



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday 11th June 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
DIFFERENT DOG – COMMUNITY WALK	Saturday 22 nd
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 23 rd
April	
WREKIN ORIENTEERING	Sunday 6 th
HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY	Monday 7 th
FUN FAIR - STOKES	Monday 14 th to Sunday 27 th
UKAC SEVERN HOSPICE DASH	Saturday 19 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 20 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
VE DAY (80 TH YEAR) CELEBRATIONS	Thursday 8 th
SHREWSBURY REGATTA	Saturday 10 th to Sunday 11 th
WEM JUBILEE BAND	Sunday 11 th

PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 17 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
TELFORD CONCERT BAND	Sunday 1 st
ZIPPOS CIRCUS	Thursday 5 th to Monday 9 th
BELLE VUE ARTS FESTIVAL	Saturday 7 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
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 21 st
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
DRAGON BOAT RACING	Saturday 19 th to Sunday 20 th
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 19 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
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 16 th
CLEOBURY MORTIMER BAND	Sunday 17 th

KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 17 th
KICKSTARS FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS	Friday 22 nd
SHROPSHIRE BRASS ENSEMBLE	Sunday 24 th
UNCLE SAM'S AMERICAN CIRCUS	Monday 25 th TBC
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
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 20 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 21 st
SHREWSBURY HALF MARATHON	Sunday 28 th
October	
OKTOBERFEST	Friday 3 rd to Saturday 4 th
November	
UKAC CHRISTMAS JUMPER RUN	Sunday 30 th

This is the first report to be submitted since the abrupt cancellation of this year's Shrewsbury Flower Show through a press statement released on Wednesday 16th April by the Shropshire Horticultural Society. Despite holding several show planning meetings with the SHS team the week before this date, no prior notification was given to Officers and the Town Council were as surprised as everyone else by this shock decision.

Officers have continued to maintain as close and positive a relationship as possible with the team at SHS, committing to provide any support that is needed as they consider their options for the future. To date they have made a broad statement stating an intention to hold a smaller show in 2026, but there has been no further detail provided.

Despite this cancellation there is still a healthy calendar of events planned in the Quarry, as the schedule shows, with a wide variety of large and small scale activities taking place.

The 'Summer of Music 2025, live at the bandstand' season is now in full swing with 6 events already held and 10 more to follow across the summer. The feedback we have had has been extremely positive from both the general public and the bands themselves. The promotion of the program has been extremely effective with good audience numbers reported for all of the dates so far.

The promotional leaflets and posters for the summer season have been distributed locally and pre-event posts on the social media platforms of both the Town Council and, perhaps more significantly, My Shrewsbury magazine have gained some very good traction. Indeed, My Shrewsbury reported that their initial story about the season launch had a 'reach' of 90K and over 750 likes.

We have once again held the annual 'desktop exercise' with the organisers of our large events to assist with their security planning, vulnerability assessments, any legislative changes and licencing requirements. This was extremely invaluable as it provides a detailed site-specific focus to be applied ahead of event season.

We have also held an inaugural 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. Those in attendance reported that this was another extremely worthwhile exercise, and the challenge is now how to build on the success of this first event.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the contents of the report be noted.