

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
9 JULY 2025**

Officer: Andy Jones – Shrewsbury Town Fisheries

FISHERIES UPDATE

Purpose

To update the Council the work of Shrewsbury Town Fisheries.

Fisheries Works

The start of the river season on June 16 has once again been very busy. Permits sales are very good and we have had anglers come to fish in Shrewsbury from as far as Kent and Scotland.

We have completed all repairs on our fishing platforms and have strimmed around them for angling access. This was completed on the pools at Mousecroft, Radbrook and Oxon plus the river fisheries, Sydney Avenue, Monkmoor and Emstrey. The Quarry and County Ground is left for the insects and bees until the end of September when we will strim around the platforms ready for the winter fishing.

I have also been out on patrol with our bailiffs and the Police recently to check permits and look at the issues with off road motor bikes on Monkmoor. We managed to stop one and he was cautioned by the Police.

Radbrook Pool

We are still trying to catch the three domestic ducks and move them to a new home. Once we have moved the ducks we will start work on the new path areas as previously reported.

The pool has also been closed for two weeks as the fish were spawning, and we have to leave them be after their activity.

Junior Coaching Sessions Mousecroft Pool

The first junior coaching session during half term was fully booked and went very well for all who took part.

At the start of the month, we hosted 4 'Let's Fish' events for Canal and River Trust, hosting 2 local schools. The schools were Severndale specialist Academy, and Mount Pleasant Primary School. Each school supplied four students, who were coached on a one-to-one basis. Everybody involved caught fish, and on the second session they were issued tackle which was supplied by Canal and

River Trust. We intend to develop this partnership for more schools to participate.

Bayston Hill cub scouts contacted us, and we have just run the 3rd of 4 coaching sessions, each for four students coached on a one-to-one basis. Again, all students have caught fish, and the scheme has been a success.

Fish Talk Release Adult Health and Wellbeing Coaching.

Our first session on the river this year took place on Sunday 22 June on our Monkmoor fishery. The day was once again successful with all participants catching some super fish and learning the fishing technique.

We also have had a very positive message on Facebook from past Olympian Dean Macey. He is hoping to get down to one of our sessions this year to show his support. His Facebook message to us link is below.

<https://www.facebook.com/100087996362162/videos/1432087367760041/?>

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That the contents of the report are noted.**