

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
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FISHERIES UPDATE

Purpose

To update the Council the work of Shrewsbury Town Fisheries.

Fisheries Report May 2026

With the new river season of June 16th approaching, the fisheries team are now very busy strimming around the river platforms and car parks. We are also making good any repairs where required and also cleaning all of our signs as we go around the fisheries. It is a very exciting time of year and classed as our peak season.

Environment Agency Fisheries Improvement Fund

I am pleased to report that we have been successful with another grant application for fisheries improvements that we applied for in February this year. We shall receive £2834 of which is match funded to replace four aged platforms on the river, one at Sydney Avenue and three on our Emstrey fishery. These will be installed in the summer when the river is at low levels. This will provide further access to all our anglers as well as other users.

As I was acknowledged as a Fisheries Improvement Ambassador in 2025 by the Environment Agency, this is great news and adds to the total which now stands at 142 new platforms in 8 years installed on the river and pools in Shrewsbury.

Radbrook Pool

As you may be aware with the domestic duck problem of them being introduced on Radbrook Pool with permission and the problems this has caused with rats and over feeding by the public, we have removed one of three so far to his new home, one has gone missing and we are still trying to remove the last one. A frustrating time at best.

Mousecroft Pool

We have recently had an issue with our lovely Crucian carp that we're stocked just over three years ago. Some of the Crucian carp have developed red sores which has been discovered. After discussion with the Environment Agency to check this out they should hopefully recover as they are feeding and the water quality is spot on. At some point before Christmas we had sight of three large goldfish that someone must have illegally dumped in the pool. This may be the reason for this red spot disease in our fish. In the late autumn we are planning to have the pool netted to see our stocking and check the fish health with the help of the Environment Agency and a netting contractor.

Persons who introduce ducks, fish or any other invasive species without permission can cause serious problems and unwanted expense to put these issues right. Over feeding of wildlife and unwanted introduced fowl gives us reduced water quality and a threat to the natural wildlife that lives there.

Some Councils have introduced PSPO orders to protect their sites to help stop any possible disaster happening with unwanted publicity and cost.

Junior Coaching

Our coaching slots are full and we are busy creating some further slots for enquiries by other groups including the girl guides, Shrewsbury College and Million Hours Youth Project.

We have recruited an extra coach who is currently going through his training course for full certification.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the contents of the report are noted.