



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday 12th Aug 2026**

Officer: Ian Thorpe. Commercial, Markets and Events Manager

EVENTS IN THE QUARRY

Purpose of Report

To update the Committee with the events held and scheduled within the Quarry this year.

List of Events for 2026

Event	Provisional Date/s
February	
MILLION HOURS GAMING BUS	Monday 16 th & Tuesday 17 th
March	
SHROPSHIRE ROCK CHOIR	Saturday 28 th
FUN FAIR - STOKES	Wednesday 25 th to April 12 th – Operating dates 27 th to 11 th
April	
HKL ENGLAND	Friday 3 rd to Friday 10 th
RUN THE DISTANCE – SEVERN HOSPICE EASTER DASH	Saturday 4 th
WREKIN ORIENTEERING	Sunday 5 th
HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY	Monday 6 th
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 11 th
May	
LOOPFEST 2026 (L)	Friday 1 st to Sunday 3 rd
RUN THE DISTANCE - 10K POINT TO POINT	Sunday 3 rd
MECHANICAL ORGAN FESTIVAL	Saturday 2 nd to Sunday 3 rd
SHREWSBURY REGATTA	Saturday 9 th to Sunday 10 th
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 9 th
WELLINGTON BRASS BAND	Sunday 10 th
CLEOBURY MORTIMER CONCERT BRASS	Saturday 16 th

RUN THE DISTANCE - 50K	Saturday 16 th
SPECCY SAXES (SAX QUARTET)	Sunday 17 th
STOKES POP UP	Sunday 24 th & Monday 25 th
SHREWSBURY MORRIS DANCERS	Sunday 24 th
BRASS BUTTONS	Sunday 24 th
SHREWSBURY MALE VOICE CHOIR	Saturday 30 th
WEM JUBILEE BAND	Sunday 31 st
RACE FOR LIFE 2026 – CANCER RESEARCH UK	Sunday 31 st
June	
ZIPPOS CIRCUS	Saturday 6 th to Monday 15 th – Operating dates 11 th to 15 th
BLACKWELL CONCERT BAND	Saturday 6 th
SHREWSBURY CONCERT BAND	Sunday 7 th
BELLE VUE ARTS FESTIVAL	Saturday 6 th to Sunday 21 st
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 13 th
PORTHYWAEN SILVER BAND	Saturday 13 th
SALOPIAN BRASS	Sunday 14 th
SHROPSHIRE MHS – 24 HOUR	Friday 19 th to Saturday 20 th
SHROPSHIRE YOUTH STAY SAFE DAY	Wednesday 24 th
SHREWSBURY SCHOOL BUMPING RACES	Thursday 25 th to Saturday 27 th
SHREWSBURY FOOD FESTIVAL (L)	Saturday 27 th to Sunday 28 th
July	
SHROPSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE	Saturday 4 th
SHREWSBURY BRASS BAND	Sunday 5 th
SHREWSBURY 10K – ULTIMATE FITNESS	Sunday 5 th
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 11 th
SHREWSBURY ARK COMMUNITY WALK	Saturday 11 th
IDENTITY SCHOOL OF DANCE & CATCHLIGHTS	Saturday 11 th
MOVEMENT CENTRE CHARITY 5K	Sunday 12 th
SHROPSHIRE BRASS ENSEMBLE	Sunday 12 th

