

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
11 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Officer: Andy Hall – Youth and Community Manager

Youth Services

Purpose of Report

To provide an update of Youth Services activities.

HAF (Holiday Activity Fund activities) Summer 2023

Young Shrewsbury (YS) delivered a successful HAF programme throughout the six weeks of the summer school holidays: 12 sessions from the Grange Community Centre and 6 sessions from the Monkmoor Recreation ground. Young Shrewsbury's youth workers engaged with over 250 young people during this period who attended these sessions.



Healthy Eating

Painting Activities

Disco



Football and Sports activities at Monkmoor Recreation Ground

Youth Activities

All youth clubs are back for September with some new additions:

- YS has set up a weekly session of mixed martial arts based at The Lantern in Sundorne which has been a problematic area of anti-social behaviour. Youth leaders have already run four taster sessions which have been well received by the young people and attendance has been good. This will be every Thursday 4:30-5:30pm termtime only. This activity has been funded by the Thriving Children and Families grant fund.
- Young Shrewsbury's "Hive" youth group have planned a Canadian Canoe Trip on Saturday 16th September 2023 at Attingham Park. This is a great opportunity for young people to meet new friends, have fun and learn new skills. This has been funded externally in partnership with Shrewsbury Canoe hire, youth staff are volunteering their services FOC.



YOUTH CLUB **FREE!**
5TH SEPT-20TH DEC 2023

MON **GRANGE JUNIORS 6.30-8.30PM**
year 7 - year 10

TUE **YOUTH CAFE @ THE HIVE 4-6PM**
year 7 - year 10

WED **SUNDORNE YOUTHIE 6.30-8.30PM**
year 7 - year 11

WED **GRANGE PRE-JUNIORS 6-8PM**
year 5 - year 6

THUR **MONKMOOR FOOTBALL & TENNIS**
year 7 - year 10

sports, arts & crafts, music, movies, cookery, performing arts etc

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Alternative Curriculum

The Alternative Curriculum (AC) delivery has been agreed with Shrewsbury Academy for September 2023. We currently have eight young people signed up to attend from Monday 11th September 2023.

Temporary Premises (New Lodge Monkmoor)

As previously reported, The New Lodge is due for demolition at the end of September to make way for SYA's new headquarters to be built. Therefore, we will not have access to this space until January 2024 at the earliest. We have contacted various hirers of space in the area, including Crowmore & Belvidere schools and local churches, with no success. We are now planning to expand our delivery from the Monkmoor Recreation Ground with our Mobile Youth trailer for the interim and introduce more detached youth work in the area including play areas around Upton Lane which have also been a problematic area of anti-social behaviour.



Youth Trailer

Stay Safe Day

Planning for the Stay safe day in May 2024 is underway.

Youth Council

Following approval from Full Council in May 2023, planning is now underway for the creation of a STC Youth Council. YS intend to create a youth council to champion the voice of the child. This Youth Council would represent the views of young people at a local level. Run by young people for young people, having their own budget, will give young people a voice and enable them to make their views heard in the decision-making process. It also gives young people the chance to discuss relevant issues, engage with decision makers and contribute to improving the lives of young people within their communities. Funding for initial activities to create the council has been secured from the Thriving Children and Families grant fund.

School Visits and Education

YS are planning to visit schools this term to promote our services and share vital information with students and parents. To support our Stay safe Campaign, YS are hoping to produce a poster to put up within Schools, Colleges and send out in newsletters. We have three main areas: "Off the Rails", River Safety and Knife crime including drug awareness. We are in talks to bring the Knife Angle to Shrewsbury in 2024 or earlier if available.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) The report be noted.**