



SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday 6th August 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
NOTTINGHAM MUSIC SERVICE (ROBIN HOOD YOUTH ORCHESTRA)	Monday 14 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

KICKSTARS FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS	Wednesday 13 th
VJ EVENT	Friday 15 th
PEDAL IN THE PARK	Saturday 16 th
CLEOBURY MORTIMER BAND	Sunday 17 th
KIDICAL MASS CYCLE EVENT	Sunday 17 th
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
MAYORS CHARITY EVENT	Friday 19 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

As we move into August we are now more than halfway through the events season and with there being no Flower Show this year it does feel like we are moving into the home straight to some extent.

We have had two of the more significant events take place since the last report with the Food Festival held at the end of June and Let's Rock in the middle of July. Both events proved to be popular once again with the Food Festival reporting its best crowd numbers for many years and Let's Rock holding up well considering it was their only date for 2025. The Food Festival included a charity concert for the first time on the Saturday night and this proved to be successful with no issues reported. Despite extremely high temperatures and a very evident reduction in the event budget Let's Rock also passed off without incident.

Following the cancellation of the Flower Show in April and the broad statement Shropshire Horticultural Society put out at the time, stating an intention to hold a smaller show in 2026, there has still been no further detail provided to officers. There have been several SHS committee meetings held in private over the last few months, but no progress has been made with regard to decisions about the future of the show. An invite to a meeting has recently been accepted by officers which will hopefully provide some much needed clarity.

There are obvious legitimate concerns about the future of several of our long running shows and festivals at the present time and, partly with that in mind, officers have held initial meetings with several successful event organisers and promoters. This process will continue as we look towards building our calendar in 2026.

Officers have also met with the licencing and environmental protection representatives within Shropshire Council with regard to the potential impact new events could have on our current premises licence for the quarry.

The 'Summer of Music 2025, live in the bandstand' season has continued with just 3 further performances left during the second half of August. The feedback continues to be extremely positive from both the general public and the bands themselves, with attention already turning to how the season can be developed further in 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.