



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
Wednesday 5th March 2025**

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 to be held within the Quarry.

List of Events Scheduled for 2025

Event	Provisional Date/s
March	
SHREWSBURY MOVES FESTIVAL	Saturday 22 nd to Sunday 23 rd
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 23 rd
April	
WREKIN ORIENTEERING	Sunday 6 th
HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY	Monday 7 th
UKAC SEVERN HOSPICE DASH	Saturday 19 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 20 th
FUN FAIR - STOKES	Monday 14 th to Sunday 27 th
May	
LOGGERHEADS 600 TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL	Friday 2 nd
MECHANICAL ORGAN FESTIVAL	Saturday 3 rd to Sunday 4 th
UKAC SHREWSBURY POINT TO POINT	Sunday 4 th
MAYOR'S BANK HOLIDAY FETE	Monday 5 th
VE DAY (80 TH YEAR) CELEBRATIONS	Thursday 8 th
SHREWSBURY REGATTA	Saturday 10 th to Sunday 11 th
WEM JUBILEE BAND	Sunday 11 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 18 th

SAXOPHONE QUARTET	Sunday 18 th
SHREWSBURY BRASS BAND	Sunday 25 th
WELLINGTON BRASS BAND	Sunday 31 st
June	
RACE FOR LIFE	Sunday 1 st
ZIPPOS CIRCUS	Thursday 5 th to Monday 9 th
SHREWSBURY CONCERT BAND	Sunday 8 th
LIVING WELL FESTIVAL	Sunday 15 th
SALOPIAN BRASS	Sunday 15 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 15 th
PORTHYWAEN SILVER BAND	Sunday 22 nd
YOUTH SERVICES STAY SAFE EVENT	Wednesday 25 th
SHREWSBURY FOOD FESTIVAL	Saturday 28 th to Sunday 29 th
July	
SHROPSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE	Saturday 5 th
WARWICK COMMUNITY BAND	Sunday 6 th
SHREWSBURY 10K (10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY)	Sunday 6 th
LET'S ROCK FESTIVAL	Saturday 12 th to Sunday 13 th
DRAGON BOAT RACING	Saturday 19 th to Sunday 20 th
LUDLOW CONCERT BAND	Sunday 20 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 20 th
CITY OF CHESTER BLUECOAT BAND	Sunday 27 th
August	
BRASS BUTTONS	Sunday 3 rd
SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW	Friday 8 th to Saturday 9 th
CLEOBURY MORTIMER BAND	Sunday 17 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 17 th
WHITCHURCH BRASS BAND	Sunday 31 st
September	
SEVERN BRIDGES 10K	Sunday 7 th
CORACLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	Friday 12 th

GOLDWING LIGHT PARADE – SHROPSHIRE AUTISM HUB	Saturday 13 th
FUN FAIR - JENNINGS	Friday 19 th to Sunday 28 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 21 st
SHREWSBURY HALF MARATHON	Sunday 28 th
October	
OKTOBERFEST	Friday 3 rd to Saturday 4 th

The list of events scheduled to be held in the Quarry during 2025 is continuing to grow and it is worth noting how varied the current line-up now looks. It was always our intention to continue to broaden out the range of events and it is therefore pleasing to see that aspiration starting to come to fruition.

All of the regular events, both large and small, which have become somewhat synonymous with the quarry over the years are scheduled to take place again this year, together with a returning favourite and some intriguing new offerings.

The ‘Summer of Music 2025, live at the bandstand’ season is also coming together steadily with 14 confirmed bookings (13 Sundays and 1 Saturday) leaving just 3 prime Sunday slots still available within the May to August window. We are waiting on another concert band to confirm their reservation of one of these remaining slots and other bands and schools are being actively canvassed in the meantime.

The aim is for all the bands performing on a Sunday to start at 2pm to provide some continuity and try to build a level of audience expectation. An accompanying promotional leaflet is also being developed, a first draft of which should be available in the next week or so.

This is very much the planning stage of the events calendar and with that in mind we are currently in the process of arranging a date for the ‘desktop exercise’ with the organisers of our large events. This has always proven to be an extremely valuable activity as it enables a site specific focus to be placed on key areas such as security planning, vulnerability assessments, legislative changes and licencing requirements.

We are also looking into the logistics of holding a forum for all the hosts and organisers of large events in and around the town, to better understand the current experience, share ideas, promote best practice and improve communication.

Finally, it is pleasing to report that despite several recent spells of heavy rain there have been no issues reported with standing water on the main arena areas, which suggests the remedial work carried out to improve the surface water drainage has had the desired effect. There is further grounds maintenance planned ahead of our first events, including over seeding these same areas ahead of the temperatures starting to rise.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the contents of the report be noted.