SHREWSBURY MALE VOICE CHOIR	Saturday 18 th
SEVERN HOSPICE DRAGON BOAT RACING	Saturday 18 th to Sunday 19 th
WALK FOR DEMENTIA	Sunday 19 th
TELFORD CONCERT BAND	Sunday 19 th
RUM & REGGAE FESTIVAL (L)	Saturday 25 th
CHESTER BLUE COAT	Sunday 26 th
August	
RACE DURARE HEALTH AND FITNESS	Saturday 1 st
BROAD BAND	Sunday 2 nd
LPS PICNIC IN THE PARK	Saturday 8 th
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 8 th
ALVELEY VILLAGE BAND	Saturday 8 th
LUDLOW CONCERT BAND	Sunday 9 th
KICKSTARS FREE TASTER SESSION	Wednesday 12 th
CHURCH STTRETTON ACCORDIAN BAND	Saturday 15 th
UKULELE PICNIC (FOR CROHN'S & COLITIS)	Sunday 16 th
ROCKSCHOOL SHREWSBURY	Monday 17 th
THE BAND OF THE MERCIAN REGIMENT	Saturday 22 nd
WHITCHURCH BRASS BAND	Sunday 23 rd
HOPE HOUSE TEDDY BEAR RUN UKAC	Sunday 23 rd
FUN FAIR - JENNINGS	Monday 24 th to Monday 31 st – Operating dates 26 th to 31 st
September	
MAYORS CHARITY EVENT	Friday 4 th
SHROPSHIRE SHUFFLERS SEVERN BRIDGES 10K	Sunday 6 th
MACMILLAN CORACLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Friday 11 th
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 12 th
SHREWSBURY LEAGUE OF FRIENDS	Saturday 12 th
RUN THE DISTANCE - 50K	Saturday 19 th
ALZHEIMERS RESEARCH MEMORY WALK	Saturday 19 th

HILLS FORD STAGES RALLY	Saturday 19 th to Sunday 20 th
SHREWSBURY HALF MARATHON	Sunday 27 th
October	
OKTOBERFEST (L)	Friday 2 nd to Saturday 3 rd
November	
UKAC Christmas Jumper Run	Saturday 28 th
December	
UKAC NYE Run	Thursday 31 st

(L) - **Licensable Event** – Indicates an event that is delivered in accordance with the conditions of the Premises Licence held by Shrewsbury Town Council.

As we run into August more than 50 of the 75 events currently scheduled for 2026 have already taken place. One key element of that schedule is this year's 'Summer of Music' programme which is now in its final month with the concluding 8 performances finishing off what is proving to be another very successful musical season.

The incredible long run of dry sunny weather has certainly helped to keep the audience numbers high and contented. The feedback we have received throughout the event programme has been overwhelmingly positive, both from audience members and performers alike. It has certainly been fantastic to see the bandstand being used again on a regular basis and to provide such an optimistic and uplifting experience for an appreciative crowd.

One development since the last report has been the staging of the protest marches taking place in the town centre and starting from the top of The Quarry. The first march held in May had no impact on any events scheduled to take place, however the second protest held on 4th July did result in a couple of organisers taking the difficult, but totally understandable, decision to cancel their events.

There is another march now planned for Saturday August 22nd and once again we will work closely with the police and other partner agencies to try and mitigate any impact as much as possible.

The final weekend in July saw Shrewsbury Rum & Reggae festival take place for the first time, having outgrown its previous home in Chester, with the organisers looking to build on the success of those events and bring something new to The Quarry.

The event director was co-operative, engaged and responsive throughout the planning process which allowed for a constructive working relationship to be built. As with any new event there were a number of valuable lessons learnt for the organisers, particularly around noise control for the headline act and managing the queues for the bar and food vendors. Having said that the ticket sales far exceeded their original expectations, the feedback on the musical acts was very positive and the promised family friendly atmosphere was maintained throughout.

As a result the organiser has provided initial indications that they would like to return in 2027 although that would clearly be subject to measures being put in place to deal with the issues experienced this year.

We are continuing to receive regular enquiries to hold new events in The Quarry with several received recently for medium sized festivals in 2027 which is to be expected, but also a couple of tentative calls interested in dates for later this year. The vast majority of events held to date have also expressed a strong desire to return next year, whilst negotiations are continuing to progress with several local and national promoters regarding potential large-scale events they would like to bring to Shrewsbury in 2027.

Officers also remain in constructive dialogue with representatives of Shropshire Horticultural Society as they consider the most appropriate future direction to take from their available options.

Officers are also monitoring the on-going programme of works being carried out by various contractors of Severn Trent Water with a view to the impact on The Quarry itself and by extension the events calendar.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the contents of the report be noted.