

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
6th September 2023**

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TEAM SHREWSBURY UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

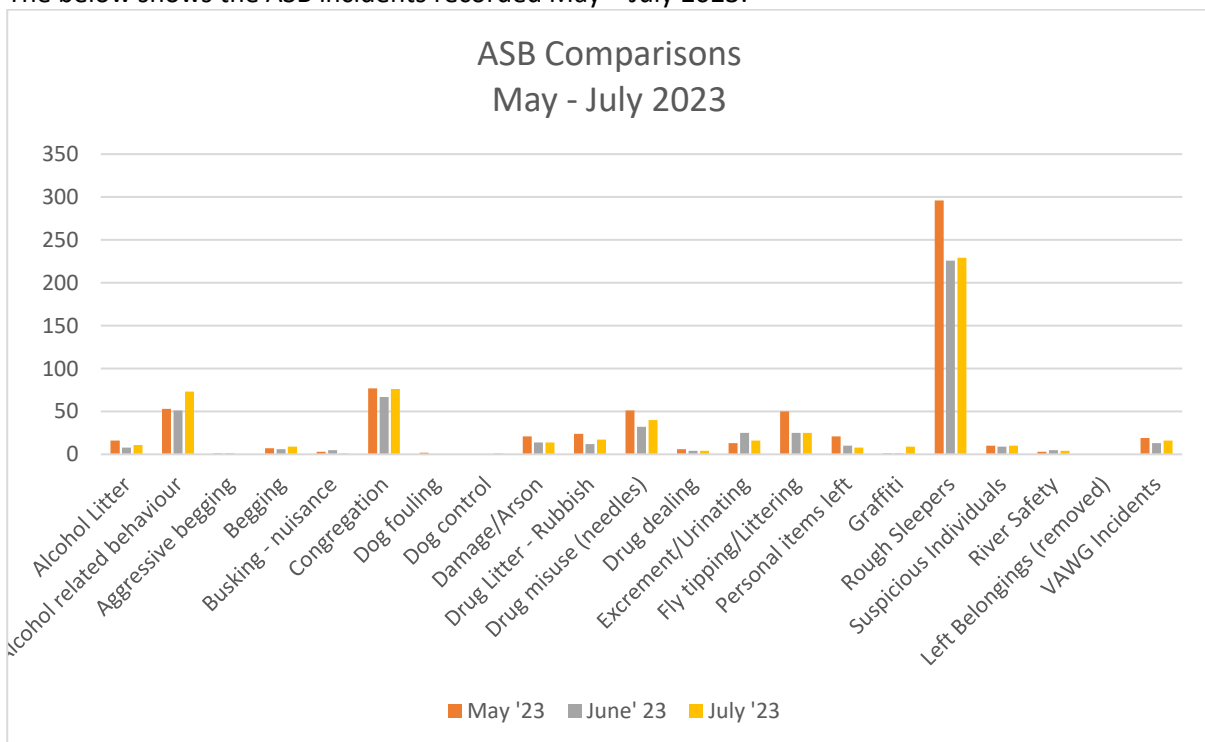
To receive an update on Team Shrewsbury

Meetings

Any ASB issues/concerns please raise via the Office Manager. Operational meetings continue fortnightly, Tactical meetings have been split into the current priorities – River Safety, Rough Sleepers & Youth. Calendar entries have now been diarised with all partners.

Incidents

The below shows the ASB incidents recorded May – July 2023:



Compared to the last month a number of issues have increased, however there are no significant changes over the months.

Theft of Items Returned

During May to July – approximately £14,500 worth of items have been returned to the shops by Town Rangers.

PSPO

Shropshire Council adopted the variations to the [PSPO](#) for implementation from 1st August 2023 for a further 3 years. Prohibitions include:

- No person shall urinate or defecate in a public area not being a facility intended for such use.
- No person shall, for any duration of time, leave unattended in a public area any personal effects or belongings or any other material or paraphernalia including anything that may be considered discarded or waste material.
- No person shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by an authorised officer, provided that officer has reason to believe that that person is causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person.
- No person, who is sitting or lying on any footpath or pedestrian area or in any fire escape, stairway or other entrance or exit to any premises within the protected area, shall refuse to move when required to do so by an authorised officer, provided that officer has reason to believe that that person is causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person.
- No person shall refuse to leave a public toilet when required to do so by an authorised officer, provided that officer has reason to believe that that person is causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person.
- No person shall refuse to stop using a device intended to amplify sound when required to do so by an authorised officer, provided that officer has reason to believe that that person is causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person.
- No person shall refuse to disperse from a public area and not to return to that public area for 48 hours which required to do so by an authorised officer, provided that officer has reason to believe that that person is causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person.

ASB

Following recent levels of ASB within the Town Centre, a Task Force Group has been set up with lead agencies. This partnership will be a subgroup of Team Shrewsbury as part of the broader Shropshire Community Safety arrangements. The first meeting took place on 4th September.

Financial Assistance

If you are struggling with the cost of living, you may be able to apply for some help from Shropshire Council. The Council's Welfare Support Team administers Local Welfare Provision schemes that can provide support for people who are struggling to meet their essential living costs.

- For queries about this, please call the team on 0345 678 9078 (option 1).
- To make an application, please call our application line, on 0345 678 9078 (option 2).

For more information on the Welfare Support Team: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-council/welfare-support-team-local-welfare-provision/>

For more information on help with the cost of living: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/>

River Safety

As part of the Safer Streets Funding, river safety videos have been created and published on www.shrewsburybid.co.uk/riversafety. Actions continue to be reviewed.

- **Water Safety Resource Material**
RLSS - <https://www.rlss.org.uk/dwp-ttretffgsdg45354367hjsakyuiydauksh>
RLSS - [Winter Water Safety | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK \)](#) - advice for winter water safety/floods
Home and Dry course - <https://westmerciasar.org.uk/homeanddry/free-water-safety-online-course/>
SFRS - <https://shropshirefire.gov.uk/water-safety>
- **Educational Material**
RLSS - <https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-education-resources-for-7-9-year-olds>
<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-education-resources-for-5-7-year-olds>

Policing Priorities

The next submission is due from 1st October 2023, these will be formally agreed at the next R&L meeting on 8th November, however priorities will be submitted to WMP in readiness for the 1st October.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) **That the Report be noted**