

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
4 DECEMBER 2023**

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Youth Services

Purpose of Report

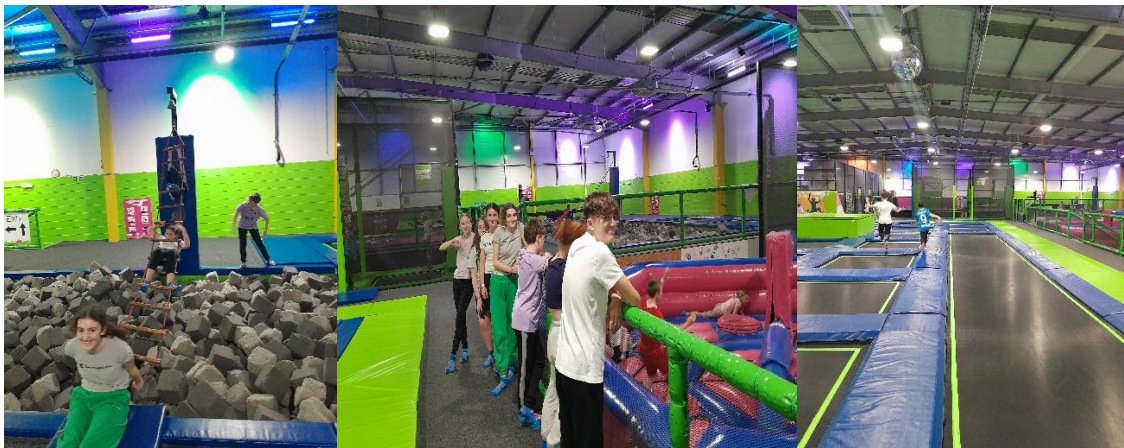
To provide an update of Youth Services activities.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

All youth clubs are operating as normal since September term start with many new members attending since our recruitment started in local schools. Clubs are now preparing for a host of Christmas activities.

Hive Trip

Young Shrewsbury's "Hive" youth group attended Jump-in this term as an off-site activity – 25 attended and this was well received with many young people trying this for the first time. Over the next few weeks, the Group will be rehearsing for the Christmas Pantomime at the Hive.





Hive Group at Jump-In!

Sundorne Detached Group Activity

This term Young Shrewsbury had teamed up with Shropshire Youth detached team after consultation with YP of Sundorne to deliver mixed martial arts sessions at the Lantern which has been a problematic area of anti-social behaviour. Sadly, due to the poor behaviour of some, most have now been banded from the Lantern building leading to these sessions being cancelled. We are now looking at possible football sessions at the Sports village as an alternative activity.

YOUTH WORK WEEK

Young Shrewsbury celebrates Youth Work Week 2023! Young Shrewsbury is taking part in promoting our “Stay Safe” campaign and “Youth Council” as part of the National Youth Association’s Youth Work Week celebrations throughout November, which this year is focussing on youth work taking place in a range of different places and spaces.



CELEBRATING YOUTH WORK WEEK!

As part of the National Youth Association's (NYA), Youth Work Week which takes place throughout November, Young Shrewsbury will be promoting our **Stay Safe** campaign and **Youth Council**. The NYA focus for this year is youth work taking place in a range of different spaces.

Young Shrewsbury's **Stay Safe** campaign provides information, advice, and guidance for young people in Shrewsbury.

Shrewsbury Youth Council – Young Shrewsbury intends to create a youth council to champion the voice of young people at local level. With their own budget, it will give them a voice and enable them to make their views heard in decision-making, and contribute to improving the lives of young people within their communities.

How to get involved? Come along to one of our youth clubs or lookout for our amazing youth workers visiting your schools or community groups!

Want to volunteer? Volunteering can be very rewarding and make a significant difference in the community. We welcome adults and young people, to share knowledge, skills and experience in our clubs.

We want to hear from young people who have benefitted from youth work here in Shrewsbury. What's your story?...

Drop us a line at andy.hall@shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk or comment on our  Young Shrewsbury Facebook page.

HAF (Holiday Activity Fund activities) Winter 2023

Due to how the festive holidays fall this year and staff availability, Young Shrewsbury will not be participating in the Christmas HAF this term as the Youth clubs will run up to the Christmas weekend.

ALTERNATIVE CURRICULUM

The Alternative Curriculum (AC) delivery has continued this term with all attendees from Shrewsbury Academy. We currently have nine young people on programme attending on various days, with a request from the school for a further four students to be accommodated in the new year. Young Shrewsbury has completed its quality assurance with Shrewsbury Academy this week.

STAY SAFE CAMPAIGN

To support our Stay Safe Campaign, Young Shrewsbury has produced a Flyer and posters to put up in Schools, Colleges and to be sent out in newsletters. Planning for the Stay safe day in May 2024 is underway.



Sundorne Youth Group



Grange Pre-juniors Group

SCHOOL VISITS & EDUCATION

Young Shrewsbury is visiting schools and youth organisations this term to promote our youth offer and share vital information with students and parents regarding our Stay Safe campaign. We are also recruiting for the **Youth Council**, organising focus groups and activities.

In the last week, Shrewsbury was deeply saddened following the heart-breaking news that it had lost four local young people who attended Shrewsbury College in tragic circumstances.

Shrewsbury Town Council's Youth Workers and Town Rangers teamed up with our colleagues from Shropshire Youth team to deploy detached teams on to the streets of Shrewsbury and College sites to support the young people of Shrewsbury and wider community with advice and guidance during this difficult time. Importantly, this response would not have been possible without the systems and working practices in place at Shrewsbury Town Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) **The report be noted.**