

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE  
6 MARCH 2024**

**Officer:** Helen Ball (Town Clerk)

**KNIFE ANGEL**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider whether Council is supportive of the Knife Angel Visiting the Town

**KNIFE ANGEL**

[Official Knife Angel Page | The British Ironwork Centre](#)

The Knife Angel is a piece of art with a strong social change message. The Sculpture took 2 years to create and is made up of 100,000 knives following a Knife Amnesty campaign involving 400 Knife Banks being distributed across police forces in the country. In total 250,000 knives were taken out of circulation

The Knife Angel was always intended to educate children, young people and adults about the harmful effects that violent behaviour has on communities all across the country. It has also helped to raise better awareness, helped those carrying knives to renounce violence as a solution for solving disputes, and encouraged leading bodies to create better initiatives to turn the tide on aggressive behaviour. It symbolises a call for change whilst acting as a National Memorial for victims of knife crime and their loved ones.

The Knife Angel is on a national tour where host towns and cities work with the community to raise awareness of knife crime.

The Town Clerk and Youth & Community Manager visited the British Ironworks Centre to discuss the potential for the Knife Angel to visit Shrewsbury. This could be co-ordinated with the Rangers as well as Youth Workers to highlight the harmful effects on the community of knife crime. Discussions are in their infancy and a date has not yet agreed nor has a location. Members are therefore asked to support this initiative.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) That the Report be noted
- (ii) That the Committee support the principle of hosting the Knife Angel in Shrewsbury