



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
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Youth Services

Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on the activities, programmes, and developments within Young Shrewsbury for the current term, including youth provision, partnership work, funding progress, and staffing.

Youth Activities

Youth clubs at The Grange, Ditherington, The Hive, and Lodge Monkmoor concluded their sessions this week ahead of the Easter break. Attendance levels remained strong across all locations, with each club reporting positive engagement and consistent numbers throughout the last term.

Alternative Curriculum (AC) Programme

Delivery of the Alternative Curriculum continued throughout the term and remains a valued intervention for young people requiring additional support. This term, the programme welcomed new participants from Shrewsbury Academy, bringing the total number of places utilised to 12. Feedback from school staff and young people continues to highlight the importance of this provision.

Youth Council

The Youth Council is scheduled to reconvene on Thursday 23rd April 2026 at Guildhall, home of Shropshire Council.

At the previous meeting, members agreed that future sessions should be held at a range of civic and community venues to broaden their understanding of the work undertaken by both Shrewsbury Town Council (STC) and Shropshire Council (SC).

Upcoming venues include Weeping Cross and Guildhall, enabling young people to gain first-hand insight into the wider remit of local government and democracy.

Million Hours Funding 2026

Work on the Million Hours Project is progressing well.

During the Easter period, engagement activities will be carried out in the Quarry, the town centre, and Coton Hill. These sessions have focused on consulting with young people, gathering their views, and shaping the direction of the project. Broader project planning is currently underway, with a full update to be reported separately.

Recruitment

Recruitment has now been successfully completed for all vacant youth worker posts, including roles required to support the delivery of the Million Hours funded project. Newly appointed staff will contribute to strengthening the programme and enhancing youth provision across the town.

Young Shrewsbury continues to deliver a wide range of meaningful programmes, maintaining strong engagement and supporting young people across the community. Ongoing development work, including the Million Hours Project and Youth Council expansion, will further enhance opportunities for participation and influence positive outcome for young people.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the report be noted.