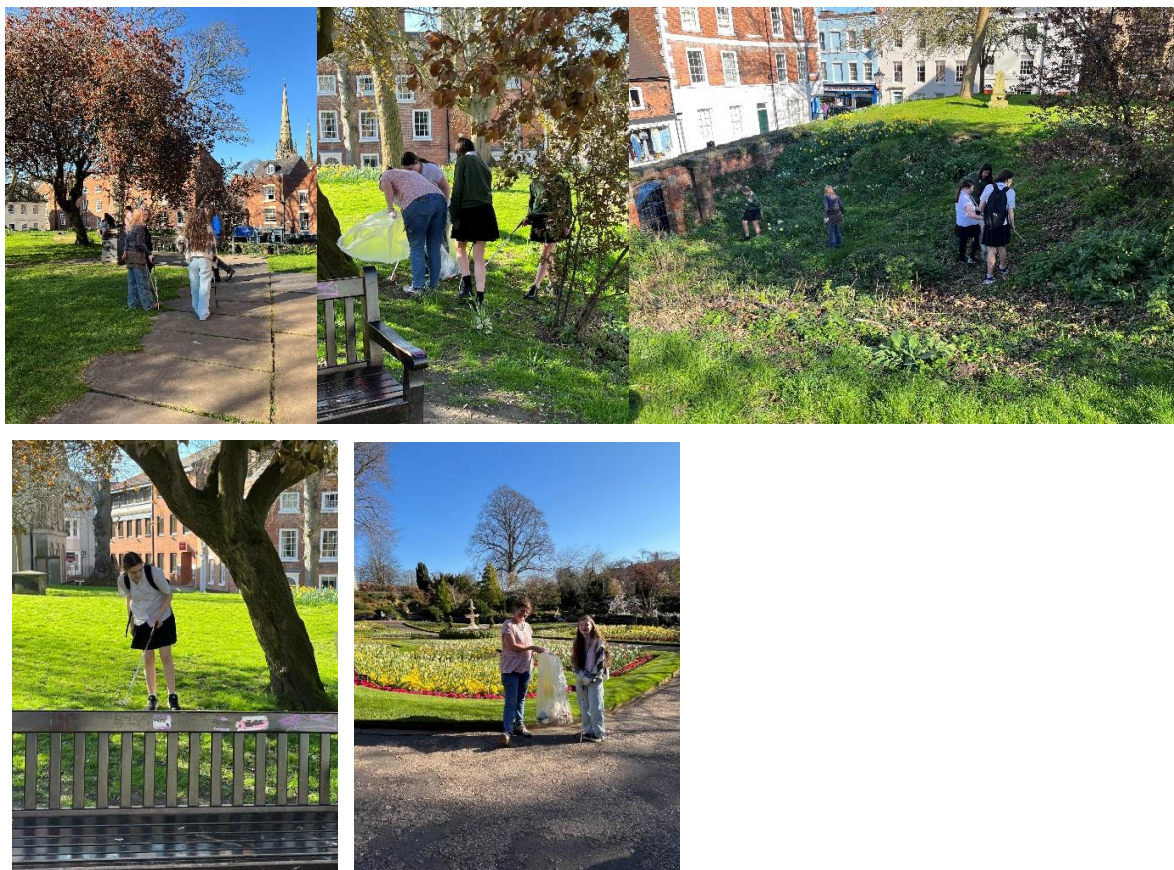
Purpose of Report

To provide an update of Youth Services activities.

Youth Activities

Young Shrewsbury's Youth activities returned week commencing 24th February after the half-term break. All youth clubs held at The Grange, Ditherington, Hive & Lodge Monkmoor are back up and running as normal.

The Hive Youth Club recently took part in a litter pick as part of the 'Big British Spring Clean' - two teams went out and covered areas of the town centre and Quarry, then returned for a well-earned pizza!



Monkmoor Football & Tennis sessions held at Monkmoor Recreation Ground, supported by Shrewsbury Town Football Club coaches, are also back up and running. Sadly, there have been a number of cancelled sessions due to illness, weather

HAF (Holiday Activity Fund activities) Easter and Summer 2025

I am pleased to report that funding has been agreed for the HAF delivery in Shropshire for 2025. Shrewsbury Town Council (Young Shrewsbury) are committed in continuing to run HAF clubs at The Grange and Monkmoor during 2025/26, based on our current model. Funding has been agreed for the following upcoming Easter dates at the Grange:

Tuesday 15.04.2025 4pm-7pm
 Wednesday 16.04.2025 4pm-7pm
 Tuesday 22.04.2025 4pm-7pm
 Wednesday 23.04.2025 4pm-7pm

Alternative Curriculum

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

Youth Council

The latest Youth Council meeting was held on 20th March 2025 at the Grange Youth Centre. The Youth Councillors, supported by Town Councillors, met with Julia Buckley MP and received a presentation from Lisa Freudmann regarding the Shrewsbury Moves Festival.

It was agreed that Jake and Eleanor join a panel representing the Youth Council at the Shrewsbury Moves Festival on Friday 21st March which we can report was a resounding success. One of the organisers of the event said that many attending thought hearing the views of Shrewsbury youth was one of the highlights of the festival.

The meeting also received feedback from the working groups: Planting Competition, Loggerheads Mascot, web page & social media, Riverside Gardens development.



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) **The report be noted.**